

THE WALK TO EMMAUS SPONSOR'S FORM

The Houston Bay Area Emmaus Community



ALL INFORMATION IS REQUIRED FOR PLACEMENT OF YOUR PILGRIM.
SEND THIS FORM WITH THE COMPLETED PILGRIM'S APPLICATION, DANBURY LODGE WAIVER FORM & CHECK TO:
REGISTRAR – THE HOUSTON BAY AREA EMMAUS COMMUNITY – PO Box 890134 – Houston, TX 77289-0134
CHECK WWW.HBAEC.ORG FOR THE MOST CURRENT MAILING ADDRESS AND REGISTRAR'S PHONE NUMBER

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Sponsor's Name _____ Male Female Clergy
Last First

Sponsor's Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Sponsor's Phone # _____ Alternate Phone # _____ Email _____

Employed By _____ Occupation _____

COMPLETE Name of Church _____ Denomination _____

Church Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Sponsor's Walk # _____ Emmaus Cursillo Via de Christo Chrysalis Date _____ Place _____

PILGRIM'S NAME _____ Male Female Clergy
Last First

How long have you known the applicant? Years _____ Months _____ Relationship to Pilgrim? _____

Is applicant actively involved in church? Yes No Explain: _____

Is applicant married? Yes No **If yes, has the spouse attended a walk?** Yes No

If no, have you discussed Emmaus with his/her spouse? Yes No

YOU MUST PRESENT THE EMMAUS WALK TO SPOUSE BEFORE MAILING THE APPLICATION.

If you have a valid reason not to discuss the Emmaus Walk with the spouse, please explain.

Why do you feel that Emmaus is appropriate for this person? _____

Does your applicant have any health or mobility needs that require special consideration on the weekend? Yes No

If yes, please describe _____

To the best of your knowledge, is the applicant under any temporary emotional strain that might indicate that his/her participation in a weekend should be postponed until a future time? Yes No

Will you bring your applicant to the follow-up meeting and an upcoming gathering? Yes No

Do you meet in a regular Reunion or Accountability Group? Yes No

Arrangements made to find a Reunion or Accountability Group for your Pilgrim? _____

Have you been a Sponsor before? Yes No Need more information about Sponsor Responsibilities? Yes No

Have you attended Sponsorship Training? Yes No Do you need a map to the Walk location? Yes No

THE FEE FOR THE WEEKEND IS \$165.00 AND MUST BE PAID WHEN APPLICATIONS ARE SUBMITTED

Scholarship funds are **VERY** limited. Please apply only if there is a severe financial hardship. Churches, Sponsors, and Friends many times pay the fee as an act of agape. If a partial scholarship is approved, it will be for ½ or less of the fee.

Applicant is applying for a scholarship in the amount of \$ _____. Approved Not Approved (HBAEC Board)

Amount of the fee to be paid by the: Applicant \$ _____ Sponsor \$ _____ Other \$ _____

Sponsor's Signature _____ Date: _____

BEFORE MAILING: REVIEW PILGRIM, SPONSOR, & WAIVER FORMS FOR ACCURACY & ENCLOSE CHECK.

IF YOUR PILGRIM CANCELS, IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO NOTIFY THE REGISTRAR IMMEDIATELY. Current phone number is on the Web page (www.hbaec.org), in the Pilgrim's Journey Newsletter and on the Walk confirmation letters.

This application will only be accepted if Guidelines For Sponsors (page 2 of this form) is read, initialed and dated.

GUIDELINES FOR SPONSORS

REVIEW YOUR COMMITMENT AS A SPONSOR BEFORE SIGNING AND SUBMITTING THIS FORM

When you sign an application as someone's sponsor for a weekend, you accept certain responsibilities for that candidate. You agree to:

- 1. PRAY FOR THEM!** Pray **before** you ever approach them about attending an Emmaus weekend; **after** they have applied to attend the Walk; **while** they are on the Walk and **when** they return from the weekend.
- 2. TELL THEM WHAT THE WEEKEND IS ALL ABOUT:** Don't be secretive – don't even use the word 'secret'. Tell them everything. Be open about the talks, table discussions, singing, prayer services, etc. Give them the book: What Is Emmaus? by Stephen Bryant to read.
- 3. BEFORE MAILING IN THE APPLICATION:** Discuss the Walk to Emmaus with their spouse (if married). Obtain their pastor's signature on the Pilgrim Application. Mail Sponsor's Form, Pilgrim Application, and Danbury Lodge Waiver Form with check to the Registrar.
- 4. TELL THEM WHAT THEY WILL NEED FOR THE WEEKEND AND WHAT THEY DON'T NEED.** NEEDS: Comfortable clothing, jacket, bed and bath linens, personal items, medications, money for the book table (optional). **DO NOT BRING:** Radio, clock, watch, cell phone, pager, food, camera, recorder, lap top computer, etc.
- 5. HELP THEM WITH SPECIAL PROBLEMS THAT MAY AFFECT THEM WHILE THEY ARE ON THE WEEKEND, SUCH AS:** Child care, house sitting, car pools, meals, etc. If you can't help with these things, find someone who can.
- 6. BRING YOUR PILGRIM TO THE WALK SITE BETWEEN 6:45 – 7:30 P.M. on Thursday NO EARLIER.** Tell them that a snack supper is provided. **STAY FOR SPONSOR'S PRAYER HOUR: 8:00 – 9:00 P.M.**
- 7. WRITE AGAPE LETTERS:** Write a personal agape letter to your pilgrim and arrange for other letters from spouse, children, relatives and close friends. Bring all letters on Thursday evening.
- 8. PRAYER AGAPE:** Prayer is the most important thing you will do for your Pilgrim. **Sign up for the prayer clock.**
- 9. ATTEND CANDLELIGHT: THIS IS A MUST – ON SATURDAY – 8:45 P.M.**
- 10. BE THERE FOR CLOSING – SUNDAY – 4:30 P.M.** Only in cases of emergency should you ever consider not attending a closing. If an emergency arises, make sure someone will represent you for your pilgrim and send a note to him/her explaining your absence. Drive them home from the weekend. **This is not a time for them to be alone.**
- 11. FOLLOW-UP:** Be sure to make contact – especially the next day. Escort the new Pilgrim to the weekend follow-up meeting. Take your Pilgrim to the next gathering. Persevere in helping your Pilgrim to join an Accountability or Reunion Group. CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR YOUR PILGRIM.
- 12. SERVANT TEAM PARTICIPATION BY SPOUSES AND SPONSORS:** Sponsors and spouses must not serve in any position on the Servant Team where they will be seen by their Pilgrim. This includes serving the agape dinner. The **Sponsor & spouse's contact with the pilgrim on Saturday is to be limited to Candlelight and other outside service.** It is important that each Pilgrim receive the same treatment. Your cooperation is sincerely appreciated.
- 13. TO ALL FOURTH DAY: THE USE OF CAMERAS IS PROHIBITED DURING AN EMMAUS WALK!**

**These responsibilities are the BARE MINIMUM for sponsoring a Pilgrim.
If you are not willing to do these things, don't sign up as a sponsor for a Pilgrim.**

Remember "CHRIST IS COUNTING ON YOU."

Initial and date below if you understand and will adhere to the 13 items listed above!

(If there are no initials & date below, form will be sent to Sponsor. & Pilgrim will not be placed on a walk until it is returned to Registrar)

Sponsor's Initials: _____ Date: _____