

Brazos Valley Emmaus Community

Sponsor's Form

(To be completed by the sponsor - see instructions on back of form)

All information is required for placement of your pilgrim. Send this form with the completed pilgrim's application and check to: Registrar-BVEC
P.O. Box 10491
College Station, TX 77842

Your Pilgrim's Name _____ Male ___ Female ___ Lay ___ Clergy ___
Last First Initial

Sponsor's Name _____ Male ___ Female ___ Lay ___ Clergy ___
Last First Initial

Your Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

P.O. Box (if applies) _____

Telephone (H) _____ (O) _____ Email: _____

Name of Your Church _____

Church Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

I attended Walk # ___ Emmaus ___ Chrysalis ___ Cursillo ___ Other: _____

Date: _____ Place: _____

Do you receive the BVEC newsletter? Yes ___ No ___

Do you meet in a regular Reunion Group? Yes ___ No ___

Location, day and time of your Reunion Group: _____

How long have you known the Applicant? Years/Months _____ Applicant's t-shirt size: _____

Is Applicant actively involved in church activities? Yes ___ No ___

Is Applicant married? Yes ___ No ___ If yes, has the spouse attended a Walk? Yes ___ No ___

If no, YOU MUST PRESENT THE EMMAUS WALK TO SPOUSE BEFORE MAILING IN APPLICATION!! Have you discussed Emmaus with his/her spouse? Yes ___ No ___

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

Does Applicant have any health or physical needs that may require special consideration? Yes ___ No ___

If yes, please explain: _____

To the best of your knowledge, is Applicant under any temporary emotional strain that might reasonably indicate that his/her participation in a weekend should be postponed until a future time? Yes ___ No ___ Why do you feel that Emmaus is appropriate for this person? _____

Have you sponsored a Pilgrim before? Yes ___ No ___

Would you like more information about Sponsor Responsibilities? Yes ___ No ___

Would you like a phone call from someone to help explain what a Sponsor does? Yes ___ No ___

Do you need a map to the Walk location? Yes ___ No ___

HAVE YOU DISCUSSED THE \$120 FEE FOR THE WEEKEND WITH THE APPLICANT? Yes ___ No ___

If not, please do so before submitting this form to avoid any possibility of embarrassment to your applicant.

What portion of the fee will be paid by your Applicant? \$_____ by you? \$_____ by other? \$_____

Scholarship funds may be available. Not more than one-half the fee can be covered by scholarship.

This applicant Will ___ Will Not ___ need a scholarship. If Applicant will need scholarship, how much is being requested? \$_____

Will you bring your Applicant to the next Gathering after his/her Walk? Yes ___ No ___

What arrangements have you made to locate a Reunion Group for your new Pilgrim? _____

SIGNATURE: _____ Date: _____

BEFORE MAILING, CHECK YOUR BOTH YOUR PILGRIM'S FORM AND THIS SPONSOR FORM FOR ALL REQUIRED INFORMATION.

THIS APPLICATION WILL BE RETURNED IF NOT COMPLETELY AND PROPERLY FILLED OUT!

PLEASE NOTE: IF YOUR PILGRIM CANCELS, IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO GIVE CANCELLATION NOTICE TO THE REGISTRAR.

This application will only be accepted if Guidelines for Sponsors are initialed.

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!** Before you ever approach them about attending an Emmaus weekend (don't sponsor a pilgrim "because they need it"; pray that they are spiritually, mentally and physically ready to attend a Walk); after they have applied to attend the Walk; while they are on the Walk; and when they return from the Walk.
- 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. (This book can be purchased from the BVEC - \$3.00.)
- 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 Liability Release 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: Books, radios, clocks, cellular phones, pagers, cameras (cameras are prohibited during an Emmaus Walk), food, etc.
- 5. BRING YOUR PILGRIM TO THE WALK SITE BETWEEN 6:00 AND 6:30 P.M. ON THURSDAY.** Do not arrive earlier than 6 pm nor later than 6:30 pm. Be sure they have eaten their evening meal before they arrive at the camp. After escorting your Pilgrim to Registration, take Pilgrims bags to the appropriate cabin and make the bed for your Pilgrim. **Stay for Sponsor's Prayer Hour:** 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the Chapel.
- 6. 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 cannot take care of these things, find someone who can. The pilgrim needs to know all these things are taken care of so their mind can be at the Walk and not at home.
- 7. WRITE AND COLLECT AGAPE LETTERS.** Write a personal agape letter to your pilgrim and arrange for other letters from spouse, children, relatives, and close friends. Only about 12 letters will be placed in the letterbag that the pilgrim receives, the remainder will be placed in a ziplock bag and placed in their Closing sack in their cabin for reading later. Please be sure to note on the envelopes of the letters from spouse, children, sponsor and other letters that should be included in the first group that the pilgrim receives. A collection box for Agape letters will be at Sponsor's Hour and at Candlelight.
- 8. Make and Bring Agape Items and Snack Foods to the Walk.** Bring your pilgrim's favorite snack food and drink for snack table.
- 9. PRAYER AGAPE:** Prayer is the most important thing you will do for your pilgrim. **Sign up for the prayer vigil.**
- 10. ATTEND CANDLELIGHT: THIS IS A MUST – SATURDAY – 7:30 P.M.** Wear a white shirt/blouse if available. Try to sit in a location which will make it easy for your pilgrim to see you. Do not reach out to your pilgrim as he/she passes by! After leaving the service, please keep noise/visitation to a minimum as this noise can penetrate the sanctuary where the pilgrims are still in worship.
- 11. BE THERE FOR CLOSING – SUNDAY – 4:00 P.M.** Only in cases of emergency should you ever consider not attending a closing. But 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.**
- 12. FOLLOW-UP:** Be sure to make contact – especially the next day. Escort the new pilgrim to the next Gathering. Persevere in helping your Pilgrim to join a Reunion Group. **CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR YOUR PILGRIM.**

Remember "**CHRIST IS COUNTING ON YOU**".

Initial this page if you understand and will adhere to these points! _____ Date: _____