

District 23 Christmas Alcathon Guide

Thank you for your service! This guide will help you to participate in the Alcathon.

Location is the same as last year:

***Anchored in Recovery* - 19 Concord Street Framingham, MA.**

Access is via the back parking lot on Howard Street, east of Rt 126. There will be an Alcathon lead person who will provide a collection envelope, answer any questions, and receive collection+raffle proceeds.

Parking – There is parking in the lot behind the facility, via Howard Street. There is also parking on Howard Street and at a Parking Facility on Pearl Street a few blocks away.

Your Session: Plan to open promptly at the top of the hour. The next page has a suggested opening script. Each group has a 45-minute slot for speakers, and 15 minutes for raffle, fellowship and transition for the next group/meeting.

Group Responsibilities

1. **Greeting and Raffle** – There is a table near the entrance. Plan to have a group member seated at the table to greet and sell raffle tickets. Raffle proceeds should be added to the collection.
2. **Raffle** – Each group should conduct a raffle for AA literature of your choice (Big Book or 12 & 12 suggested but other AA books welcome). Display the book at the raffle table and conduct the raffle after the last speaker, even if few tickets have been sold.
3. **Collection**- Pass the collection basket during your speaker time. There will be an envelope at the greeting table with your group's name and timeslot. Insert the collection & raffle proceeds and give to the Alcathon lead person.
4. **Cleanup** – Each group is responsible for light cleanup: clear tables and empty full trash barrels. The Alcathon lead person can help you with replenishing trash bags and show where the trash is disposed.

Meeting Script (Suggested)

Welcome to the District 23 Alcathon. My name is _____ and I'm an alcoholic. I represent the ___ group, we meet (*day/time*) at (*where*).

Please put your cell phone on silent and limit conversation out of respect for the speakers. A collection will be taken after the first speaker. At quarter to the hour we will hold a raffle. Tickets are available at the table near the entrance.

In keeping with our 12th tradition, who you see here, what you hear here, when you leave here, let it stay here.

Could we please have a moment of silence to do with as you wish.
(*Moment of silence*)

A.A. PREAMBLE

Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of people who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism.

The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. There are no dues or fees for A.A. membership; we are self-supporting through our own contributions. A.A. is not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization or institution; does not wish to engage in any controversy, neither endorses nor opposes any causes. Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety.

- Call Speakers
- Take collection during speaker time
- Conduct the Raffle
- End with a prayer of your choice