

Big House Information

Big House is an on-site prayer house available during Chrysalis Flights. The goal is to have youth and adults praying round the clock for the caterpillars (males for the girls flight and females for the boys flight) in a cabin at Epworth Forest.

Characteristics of the Big House

- **Big House** participants are a part of the Flight team even though they are behind the scenes.
- There is a candle for each caterpillar (with their name on it) that remains lit from send off through the closing ceremony. This candle becomes a gift of agape given to the caterpillar after the closing ceremony.
- These candles are prayed over 24/7 for the entire weekend by an individual or a group.
- **Big House** participants will participate in send off and will join sponsors as they pray over the crosses of the caterpillars and light the candles. **BH** participants will see that all candles arrive at the cabin and are placed in the prayer room.
- **Big House** participants will be asked to pray in 30 – 60 minute increments throughout the entire 72 hours. There may be times when it is necessary to have multiple people praying so that the caterpillars are always being lifted up in prayer.
- **Big House** will pray for speakers as they prepare to give their talks and will continue in prayer or enjoy a time of singing and worship during the talk. (A schedule of times for talks will be provided.)
- There may be times during the Flight when **Big House** participants are asked to pray for a specific need or a specific event. (Examples include: Dying Moments/Prodigal Talk; Clown/Hobo Communion; and as requested by the conference room staff or Prayer Chapel Coordinator)
- **Big House** participants will decorate the dining areas and serve the Saturday evening meals (males serve the girls and females serve the boys). They may also be asked to provide the evening entertainment after the Saturday evening meal. **Someone will remain with the candles so as not to break the prayer chain.**
- **Big House** participants will join the community for the Candlelight Walk on Saturday night. **Again, someone will remain with the candles.**

- On Sunday morning, **Big House** participants will attend church together at a local church, have a worship service in the cabin, or continue with **BH** activities.
- On Sunday afternoon, **BH** participants will attend the closing ceremony and assist with set up/tear down as needed. Someone who participated may be asked to speak briefly about the experience as a way to raise awareness and encourage participation in future flights.

Logistics of the Big House

- Ideally, there will be a **Big House** Coordinator for both the boys and girls flights. This person should be a non-team member and should be available most of the weekend. This could also be a shared position.
- Kokomo Grace Cabin will house the **Big House** for Flights. Males on one floor/Females on the other. There will be a common kitchen/dining area and a place for worship. There is a nominal fee per person for use of this cabin.
- **Big House** participants will need to provide their own meals. This can be done by outside community, by “BYOF”, or by ordering out. This can best be handled by providing names to the **BH** Coordinators who can help arrange meals.
- While it is preferable to have one **Big House** participant for each caterpillar there needs to be enough participants to cover the caterpillars in prayer and to assist with the other activities.
- **Big House** participants may stay the entire weekend or come when available. Again, it will be helpful for the **BH** Coordinator to know how many will be participating around meal times.
- **Big House** participants will bring their own bedding and other necessities. A needs list will be available from the **BH** Coordinator.