

Location + Date of Walk: _____ Applicants Full Name: _____

SPONSOR'S INFORMATION:

Only One per Applicant

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Sponsor's Name: _____ Sponsors Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Email: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Your Date of Birth: _____ (Needed for recordkeeping purposes only!)

Church YOU attend: _____ Your Pilgrim Walk #: _____

Location: _____ Date: _____ Gathering/Reunion Group Name: _____

(If you are not in a gathering group please make every effort to join one. This is an essential part of the Emmaus experience and accountability)

Do you receive News / Announcements / Prayer Requests via your email? Yes No

Would you like to receive info on how to get the above via your email? Yes No

APPLICANT PREPARATION:

How long have you known your pilgrim? _____ Why do you feel this person would benefit by attending a Walk?

What characteristics does your pilgrim show that exhibits his/her commitment to CHRIST? _____

If you were a Table Leader would you be encouraged to have this pilgrim at your table? Yes No

TIMING + CONCERNS:

EACH QUESTION MUST BE ANSWERED

Select Answers

Has the pilgrim experienced a recent loss: family member, job, divorce or a major change in life? Yes No

Married in past year? Yes No New baby at home? Yes No Diet problems? Yes No Depression? Yes No

Does the pilgrim have an addiction or has the pilgrim been in a treatment program within the past year? Yes No

If you answered YES to any of the above questions it is advisable for the candidate to wait at least one year before attending a Walk.

Has pilgrims spouse attended a Walk? Yes No If NO will spouse be attending the concurrent weekend? Yes No

Have you discussed the Emmaus Walk with the pilgrims spouse? Yes No If NO, why not? _____

COSTS & PAYMENT:

Costs for the weekend are \$335.00. This amount is less than what it actually costs to feed, house and provide materials for the weekend. **Send NO money or deposit now.** All monies will be collected at the weekend. **"Private rooms may be available on a need basis, as determined by the Registrar and Lay Director, for an additional fee of \$30.00".** If your pilgrim needs financial assistance with the costs of their weekend, you need to check with your local 4th Day Reunion Group. Only limited assistance is available at the Community level. You can also cover the costs of your pilgrims weekend experience by paying for it as part of your sponsorship responsibilities. You are encouraged to submit a love offering in any amount to the Nebraska Emmaus Community to help offset some of these costs and expenses. With your help and support it is the only way we can continue to keep our costs as low as possible. All money will be collected at the Walk weekend.

Read Sponsors Responsibilities and Sponsors Guidelines on the back of this form.

As a sponsor I say YES to CHRIST - to fulfill my responsibilities in such a way that HIS grace and love are revealed to this pilgrim through my Christian action. My signature indicates my high calling to servant hood.

Mail Application and Sponsor Form to:
Scott Nikont, Registrar
27670 Thunder Creek Rd, Winner, SD 57580
308-760-0541 voice / No fax available
scottnikont@gmail.com

Sponsor's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Be a good Steward of our registrars time and get the application mailed in as early as possible. Applications mailed within two weeks of the start date of the weekend will be accepted, but please contact the registrar by telephone or email and let him know the application is in the mail.

Sponsorship Responsibilities

Sponsorship is THE MOST IMPORTANT job in Emmaus. The quality of sponsorship influences the pilgrim, the health of the Emmaus movement and the Church. Although the Table Leaders will have close contact with the pilgrim during the Walk it is up to the sponsor to nurture the continuing development of 4th Day spirituality. This responsibility **DOES NOT END** after the Walk, it is a long term commitment for the Sponsor! Your immediate duties include: **1)** Praying for your pilgrim. **2)** Assisting pilgrims family during the Walk as needed. **3)** Providing transportation to the Walk site on Thursday evening. **4)** Taking back home on Sunday. **5)**

Collecting 10 short letters of encouragement from the pilgrims family and friends. **6)** Explain to the pilgrim that no watches, cell phones or computers are allowed at the Walk. **7)** Explain to the pilgrim that they will have no contact with family during the Walk (emergencies are OK). **8)** Attend Candlelight. **9)** Attend Closing. **10)** Introduce the pilgrim to a reunion group or community gathering. **11)** Accompany or assist your sponsored new 4th day member to work Agape at the next convenient Walk. **12)** The sponsor should bring Agape food to the Walk along with the pilgrims favorite snacks.

Sponsorship Guidelines

When you have a prospective candidate in mind follow these suggested guidelines:

Remember that the weekend is for those who have accepted CHRIST as their SAVIOR and are active in their local congregation. The Walk is not designed to “fix” someone’s emotional or personal problems. The Walk is not a psychology clinic, consoling service, escape from reality weekend or last ditch effort to “save” someone.

