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GREATER NEIGHBORHOOD AT SONGAIA
NON-RESIDENT ASSOCIATE SPONSOR GUIDELINES:

- Must be a current resident of the Greater Neighborhood to be a sponsor.
- Make initial contact with potential associate or resident, direct issues or concerns to the appropriate Songaia group
- Forward all email invitations to social events or community events until they become members
- Keep up to date on knowledge regarding pathways for membership in the community. **Refer questions to the Orientation committee members**.
- Support the potential member in tracking their check list item.
- Introduce the potential associate member to the community (at a dinner or a meeting)
- Consider hosting a small social gathering for getting to know the person
- If you can't attend a gathering and the associate will be there, please consider having a host (temporary for that event) to help support continued social connection.
- Help the potential member get connected to others who share common interests
- When all steps in the process have been completed, make sure an official announcement ("please welcome. . .etc) is made at meeting or meal after person is voted into membership. (can be at the next common meal attended)

Orientations are carried out by the orientation task force and can be scheduled at orientations@songaia.com. A background check and letter of intent is required prior to scheduling. (Current orientation task force members are Barb and Dorothy).

Orientation topics included in the scheduled orientation with the orientation committee:

- Review GN membership levels
- Regular meetings, circles and events
- Fees and how to pay them
- Our work structure: committees, decision making levels and processes, abundance fund, how to get a proposal started, decision board, consensus
- Email lists and email etiquette
- House rules (norms of behavior) for common house
- Review of the benefits of their levels: Level of hosting required, eligibility for Food program/ United foods, Garden to Table participation (if applicable) including meal payment and work expectations (eat 5 meals and work a slot).