

Applicants and Sponsors

Since the NOANY Bylaws give the care, responsibility, and privilege of running and maintaining Camp Nawakwa exclusively to the Key-holders of the Chapter (who are also called Nawakwans), it is desirable and necessary that new Key-holder members be recruited on a regular basis. We recruit potential Nawakwans by attracting and inviting like-minded, out-door oriented, adult individuals (18 years and older) to become Applicants for Key-holder status. After completing the required qualifying activities, such new Key-holders, will take their place in the long-line of custodians of Camp Nawakwa and its traditions. It is the role of the Sponsor to help the Applicant successfully complete the process of qualifying. Accordingly:

1. It is the policy of NOANY that each Applicant will have the help of two Sponsors during the Applicant's qualifying period (usually one year).
2. A Sponsor is a current, active Nawakwan who has been a Key-holder for at least one year and who agrees to help the Applicant learn about camp and the responsibilities of membership. The Key-holder member will: a) Help the prospective Nawakwan in understanding and appreciating the history of the club and camp; b) Instruct and guide the Applicant in taking up their responsibilities for the good running of Camp Nawakwa; c) Provide orientation to the general Policy and Procedures of the club; d) Provide needed in-put to the Board of Directors who vote on the Applicant for Key-holder status
3. Any Key-holder in good standing may be a Sponsor, as long as such Key-holder has been a member for at least one year and is able and willing to abide by these policy guidelines set forth for being a Sponsor.
4. Applicants must meet three times with their Sponsors who will provide them with a proper orientation to Camp Nawakwa and its procedures. Such an orientation would include, but not be limited to, such items as going over *Waterfront Regulations* and the *Bathing Beach Safety Plan* and associated responsibilities, going over the new *Handbook for Hosts*, and providing some historical perspective on the origins of Nawakwa and the club, including our long-standing relationship with PIPC and Harriman State Park.
5. The two Sponsors may divide up the required meetings, as long as the necessary material/topics are covered and the Sponsors are actively involved with the Applicant.
6. At each meeting with the Applicant, Sponsors will sign the Applicant's *Qualifying Events Form* in the space provided.
7. Applicants may not bring guests or family members to camp. Applicants may only be at camp when they are participating at registered events or, at other times, when they are a guest of a Key-holder member. After Applicants have completed their qualifying activities and been voted in by the Board as Key-holder members, they are then entitled to bring family members and guests to camp.

The Board may decide to develop a list of willing and able Sponsors to help Applicants more easily obtain a Sponsor, as well as add to or modify the policy and procedures about Sponsors when and if necessary.

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