

209-3 HOSTING A BROTHERHOOD FUND DELEGATE

The visit of a Brotherhood Fund Delegate to your area is probably the first and often the only visit he/she will have to your region. The impressions gained by these delegates whilst in your care are the impressions they will take home with them. Therefore, it is important that you and any others responsible for entertaining a Brotherhood Fund delegate visiting to your community go to extra effort to ensure the visit is a pleasant and memorable one.

Some suggestions which may help you:

FOR A HOSTING CLUB

1. Plan ahead as to what the delegate's schedule will be while in your care.
2. Make arrangements for the delegate to stay in the home of a Y's Man; if this is not possible, then it is the host club's responsibility to pay for his/her accommodations in a YMCA, hotel, or motel.
3. It will be your responsibility to provide all in-town expenses. The delegate understands this and will pay his/her own personal expenses.
4. Make good use of his/her time and talents. Each delegate has a certain purpose for the travel, as stated in the BF Delegate Plan. Get him/her exposed to as many YMCAs, Y's Men, Y's Men's Families as possible and get as much media coverage as possible.
5. Sometimes a delegate will need transportation assistance. If your visitor indicates he/she needs help in this area and it is a part of his/her travel schedule, or directed or agreed to by the Regional Travel Coordinator, and you pay out any travel money, send the receipt for any such expenditure to the International Travel Coordinator and you will be reimbursed.

Note: It is understood that travel within a Region will be the responsibility of the clubs to be visited.

FOR A HOSTING FAMILY

1. Make your guest welcome as you would a friend.
2. Plan ahead activities for the day/days the delegate will be in your care.
3. Meet your guest at the time and place specified in his/her travel plan. It is very discouraging to arrive in a strange place and not know if anyone will be there to greet you.

4. Confirm with the delegate the next stage of his/her travel and advise the next host of any changes; changes in the planned itinerary should be avoided if at all possible.
5. Be a good host. Give the delegate the opportunity to learn how you live, what you eat, etc. At the same time, respect your guest's wishes regarding food, etc. as it could be a matter of health or cultural custom. Don't forget, some time is always needed and appreciated by visitors to read, write letters, think and rest. Inquire as to laundry needs. Don't neglect your guest, but don't "hover".
6. Learn from your guest as much as you can about his/her country and Club. Sharing and exchanging ideas with your Brotherhood Fund Delegate and making him/her feel a part of your family will give you great enjoyment and may establish a lasting friendship.

