

Twin Cities LGBTQIA+ Friends AA Gopher State 2026 Hospitality Suite Group Invitation

May 22 - 24, 2026 - DoubleTree Hotel – Bloomington, MN

What Is Gopher State?

An occasion to share the fellowship and to carry the message of AA; with Al-Anon and Alateen participation. Enjoy inspiring speakers, meaningful meetings, and welcoming hospitality suites.

Why the LGBTQIA+ Suite Matters

Through the participation of our groups and individuals, our suite offers a safe and welcoming space for LGBTQIA+ AA members and allies. This long-standing tradition within this event and with the help of our supporters ensures everyone feels represented, respected, and included.

Ways Your Group Can Support

- We're flexible and happy to work with groups needing support to participate.
- Groups and individuals can do one or both suggested ways below in whatever amount or level they can.

Donate:

Suggested Room Fee Gift: \$175 - \$50 per group to help cover suite rental and additional food or refreshment gaps.

- Estimated Suite Rent: \$700
- Estimated Additional Costs: \$100
- Contribution Deadline: if possible by or before May 15, 2026 - after the event is ok as well.

Volunteer a for a Group Time Slot:

Host a 2-hour room slot shift (*Recommended to start organizing your volunteers by early April*)

- **Friday 22nd between 6 - 10pm**
- **Saturday 23rd between 8am–8pm**
- Volunteer to bring items for the breakfast, lunch, dinner timeslots with food and beverages fitting those timeframes.
- Bring snacks or beverages for non-meal timeslots.
- Greet guests warmly and provide them information on your group, the suite, and other handout items provided by the Committee.
- See our “Participation & General Guidelines for the Suite” handout for more information.

Benefits for Your Group & Community

- Share your meeting info with attendees at the event visiting the suite
- Build connections in the LGBTQIA+ and greater AA community
- Provide a safe, affirming space at the event for our community

Let's Coordinate!


We're happy to visit your group's business meeting to:

- Explain our Steering Committee and how to easily become a part of this amazing touchpoint for our AA community at the event
 - Help assign a liaison for your group from the Committee to coordinate your group's participation
 - Assist with fundraising & volunteer logistics as needed
 - **Email:** twincitieslgbtqiafriendsaa@gmail.com
 - **Text:** 612-202-2975
- (Include your name, group name, and best time to reach you)

Registration Reminder

All attendees—whether visiting or volunteering—**must register** to attend the event.

Register at: [Registration – Gopher State Roundup](#)

 Need help with your registration fee?

- Ask your group if scholarship support is available.
- Founder's Day may also offer assistance—check the website for details.
- The Steering Committee may be provided funds by participating groups and if so we will advise each group contact how much is available and what the requirements are for providing those additional scholarship funds via the Committee.

 **Thank you for your service—we can't wait to celebrate together!**