

FIRST UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF SAN DIEGO
B&B (Bed & Breakfast) Team - Generosity Ministry Team

B&B (Bed & Breakfast) PROGRAM FAQs for HOSTS

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▪ **Why we started this program?**

The program began in May 2016 as an ongoing Generosity Ministry Team fundraiser to generate, in part, funds formerly raised by our Rummage Sale. This voluntary program allows you to help raise additional funds for our operating budget **without** increasing your financial commitment (pledge) or opening your wallet! Since May 2016, B&B registrations have brought over \$33,000 to First UU's operating budget. Our rates—which include a continental breakfast—have remained the same since then & are \$75/single occupancy & \$90/night double occupancy—plus a \$10 administrative fee. There's a 2-night minimum & 7-night maximum stay. (One-night stays may be possible by special arrangement.) Currently, proof of vaccination & boosters are required.

▪ **How does it work?**

Hosts provide a private room with access to a shared or private bath & a continental breakfast. Hosts decide when & how often they are willing to receive guests. Additionally, the Host Application allows you to list any limitation you might have about the types & numbers of guests you're willing to host. Guests register on the First UU website. When a registration is received, the B&B Coordinator, Jan Garbosky, emails a host to see if the dates work. If the host says 'yes,' a confirmation email is sent to the host & guest & contact information is shared. The host & guest communicate about arrival time, directions to the host home, continental breakfast options, etc. Volunteer hosts may accept guests as often as they wish. After a stay, both guests & hosts are asked to complete a Feedback Form.

▪ **How is payment handled & how will the money be used?**

The Guest Registration Form is online & is accessed in the teal blue area at the bottom of every First UU webpage or via the "Giving" pull-down menu. B&B guests register & pay online with a credit card when the reservation is made. **Hosts do not handle any of the money-side of the program at all.** All proceeds go to our operating budget to support First UU's programs & activities.

▪ **How do folks find out about our program?**

Our B&B program is advertised in *UU're Home* (the Bed & Breakfast Directory for Unitarian Universalists & Other Religious Liberals) & in both the online & paper versions of the *UU World* magazine. Information has also been distributed at General Assembly. Of course, we also depend on word of mouth advertising. We ask our guest to tell their friends, family, & congregation about us & we want everyone at First UU to let family & friends know about our program.

▪ **What about host liability?**

The B&B program doesn't operate as a commercial business which would require city permits, health inspections, & liability insurance. First UU's program is strictly a volunteer fundraising operation—like all the other UU B&B programs across the country. First UU hosts open their homes to members & friends of UU congregations &, in return for their hospitality, a donation is made to First UU. We assume all B&B hosts carry homeowner's liability insurance, which would cover accidents involving their guests.

▪ **What is the tax liability for being a host?**

This is a voluntary program & all services are donations. Hosts are not being paid for offering accommodations to visitors. Therefore, it's not a business & does not require any rental tax on the part of the host.

?? More Questions ??

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