

The Sponsorlink Game

MC: Hello everyone and welcome to “The Sponsorlink Game.” Please help me welcome our contestants.

Team #1, Sponsor1 & Sponsee1, have been working together one day at a time for 10 years now. Sponsee, Sponsee1, has 4 days of abstinence today. Sponsor, Sponsor1, is the 25th sponsor that Sponsee1 has had. God bless them both. Let’s welcome Sponsor1 & Sponsee1!

Team #2, Sponsor2 & Sponsee2, have been working together for 3 months now and they are on Step 6. Reader’s Digest condensed version has nothing on them. Welcome, Sponsor2 & Sponsee2!

Team #3, Sponsor3 & Sponsee3, are new. Sponsor3 is a first time sponsor and her sponsee, Sponsee3, has been in program for one week now. Welcome Sponsor3 & Sponsee3!

Are you teams ready to begin? OK!

In the Sponsorlink Game, we have three teams made up of a sponsor/sponsee pair whom we all just met. We ask one member of the team in private a series of questions. When their teammate returns, they try to guess their teammate’s answers. A correct answer is worth 5 points in the first round, 10 points in the second round and 25 points in the bonus round.

We’ve already asked the sponsees these questions in private and recorded their answers. Now, the sponsors have joined us to try to guess their sponsee’s answers.

Let’s begin with the first question.

Sponsees, how would you complete this sentence: The best time to call my sponsor is _____.

We’ll start with team #1.

Sponsor1, how do you think Sponsee1 completed this sentence: “The best time to call my sponsor is _____.”

Sponsor1: I think Sponsee1 said, “First thing in the morning.”, even though I hardly consider 10:30 first thing in the morning!

Sponsee1: I KNEW you wouldn’t consider that first thing in the morning. That’s why I said, (holds card up): “When I know I will get voicemail!” Sorry, I am trying to practice rigorous honesty like we talked about.

MC: Sorry, you didn't match. Let's see how team #2 did. Sponsor2, how did Sponsee2 complete this sentence: "The best time to call my sponsor is _____."?

Sponsor2: I'm going to say she said, "Right before mealtime.", since she likes to make sure she reports EVERY MORSEL that goes in her mouth beforehand.

Sponsee2: Are you kidding? I said (holds card up), "When my cell phone is dying." ... 'Sorry, you're breaking up...' Hey, I'm being rigorously honest, too.

MC: Well, we're 0 for 2 here. Maybe team #3 can get some points on the board. Sponsor3, how do you think Paaat completed this sentence: "The best time to call my sponsor is _____."?

Sponsor3: Well, Sponsee3 seems to always call my work right when she knows I am going into my daily meeting.

Sponsee3: (shows card rapidly) Yes, when she's in a meeting!!

MC: Great, team #3, you're on the board with 5 points! (Writes points on the board) Moving along to the next question.

Since you've been working together, which animal/mythological character does your sponsor remind you most of?

- A. A barracuda
- B. A teddy bear
- C. Godzilla

Sponsor1, how do you think Sponsee1 answered this question? Did she say you remind her of a barracuda, a teddy bear or Godzilla?

Sponsor1: Oh, I definitely think I am a teddy bear.

Sponsee1: Teddy bear??? Your words can cut right through me some times. I had to say (holds card up) a barracuda.

MC: Wow. Well, moving right along. Sponsor2, did Sponsee2 say you remind her of a barracuda, a teddy bear or Godzilla?

Sponsor2: I'm going to have to say a teddy bear since we made a replica of me at Build-A-Bear for her to sleep with and say her prayers to.

Sponsee2: I thought you wouldn't remember the Build-A-Bear!! Oh my gosh, I AM your favorite sponsee, aren't I??? (Hugs Sponsor2)

MC: Sponsee2? Care to show us your answer?

Sponsee2: Oh! I'm sorry, (shows card) I said teddy bear!!

MC: That's 5 points for you, team 2. (writes points on board) Now, Sponsor3, what did Sponsee3 say you remind her of – a barracuda, a teddy bear or Godzilla?

Sponsor3: Well, I too, think I am a teddy bear, but I think Sponsee3 would say Godzilla.

Sponsee3: (nods vigorously) Yes. Godzilla. (shows card)

MC: And another 5 points for you, team 3! Looks like HP knew what he was doing when he matched you two up! That's 10 points total for your team. (writes points on board)

And now or last question for this round. We asked the sponsees to complete this sentence: "When I call my sponsor, no matter what the question or problem is, I know her answer will be _____."

Sponsor1, how did Sponsee1 complete the sentence: "When I call my sponsor, no matter what the question or problem is, I know her answer will be _____."?

Sponsor1: Well, since Sponsee1 can't get abstinent, that's the only problem she ever calls with. And my answer is always, "Where is God in that?"

Sponsee1: (mocking tone) "Where's God in that, Sponsor1?" "Did you ask God to keep you abstinent yesterday?" Ugh. Well, at least that one was easy! (shows card)

MC: Well, there might be something to that, Sponsee1. Keep coming back!! And, congratulations, you're on the board with 5 points. (writes points on board) Okay, Sponsor2, how did Sponsee2 complete the sentence? "When I call my sponsor, no matter what the question or problem is, I know her answer will be _____."

Sponsor2: I think Sponsee2 will say that I always say, "More spiritual development."

Sponsee2: What?? When do you EVER say that?? The only thing I ever hear is, "Why don't you write about that?" How do you think I'm on step 6 already? All I do is write, write, write! (shows card)

MC: Sorry, Sponsor2 and Sponsee2, no points that time. Sponsor3! How did Sponsee3 complete this sentence: "When I call my sponsor, no matter what the question or problem is, I know her answer will be _____."?

