

## **Walk to Emmaus – Sponsorship And Sponsor’s Responsibilities**

Good sponsorship is vital to a successful Emmaus Walk. Emmaus is for active Christians whose own renewal will mean new energy, commitment, and vision in everyday environments for Christ’s sake. The aim of sponsorship is to build the Body of Christ. For more information on wise and unwise sponsorship please contact one of the committee members on Sponsorship Training, found on the MCEC website (<http://www.mcemmaus.net>) or review the Upper Room’s Sponsorship book. The Sponsorship book may be obtained by attending Sponsorship Training at a Gathering or by ordering it online from the Upper Room’s Bookstore.

<http://bookstore.upperroom.org/Products/873/sponsorship.aspx>

### **Sponsor’s Responsibilities**

1. Pray for God to send names of potential pilgrims.
3. Explain the Walk to Emmaus to the potential pilgrim (and their spouse).
4. Give the pilgrim the “What is Emmaus” letter of information, an Emmaus brochure, or website: <http://www.upperroom.org/emmaus> . The Upper Room video entitled “An Introduction to Walk to Emmaus, The Upper Room” is very powerful and can be found (<http://www.mcemmaus.net>) or (video direct link: <http://vimeo.com/8697255>)
5. Go to the MCEC website and download the pilgrim registration and medical form. (<http://www.mcemmaus.net>)
6. Give the pilgrim the registration and medical forms to fill out and return to you with a check for \$25. Check to make sure all information is legible and all blanks filled in. Then review all health, diet and physical needs to make sure they haven't forgotten any allergies, physical limitations, or new medications.
7. You fill in the sponsor portion.
8. Make a copy of the registration.
9. You will use the name of nearest relative not living in the home to find out names and addresses / emails of family and friends to ask for Agape letters.
10. Mail the registration and \$25 check (nonrefundable) to MCEC P.O. Box 1384 Valparaiso, IN 46384 .

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### **Sponsor's Responsibilities(continued)**

11. As soon as the registrar sends you a letter of confirmation, tell your pilgrim.
12. Be sure to call the registrar if your pilgrim has to cancel. LORA WARD at 708-895-3877
13. See the attached sample letter to send out to collect 8-12 letters for your pilgrim. Do this as soon as possible.
14. If not already done, mark the returned letters for the pilgrim with the pilgrim's full name. At the bottom, write the word FAMILY or FRIEND.
15. Collect the letters in a large envelope or bag.
16. If you have received more than 12 letters, keep the extra letters to give to the pilgrim after the Walk.
17. Turn in all the letters marked FAMILY and the letters of the closest friends/pastors if you know which ones those are.
18. Continue to pray for your pilgrim and deepen your relationship with them.
19. Help the pilgrim to solve any babysitting or other situations before the walk.
20. Answer any questions the pilgrim may have about the Walk. If possible, try not to reveal the surprise elements of Dying Moments, Candlelight and Closing.
21. Be sure to explain ahead of time about leaving their watch and cell phone at home. Make sure their loved ones have the emergency phone number and your number.
22. Be sure to explain Thursday evening's night of silence to free them from worldly concerns.
23. Please be sure that your pilgrim brings bedding (sheets, blankets, and pillow or sleeping bag) and also towels, wash cloths, shower shoes and toiletries to the walk. Remember, this is a camp-type setting.
24. Make sure you, your reunion group, or your pilgrim has money to pay the rest of the Walk fee at registration.
25. Make arrangements beforehand with the pilgrim to pick them up and treat them to dinner before registration on Thursday night at 6:30. Be sure to allow extra time for traffic, weather, or any possible delays. Do not let them drive themselves.
26. Assure them that you will be there Sunday to pick them up.
27. Help carry your pilgrim's luggage to registration and their room.
28. Make their bed for them.

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29. Show them where the showers and other facilities are.
30. Take them to the send-off location with their flashlight and umbrella.
31. Stay and pray for your pilgrim after send-off.
32. Turn in the 8-12 agape letters for your pilgrim after the send-off.
33. Be sure to go to the chapel or wherever directed at eight o'clock Saturday night before candlelight to pray for your pilgrim and take communion. If you wear your cross and name tag at communion, be sure to cover or remove them before candlelight.
34. Remember NOT to reach out to your pilgrim during candlelight. You wouldn't reach out to touch the bride coming down the aisle and this is the same idea. Of course, if they reach out to you it's ok to respond.
35. Continue to pray for the Walk and your pilgrim.
36. Check on the family of the pilgrim during the weekend if needed.
37. Attend closing on Sunday at 4:30. Take communion with your pilgrim afterwards.
38. Help the pilgrim to pack and carry luggage to the vehicle.
39. Give the pilgrim any remaining agape letters, but NO presents are to be given on the Walk site.
40. Take the pilgrim to dinner with your reunion group before taking them home, if possible.
41. Check on your pilgrim during the week and make plans to pick them up for the first Gathering.
42. Continue to pray and contact your pilgrim to provide the love and encouragement they may need during their Fourth Day.
43. Whenever possible, attend Gatherings and Reunion Groups together.

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