

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

2830 Camp Creek Cemetary Rd.
Franklin, TX 77856

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 \$175.00 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?

I realize, as a sponsor, I cannot work in any capacity during this walk. Initials: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ Date: _____

BEFORE MAILING, CHECK 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

Prior to the Walk

- ✓ Pray for my pilgrim. 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
- ✓ Sign up for a designated prayer time slot on the BVEC Prayer Vigil.
- ✓ If my pilgrim is married, present the Walk to Emmaus to the spouse as well, answer any questions my pilgrim has.. 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.)
- ✓ Complete the Sponsor Application form and the Pilgrim Application form, obtain their pastor's signature on the Pilgrim Application and submit both to BVEC Registrar, along with the Walk fee payment.
- ✓ Explain to my pilgrim what to bring to the Walk: Comfortable clothing and shoes, jacket, umbrella, flashlight, insect repellent, medications, personal items, extra bath towels. **Do Not Bring:** Books, radios, clocks, cellular phones, pagers, cameras (cameras are prohibited during an Emmaus Walk), food, etc.
- ✓ Write my own personal agape letter to my pilgrim.
- ✓ Obtain letters from 8-12 family members 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.
- ✓ Make arrangements to take care of the pilgrim's personal responsibilities during the Walk weekend, such as child care, meals, house-sitting, pets, mail, plants, carpools, 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.

Walk Weekend

Thursday:

- ✓ Pray for my pilgrim.
- ✓ Make sure I have my own personal agape letter for the pilgrim.
- ✓ Make sure I have the 8-12 letters from family members and close friends, including the pilgrim's spouse if he/she is married.
- ✓ Clearly mark the letters. In the upper left hand corner of all the envelopes, I have put who the letter is spouse, sponsor, child, close friend, etc.) In the center of all the envelopes, I have written the pilgrim's FIRST and LAST NAME.
- ✓ Take my pilgrim to Walk location, arriving 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.
- ✓ Give the LETTERS and any AGAPE to the WALK TEAM. Bring your pilgrim's favorite snack food and drink for snack table.

Friday:

- ✓ Pray for my pilgrim.

Saturday:

- ✓ Pray for my pilgrim.
- ✓ Attend Candlelight, arriving at location by 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.

Sunday:

- ✓ Pray for my pilgrim.
- ✓ Attend Closing, arriving at location by 4:00 p.m.
- ✓ Give any personal agape I may have to my pilgrim at THIS time and NOT prior to the Walk.
- ✓ Take my pilgrim home.

After The Walk:

- ✓ Prays for my pilgrim.
- ✓ Check on my pilgrim to see if they have questions and to make sure everything is OK.
- ✓ Help my pilgrim get established in a reunion accountability group.
- ✓ Bring my pilgrim to the scheduled Fourth Day meeting and BVEC Gathering.

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

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