



LITTLE EGYPT WALK TO EMMAUS SPONSOR'S APPLICATION

Pilgrim applications- early bird special price \$90 if in by February 8, 2020, after that the fee is \$120. Application deadline March 1, 2020. Applications received after that date are considered on a case by case basis. All applications should be downloaded filled in and mailed to:
**Little Egypt Walk to Emmaus
P.O. Box 522
Marion, IL 62959**

Male _____ Female _____ **Please Print Legibly**
Weekend Dates: Men's March 19-22, 2020 Women's March 26-29, 2020

Candidate's Name _____ Sponsor's Name _____
Sponsor's Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Sponsor Phone _____ Sponsor Email _____
Church Sponsor Attends _____
Sponsor's Pastor's Name _____ Pastor's Phone _____
Pastor's Email _____

Sponsorship training is required prior to sponsoring a pilgrim. Training is offered at every gathering.

Have you attended Sponsorship Training? _____ Date of training _____
How long have you known the candidate _____ Have you explained the Walk to Emmaus to the candidate? _____
If candidate is married, have you explained the Emmaus Walk to his/her spouse? _____

Is the spouse planning to attend? _____ If no, why not? _____

If the spouse previously attended when/where? _____

What do you think the Emmaus experience can do for this candidate? _____

What do you think this candidate can do for his/her church, family, community after the Walk? _____

Does this person have skills or gifts he / she might share with LEWE on future Walks? _____

If yes, please describe _____

Have you carefully prayed about your sponsorship of this person? _____

Will you bring candidate to Sendoff, participate in Sponsors Hour, Candlelight and Closing? _____

Can you care for the needs of the candidate's family during the weekend? _____

Are you aware that you should have only minimal contact with candidates during the weekend? _____

Will you support your candidate in his/her 4th Day and help find him/her a reunion group? _____

Will you commit to brining your candidate to the first two gathering after his/her walk? _____

To the best of your knowledge, has the candidate had any significant changes (not necessarily bad) in his/her life during the past year (deaths, births, moves, job changes, marital status, emotional stress, mental trauma, illness or other changes)? If yes, please explain type of change _____

Does this person have any physical or dietary conditions they may be reluctant to tell us about, that if we were aware of, would allow us to make provisions for their weekend to be more comfortable? _____

Does your candidate need a scholarship? No _____ Full _____ Partial _____

Please enclose a deposit of \$25.00. This will be applied toward the total cost.

Make checks payable to: Little Egypt Walk to Emmaus.

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RESPONSIBILITIES OF A GOOD SPONSOR

So you have carefully and prayerfully considered a prospective candidate... Now what????!!

1. Pray for the person(s) openness to God's call to discipleship (not how to get him/her to go on a Walk!)
2. Make an appointment with the person or couple for the purpose of discussing his/her/their participation in Emmaus.
3. Extend an invitation to attend a Walk for the sake of a more vital relationship with Jesus Christ (not a weekend to get away, etc.) Share your faith. Explain that the purpose of the Emmaus Walk is the development of Christian leaders and renewal of the Church. Explain the basic elements of the Walk, Thursday evening through Sunday. You may explain the talks, the ecumenical aspects, etc., and explain the follow-up dimensions which help us live in grace for the rest of our lives (4th day), the reunion groups and gatherings. Have the attitude that you are giving them a wonderful gift (not that they NEED to go).
4. You may wish to pay for part or all of their expenses of the weekend.
5. Ask the person(s) to make a commitment by filling out the registration form. If the person is married, speak to both partners and encourage an equal commitment. If both spouses are eligible to attend (refer to eligibility criteria in sponsorship training manual available at sponsorship training prior to gatherings), both should commit to attend the Walk. If only one is applying and both are eligible, the applicant will be asked to wait, pray for spouse to make a commitment to also attend, and reapply at a later date.
6. Continue to pray, prepare your agape letter, enlist the support of their pastor. Collect 8-12 agape letters. Sometimes this can be the most meaningful event of the weekend – especially letters from family and friends even though they are not a part of the Emmaus community. This can often take a great deal of effort on your part, but can be extremely rewarding. Do NOT ask the team to deliver personal gifts during the weekend – save that for 4th day.
7. Support the Walk through your prayers during the 72 hour prayer vigil, your presence at sendoff, sponsor's hour, candlelight and closing. Support the pilgrim's family by house sitting, babysitting, watering plants, picking up mail, feeding pets, or just checking with spouse to see if anything is needed.
8. Encourage 4th Day involvement. After the Walk, call the person(s) you sponsored. Sometimes people are excited about changing the world, but the fire can die if it is not fed. Give your pilgrim(s) an opportunity to talk through the experience.
9. Invite your pilgrim(s) as your guest for the first few gatherings.
10. Help your pilgrim(s) get started in a reunion group or perhaps start one with them for a time.
11. Inform the pilgrim(s) of how he/she can serve the Emmaus community and future Walks, and especially how to be a good sponsor.

Sponsorship is an act of love for God, for the pilgrim, for the Emmaus community and for the church. It is a demonstration of agape love – making oneself an instrument of prevenient grace.