

Mountain Top Chrysalis Board Upper Room Training
June 21, 2008

Board Members present: Kevin Allen, David Anthony, Shane Brooks, Brittany Crawford Galleotti, Heather Evans, Nikki Farmer, Ron Harless, Vickie Harless, Luther Hoyle, David Kelley, Linda OøDell, Vernon OøDell, Bo Phillips, Matthew Turner, Bonnie Willcox, and Robert Willcox. Altogether Forty-three community members, youth and adult represented Mountain Top with five members of the Mountain Ridge community representing their board.

Matthew Turner called the group to order.

Caitlin Willcox opened with prayer.

The various members of the Mountain Top Chrysalis community introduced themselves, then the members of Mountain Ridge Chrysalis community introduced themselves. Greg Engrof of the Crossroads Emmaus Community introduced himself as the Upper Room representative for Chrysalis.

He began the training with the DVD *Rhythm* by Rob Bell. He then went over the three purposes of Chrysalis: to serve the church, a movement to lead young people to maturity, and to lead to Christ in salvation. The youth will be role models and mentors in their churches and schools. They should also be developed into the the leadership of the church both as laity and clergy.

He stressed separate events for males and females, must be ecumenical, and Chrysalis is for youth fifteen years old who have finished their freshman year of high school through the age of eighteen. Journeys is for youth nineteen to twenty-four. These are guidelines and the Board should use their common sense in enforcing these guidelines. It is also important to follow the model which is grounded in the United Methodist Church, but it must remain interdenominational and international.

The Chrysalis Board is a standing committee on the Mountain Top Emmaus Board of Directors.

Sponsorship was also stressed. It is taking responsibility for another.

Who may sponsor: ANYONE can sponsor, even someone who has not been on a three-day weekend. However, a community member should help co-sponsor with an non-community member.

Steps to sponsorship:

1. Pray
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4. Set an appointment to talk with the caterpillar and parents.

5. Collaborate with a co-sponsor
6. Pray
7. Attend Sponsors' Hour, Candlelight, and Closing
8. Have letters ready for Send-off
9. Be around for support during the week-end (work in the background)
10. Encourage to join a Next Steps group
11. Take to hoots and gatherings.

Team Selection Committee: get as many people involved as possible

Conference room team

Lay Director ó adult

Assistant lay directors ó 2 adults and 2 youths

Spiritual directors ó same sex as caterpillars, 4 adults

Table leaders ó 1 adult and 1 youth same sex as caterpillars

Music Chas ó 1 adult and 1 youth (may have 3rd as needed,)

Youth ó anyone 24 or younger.

Adult ó anyone 26 or older

With 25 year-olds, use discretion. The others seem to be set in stone.

Progressive Servanthood

Everyone MUST serve in the background at least for one week-end before being on a team.

Youth ó table leader twice (at least once with talk), then assistant lay director

Adult ó table leader twice (at least once with talk), assistant lay director twice, lay director

Team Formation

Table leaders give laity talks

One table leader gives the marriage talk with spouse. After being prayed for again, the couple returns for questions. Then the spouse not on the team (the one of the opposite sex as the caterpillars) leaves.

Team meeting should cover 18 to 24 hours. They recommend 6 ó 8 weekly meetings

For the first day films *In Remembrance* does not have to be used. They recommend

1. *Super Kid I, II, and III*
2. *Dust* which explains Jesus' ideas of discipleship
3. *What is Chrysalis?*

Also suggested Rob Bell's films *Dust, Lump, or Rain*. Rob Bell's films are on his web site: www.Nooma.com.

We broke for lunch.

After lunch, Matt honored both youth and adults who had served the Chrysalis community the longest period of time.

Chris West led worship; Bo Phillips signed "Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone".

When he resumed Board training, Greg stressed safe-sanctuary policy. He then went over the schedule for the flight. Agape gifts start after the faith talk by an adult. He stressed the necessity of breaks for youth; they need the time to process all that they see and hear. The marriage talks must be done by lay persons. "Jesus, Jesus" may be sung at Candlelight or "Let Your Light Shine". During the After-glow party, anyone may go to bed. If there's a team meeting that night, keep it short. When the Pilgrim packets are given out, although the butterflies may go off to read them, make certain a staff member is nearby and that butterflies know to come to the bell. Supervision is always necessary. Table leaders should not write letters during or before the flight. They should write a follow-up letter during the two weeks following the flight. During the commissioning give hugs and crosses. At Closing, the tables are not to go up as groups. Team members should know that speak, except for the two models.

General Instructions:

Have a specific time and place for Hoots and Gatherings.

Put caterpillars who know each other in the same bedroom, not the same table.

Consider putting table leaders in the rooms with the caterpillars.

Make a commitment.

Use blue cards.

Practice confidentiality

Non-community members are welcome at Closing.

Hoots and Gatherings ó get youth together as much as possible.

Mountain Top Chrysalis is now a community recognized by the Upper Room. We are the 173rd Chrysalis community.