

Fantasia Fair '95

September 30, 1995

Dear "House Mother,"

Thanks so much for agreeing to be a "House Mother." I had hoped to have a letter to you going into some of the more serious aspects of your job, (and we may yet have such a letter,) but I thought I should go ahead and try to cover the job the best I can.

First, you are expected to be on the watch for any problems that may occur with the attendees in your inn or apartment. We are especially concerned with our first timers. Watch for reluctance to go out, staying in their room or depressed behavior. If you cannot cajole them out, let one to the staff people know as soon as you can.

Second, encourage good friendly interchange among the residents in your house; make every one feel welcome. The house party is one good way to do this. You will receive an allowance for beverages and snacks. Try to keep people informed of any changes in schedule or meeting places. Make sure every one gets their daily FanFair News Letter. (Some of you will have an assistant to do this.)

Thirdly, make sure things go smoothly between the residents and the inn staff. This includes respect for the house boys and cleaning staff, as well as the inn keeper. Watch for respect for "Non smoking areas" and the inn keepers private areas. Also, make sure that Fair residents observe "quite hours" if they are posted, especially if there are non-fair residents staying at your inn.

Do not hesitate to alert the staff if there are issues that you do not know how to address. Emily Sheldon, the Lead House Mother, can help in most instances; Dallas Denny has agreed to be a special "peer" counselor and Weslee will assist in "Inn Keeper" relations.

Hopefully, your job will simply be, to be friendly, set out the sodas, open the chips, and laugh at the jokes; maybe tell a few yourself. It can be a rewarding experience and you will know that you have served you sisters well. Thanks again for volunteering.

More caring love,


Alison