

**Proposal by the Executive Committee of All Star 1 to
Discount Room & Board Fees by 50% for the Housing Coordinator
and to
Waive Registration and Room & Board Fees for the Acting Chairs**

*Submitted by Matthew Cohen on behalf of the Executive Committee for
presentation at the Governance Council of All Star 1 Meeting on October 4, 2026*

Volunteerism defines All Star 1, along with many other wholesome qualities of our beloved community. Depending on the role selected or assigned, the service might be for a day, for a week or perennial.

All Star 1 Registration fees are currently \$135 per adult and \$110 per youth for up to two children, after which there is no charge for additional children, which effectively caps the All Star 1 Registration fee at \$490 for a family of 2 adults and an infinite number of children.

The Star Island Room & Board fee is currently \$1,325 per adult for a standard double-occupancy room, \$880 per youth 12-17 years of age, \$615 per youth 6-11 years of age and free for children under the age of 6 years.

The All Star 1 Conference's coffers have always covered these registration fees for the Children's Program Coordinator, for the Children's Program teachers, and for the Speaker of the Week and up to 3 members of their family, as well as the travel expenses for the Speaker and their family. The Housing Coordinator's costs are currently covered only because Deb Walton selflessly serves as both Housing Coordinator and Children's Program Coordinator.

In 2016, the Governing Council narrowly passed a proposal (by a vote of 21 to 18) to cover 50% of the Star Island Room & Board fee for the Registrar and Treasurer — each of whom typically serves for 3 if not 6 years — and failed to pass a proposal to extend this benefit to the Acting Chairs who serve for 1 year.

After careful consideration and extended deliberation, the current Executive Committee proposes that discounts be extended to the Housing Coordinator and Acting Chairs, as follows:

- 1) 50% of the Star Island Room & Board fee for the Housing Coordinator
- 2) 100% of the All Star 1 Registration fee and 100% of the Star Island Room & Board fee for the Acting Chair or up to two Acting Co-Chairs.

These discounts would add about \$30 per person to the All Star 1 registration fee, bringing it in line with the registration fees for most other week-long conferences (or reduce our annual generous donation to Star Island by a comparable amount) and would extend benefits to the Acting Chairs as was the courtesy at All Star 1 prior to 1980 and as is the

courtesy offered by 5 of 6 other Star Island conferences surveyed (with the exception offering Acting Chairs and Former Chairs a 50% discount in perpetuity).

In making this proposal, the Executive Committee wishes to recognize the significant time and effort that the Housing Coordinator and Acting Chairs spend for the benefit of the All Star 1 Conference. Furthermore, the Executive Committee anticipates that this policy would compromise neither our spirit of volunteerism nor our financial health.

The Executive Committee looks forward to our discussion of — and vote on — this proposal at our off-island Governance Council Meeting on Sunday, October 4, 2026.