



SWVA WALK TO EMMAUS

SPONSOR'S APPLICATION -Part 2 of 2

TO BE COMPLETED BY SPONSOR. ALL blanks MUST be Completed. Please Print Clearly

EMMAUS is a method of Christian renewal in the church. Individuals recommended for Emmaus should be currently active in a local church and have a desire to deepen their faith and become closer to Christ in their discipleship. As a sponsor, you are required to provide information to the applicant to assist him/her in the decision to attend a weekend, to help him/her enter fully into the Emmaus fellowship after the weekend, to provide prayer and other support, and to provide transportation to and from **Camp Easter Seals**. Please be sure to encourage BOTH husband and wife to attend Emmaus. A checklist of sponsorship responsibilities is included on the next page of this application. The total cost of this weekend is \$140.00 including a \$40.00 deposit which is due with this application. The balance of \$100.00 is due prior to the Walk.

Sponsor's First Name _____ Sponsor's Last Name _____

Street Address City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone (____) _____ Cell Phone (____) _____ E-mail Address _____

Name and location of Church now attending: _____ Do you attend regularly? _____

Where did you make your Walk to Emmaus? _____ When? _____ #: _____

Has the Applicants spouse attended a weekend _____ If so when & where _____

As a sponsor, do you need scholarship assistance from the Emmaus Community _____ If so, how much? \$ _____

(Please know that scholarship funds are freely provided and are confidential)

Please verify the following statements are true by placing a check on each blank preceding the statement.

_____ If applicable, I have discussed the walk with my pilgrim's spouse and encouraged the spouse to attend the adjacent weekend.

_____ I am praying for my pilgrim.

_____ I have explained the Emmaus Walk to my pilgrim.

_____ I understand that I am to bring my pilgrim to Camp JC on Thursday for send off at 6:30 pm.

_____ I will accompany my pilgrim to the first gathering following my pilgrim's walk.

_____ I will assist my pilgrim in getting established into a reunion group after the walk.

_____ I have read the sponsorship information provided on the attached page and/or this website - www.swvaemmaus.org.

_____ I understand the importance of minimal contact with my pilgrim during the weekend, especially if the candidate is my spouse.

As a sponsor, your signature is a covenant to a vital responsibility as a member of the Emmaus Community.

Sponsor's signature: _____ Date: _____

PARTICIPANT'S CHURCH AND PASTOR INFORMATION. Please Print Clearly

The focus of Emmaus is God as known in Jesus Christ and how that finds expression in the local church. The objective of the Walk to Emmaus is to inspire, challenge, and equip local church members for Christian action in their homes, churches, and places of work. Emmaus lifts up a way for our grace-filled life to be lived and shared with others.

Church Name _____

Church Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Church Phone (____) _____

Pastor's Name (Print) _____

Pastor's Title (i.e. Senior Pastor, Youth Pastor, Minister of Counseling) _____

Pastors or Community Spiritual Director's signature (Required): _____

If unable to obtain a Pastor's signature, please notify SWVA EMMMAUS Community Spiritual Director.

Contact: Carol Johnston email- pastorcarol4@cox.net

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Sponsor's Checklist

Please Review

Sponsorship is the most important role in the Walk to Emmaus community. As a sponsor you will reflect God's personal love and commitment to the Pilgrim. God passes His love from person to person and you will underline that fact by passing on your Emmaus experience to another.

Your aim in sponsorship should not be to get all your friends to go or to fix everyone's problems, but to build up the Body of Christ. Emmaus' purpose is to bring renewal to Christians so that they will go home and bring renewal to their homes, churches, and communities.

Do you know someone who shows potential in Christian leadership? Do you know someone who yearns for answers to their questions and to find a deeper faith? Then that is who you should sponsor!

Anyone who has participated in the Walk to Emmaus (or other recognized Fourth Day Movements) may sponsor a Pilgrim. The only additional requirement is that you are confident you can fulfill all sponsorship responsibilities. (See list below)

1. Prayer
 - Release control and expectation
 - Discern whether to sponsor and whom
 - Remember the "equal commitment rule" that encourages participation of both spouses.
 - Continue prayer on and through all the next steps
2. Select a Pilgrim to Sponsor
 - Traditional Christian Belief
 - Promote church leadership and Christian community
 - Consider disposition (e.g., ability to sit several hours, whether loud, argumentative)
3. Invitation – right time and place
4. Application process – fill out, send in the Pilgrim's application and separate Sponsor's Form, both available at <http://www.swvaemmaus.org/> Don't hesitate to indicate scholarship need; nobody should be discouraged from sponsorship because of financial concerns.
5. Agape Letters - contact family member to solicit letters from family and friends. Begin the process several weeks before the Walk to allow a hand written letter or note. Also give the writers the option of emailing to you so that you may print and put in envelope. Be sure to write FAMILY on outside of envelope to aid Agape team.
6. Contact Pilgrim with arrangements for travel, suggestions on packing; include your phone # to Pilgrim's family; offer to help Pilgrim with routine chores.
7. Take Pilgrim to Camp Easter Seals, New Castle VA (meal on the way), assist with check in, walk around the grounds to identify cabin, introduce friends, loosen up. After send-off, stay for sponsors' hour and pray over the Pilgrim's Cross.
8. During the weekend:
 - A. Check on family, tasks for Pilgrim (feed pets? water plants? pick up mail or newspaper?)
 - B. Deliver letters to box at camp by Candlelight (make sure full name on envelope, may be bundled together)
 - C. Attend Saturday candlelight
 - D. Help in the Background
 - E. Attend Closing and deliver your Pilgrim back home
9. Go with Pilgrim to fourth-day meeting(Walk reunion)
10. Encourage participation in the community, upcoming walks (provide specific contact information and opportunity descriptions)
11. Discuss after the Walk Reunion the importance of a Reunion Group in their life. Assist your Pilgrim to find or start a new Reunion Group even if that means leaving your present Group for a period of time to help start a new group.
12. Teach the Pilgrim in turn to become a sponsor and continue participation