Please be sure that your pilgrim is cheerfully looking forward to a weekend of Christian companionship, worship, singing, prayer and spiritual moments.

Pray for strength and guidance as you consider sponsoring a pilgrim: Ask GOD for help in selecting pilgrims who are truly ready to attend a Walk. If you do not have a close personal relationship with someone you would like to sponsor, get to know them socially outside of church. Your pilgrims actions and attitudes in a public environment will help you confirm their Christian commitment. Talk about your Emmaus spiritual experience when the time seems right without divulging details that would be a pleasant surprise on the pilgrims Walk. Make an effort not to “overload” your pilgrim with your own enthusiasm which might hinder their desire to attend a Walk. Do not “push” your pilgrim into attending a Walk, let them decide on their own.

Make a formal appointment with your pilgrim: Schedule enough time with your pilgrim to fully discuss the commitment for a three day Walk to Emmaus weekend. This is a serious meeting so arrange a place where the pilgrim will not be distracted by activities, children or phone interruptions. Explain to them the role you will play when they are attending a Walk. Answer any questions they may have about the application details and a general outline of the activities. Explain to the pilgrim about reunion groups, community gatherings, serving their church and the scholarship program for those in need. If they are married be sure that the spouse can attend this meeting. Help them fill out the Walk Application and obtain payment in full or the \$30.00 deposit. If someone else is sponsoring the spouse ask them to join you at this meeting. Remember that each spouse must fill out their own application and make their own payment or deposit separately.

Pray for your pilgrim: Focus your prayer on how your pilgrim can deepen their faith and become a bright beacon for CHRIST in this secular world. Remember, that many were praying for you before, during and after your Walk. Put this wonderful revelation to work for your pilgrim! Stay close to your pilgrim during the time before the Walk. This will ensure that the pilgrim stays enthused about attending and may help alleviate any doubts or jitters. Be sure to include the pilgrims spouse in your prayers that they will be supportive and understanding. Continue to pray for your pilgrim after the Walk for spiritual strength, a deeper study of GOD’S word and enthusiasm to sponsor a pilgrim of their own.

Equal spousal commitment: If the pilgrim is married, approach both the pilgrim and spouse about attending a Walk. This is important because

Emmaus can indirectly strengthen the spiritual bond in a marriage **Be sure that the spouse is supportive.** If one spouse wants to attend and one does not, prayerfully wait for six months before approaching them again. We want to be sure the Walk to Emmaus does not cause division within a marriage. **If only one spouse will be attending a Walk be sure that you notify in writing the reasons to the Nebraska Emmaus Registrar 30 days in advance.** This request will be forwarded to the State Lay Director for approval.

Continuing preparations: Send in the pilgrims application form (filled out and signed), and your sponsorship form. If the spouse is attending a concurrent weekend please try to send both applications together. At times there is a waiting list of people wanting to go on a Walk, so get the applications in ASAP. Your pilgrim and you as their sponsor will get a confirmation. **If the pilgrim application form or your sponsorship form is not complete it will be sent back to you for further attention. This will only delay a Walk confirmation.**

The Walk weekend: It is very important that you personally attend the sponsor’s hour at the Walk site. Candlelight services on Saturday night often can be the highlight of the weekend so BE THERE. If the spouse has already been on a Walk make an effort to see that they attend. You must make every effort to attend the 4th Day closing ceremonies to welcome your pilgrim into the Emmaus community. Arrange for transportation back to the pilgrims home on Sunday evening.

Fourth Day: Contact your pilgrim the first part of the week following their Walk. This is a good time to compare notes with them about the Emmaus experience and how it will help them build a stronger spiritual life. If it is convenient meet with them and pray together so that a new stronger bond will develop between the two of you. Be aware that your pilgrim will be “on top of the mountain” and may be concerned about slipping back into secular values that were discarded during their Walk weekend. Encourage them to go back to their church with a new, enthusiastic attitude to make it stronger through laity involvement.

Groups and gatherings: Make sure your pilgrim attends a reunion group. Invite them to come to yours, or suggest other groups you are aware of. **This is perhaps the most important aspect of remaining active in Emmaus. It is your responsibility to help your pilgrim find a suitable group.** If there is a great distance to gatherings help your pilgrim start a group in their area.

New Emmaus member, new sponsor? Your pilgrims spiritual enthusiasm is bound to spill over on their friends. One of the most frequently asked questions of new Emmaus members is “what has happened to you?” This is a perfect time for a new member to start working on sponsoring pilgrims of their own. Make sure that your pilgrim has all of the necessary paperwork, information and skills to be a sponsor. Offer your assistance!

The responsibilities of sponsorship are great, but the rewards are PRICELESS!