Sponsor3: Well, Sponsee3 seems to have a problem with isolation – as we learned in the 1st question, she calls when she knows she'll miss me. So, the thing I say to her the most is, "Did you use any of your tools?"

Sponsee3: Sponsor3's always asking me if I use my tools...and I still don't know what the heck she's talking about. I'm trying to lose weight, not fix up my house!! (shows card in puzzlement)

MC: (Laughs) Well, regardless if you know what it means – you got another question right, wrapping up this round with 15 points! (writes points on board)

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===== SPONSORS / SPONSEES SWITCH SEATS =====

MC: Welcome back to the Sponsorlink Game! If you're just now joining us, our teams today are Sponsor1 & Sponsee1, Sponsor2 & Sponsee2 and Sponsor3 & Sponsee3. Sponsor3 & Sponsee3 are in the lead with 15 points. Sponsor1 & Sponsee1 and Sponsor2 & Sponsee2 each have 5 points.

This time around we asked the sponsors questions in private and recorded their answers. Now, the sponsees have joined us to try to guess their sponsor's answers.

Here's the 1st question for this round. Sponsors, you were recently in a restaurant and wanted to eat everything on the menu. What did you do?

Sponsee1, Sponsor1 was recently in a restaurant and wanted to eat everything on the menu. What did she do?

Sponsee1: (looks quizzically) Ordered appetizers and desserts and called it a night?

Sponsor1: (bonks Sponsee1 on head with card) I found the most boring thing on the menu and ordered it!

MC: Oh, well, sorry that isn't a match. Sponsee2, what did Sponsor2 do recently when she was in a restaurant and wanted to eat everything on the menu?

Sponsee2: I bet Sponsor2 excused herself, took her cell phone and the menu to the bathroom and called her sponsor.

Sponsor2: Yes! (shows card) I called my sponsor.

MC: That's another 10 points for you, team #2! (writes points on board) Sponsee3, Sponsor3 was recently in a restaurant and wanted to eat everything on the menu. What did she do?

Sponsee3: (counts imaginary menu items) Eeny, meeny, miney, mo ?

Sponsor3: (bonks Sponsee3 on head with card) No way – I said, “Thank you, I'll just eat when I get home!”

MC: Nooo, sorry, no match this time, team 3! Let's go to the next question. Sponsors, when would you say your HP is in charge?

- A. Always
- B. When your will isn't working
- C. During prayer and meditation times

Sponsee1, how when did Sponsor1 say her HP is in charge? Always, when her will isn't working or during prayer and meditation times?

Sponsee1: When her will isn't working. It can't be, "Always", HELLO – who thinks that?

Sponsor1: (rolls eyes) (shows card) I said, "A. Always." Every moment of every day. Remember step 3??

Sponsee1: Step 3?? You always have to bring the steps into it, don't you?

MC: Sponsors tend to do that, don't they, Sponsee1? Ooookay. Sponsee2, when does Sponsor2 say her HP is in charge? Always, when her will isn't working or during prayer and meditation times?

Sponsee2: Well I don't know who HP is – she hasn't filled me in on all the important people in her life yet. We just do a lot of step work! So, um, I'll go with B – when her will isn't working?

Sponsor2: (rolls eyes) (shows card) A. Always. All.the.time. What am I working with here? Oy vey!

MC: That HP sure is elusive, isn't he? Okay, Sponsee3. When does Sponsor3 say her HP is in charge? Always, when her will isn't working or during prayer and meditation times?

Sponsee3: None of these answers apply. She doesn't have an HP, her computer is a Dell. I should know, I helped her load Calorie Counter 5000 on it!

Sponsor3: (shushes Sponsee3) That's not true... um, I said, "A – Always." (shows card)

MC: Sorry, teams, no points that round! Now it's time for our 25 point bonus round. We've got a close game with team 1 on the board with 5 points, and teams 2 and 3 both with 15 points. Here's what they're playing for: Each team member gets a weekend of serenity with an OA retreat in Elkins Park this February, along with a subscription to the Lifeline monthly magazine and all the pamphlets we can find on sponsorship! Here is the bonus question. "What is the primary function of a sponsor?"

Sponsee1, what did Sponsor1 say was the primary function of a sponsor?

Sponsee1: to be a thorn in my side?

Sponsor1: Is that what I am to you? A thorn in your side? Well, I never. I said (shows card), “To hold one hand in mine and the other in God’s.”

Sponsee1: Maybe I should try that...

MC: I’ve heard it works wonders. Sponsee2, what did Sponsor2 say is the primary function of a sponsor?

Sponsee2: To get me up an hour early every morning.

Sponsor2: I can’t believe you said that. You thought I would say that?? I said (shows card), “To do together what we could never do alone.”

Sponsee2: I guess I have been going it alone a lot lately ...

MC: You don’t have to do it by yourself any more, Sponsee2. Sponsee3, what did Sponsor3 say was the primary function of a sponsor?

Sponsee3: Well, last week when I asked Sponsor3 what a sponsor would do for me, she said, “Share her experience, strength and hope with me”.

Sponsor3: (Jumps up and down) That’s right! I said, “To share my experience, strength and hope!” (throws card, embraces Sponsee3)

MC: Congratulations, Sponsor3 and Sponsee3 – you’re today’s Sponsorlink winners! Enjoy that Gateway to Serenity Retreat, your Lifeline subscriptions and the sponsorship pamphlets! Thanks, everyone, for joining us for another edition of The Sponsorlink Game!

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