

Twin Cities LGBTQIA+ Friends AA

Gopher State Hospitality Suite 2025 Group Participation Invitation

What is Gopher State?

- It is the largest annual AA Roundup over the Memorial Day Holiday weekend for the midwest area, and this year it will be May 23 - 25.
- The event includes multiple speakers, meetings, and groups hosting hospitality suites.
- It is held at the DoubleTree in Bloomington and does ask that you pay a fee for registration to enter.
- For more event information or to register - visit www.gopherstateroundup.org/

Why are we there?

- For many years, Gopher State has had a LGBTQIA suite.
- This suite provides a safe and welcoming space for the LGBTQIA+ community and Gopher State welcomes us and appreciates our involvement.
- We want to be sure we are representative of our entire community and want as much involvement from other identified LGBTQIA+ friendly groups to help us keep this space available and lively for our community and the general AA population attending the event.

How can my Group offer support?

- Groups are the main way we keep the suite secured for the event financially by making an initial room fee gift of any amount from \$75 to \$150 to help cover the suite rent fees.
We are willing to work with any group that might not be able to meet that threshold.
- And, they help make it a warm and welcoming space that people want to visit, have fun, and enjoy good food and fellowship by providing volunteers from within their group to host a 2 hour slot and provide food/beverage and greeters during that time. There will be slots starting Friday the 23rd from 6 - 10pm and Saturday the 24th from 8am - 10pm. Sunday the suite will be closed.
- **We would like to have groups start their fundraising and volunteer signups by mid March.**
- **Provide their initial suite rent fee contribution by April 1st but no later than May 15th.**
 - Our estimated suite rent fee for 2025 will be close to \$700.

What are some of the benefits for your group and our recovering community?

- You can provide people at the event information on your group and the other groups participating in the suite - giving people assurance they have meetings they can turn to, and familiar faces if they go.
- Give your group a wonderful avenue to be of service to our community at the event.
- Ensure that everyone who needs it will have a space that they are welcomed and safe at the event.

We can coordinate visiting your group business meetings to:

- Provide more information on our Steering Committee, the event and the suite.
- Help coordinate your group's overall involvement with the suite with someone designated within your group to act as a liaison between the Steering Committee and your group.
- And help your group start the process of fundraising and volunteer signups for expenses for food/beverages and greeters during your time slot etc..

If your group is interested or needs more information, reach out to us at:

- **Website:** tclgbtqiaa.org
- **Email:** twincitieslgbtqiafriendsaa@gmail.com
- **Text:** 612-202-2975 with a message indicating your contact info, group info, and best time to reach you.

Thank you in advance for your service!