



In order to provide easy access to the application for the walks in 2010, we are emailing this to you. Sponsorship is vital to the Walk to Emmaus. We want to make it easier to sponsor a pilgrim. Please print out as many applications as you need. We have also attached a brief summary of your duties as a sponsor. Kindly review these and prepare yourself as a sponsor.

Have a blessed day,

Sharon Gladstone

Northwest Georgia Walk to Emmaus Board Chair



2010 Application

APPLICANT INFORMATION: *One application per person*

THIS IS ONLY AN APPLICATION. Notification of your enrollment for the weekend will be made by mail. After you have completed your part of this application, please give it to your sponsor. All information will be kept confidential. INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE RETURNED.

PLEASE PRINT

County _____

Name _____ Name you wish on your name tag _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone (____) _____ Bus Phone (____) _____ Email address _____

Age _____ Occupation _____ Marital Status _____ Spouse's Name _____

Has Spouse attended a Weekend? _____ Where _____ When _____

Church _____ Member _____ Regular Attendee _____

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

DATES:

- Men #47 () March 4 – 7, 2010 Men's #48 () September 30 – October 3, 2010
- Womens # 48 () March 11 – 14, 2010 Women's #49 () October 7 – 10, 2010

Be sure to check these dates carefully. PLEASE mark the weekend of your choice with an "X" and any weekend you CANNOT attend with "NO." The number of applicants per weekend is limited. Married couples should attend consecutive weekends. If the weekend of your choice is not available, the NWGWTE Registration team will call you to discuss other available dates. A \$25.00 deposit is required with the application and the \$60.00 balance is due at Send-Off. The total registration fee is \$85.00. Deposit is non-refundable.

MEDICAL INFORMATION:

List medical allergies, medications being taken, medical problems, special diet, special needs, or other pertinent information

Name and phone # of a relative not living with you _____ (____) _____

APPLICANT'S PASTOR INFORMATION: *(This signature is required)*

Pastor Signature _____ Print Pastor's Name _____

Pastor's Phone Number _____ Church _____

COMPLETED APPLICATIONS:

Sponsors: Please mail this completed application to:

Evelyn Waters
2291 Hiram Sudie Rd.
Hiram, GA 30141
404-513-3847

Date Received _____
Check Amount _____
Spouse App. _____
Hold Until _____

Northwest Georgia Sponsorship Form

Date of Walk requested for the Pilgrim _____

Sponsor Information

Name _____

Church _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____ Phone Number _____

E-Mail Address _____ Date of your walk _____

SPONSORSHIP

Each person who attends The Walk to Emmaus® has a sponsor.

Sponsor

A sponsor is a person who has been through an Emmaus experience and is willing to share that experience with another new Emmaus participant. The sponsorship of a previous participant frees the current participant from any personal responsibilities that might distract him or her while on the experience. Sponsorship also under girds each participant's 72-hour experience with prayer and other expressions of God's love.

Purpose

The aim of a sponsor should not be "to get all my friends to go," to fill up the weekend, to fix people's problems, or to reproduce one's own religious experience in others. Rather, the aim of the sponsor is to bring spiritual revitalization to Christians who will, in turn, bring new life and vision to the work of the church in the congregation, home, workplace, and community. The aim of sponsorship is to build up the Body of Christ.

Responsibilities

Sponsorship is an act of love for God, for the participants in the Walk to Emmaus, for the Emmaus Community, and for the church. It is a demonstration of agape love. A sponsor will:

- Pray for the participant's openness to God's call to discipleship.
- Make an appointment with the participant (or participating couple) to discuss his or her participation in Emmaus.
- Invite the participant to take part in Emmaus for the sake of a more vital relationship with Jesus Christ. The sponsor shares his or her faith, explains the basic purpose, elements, and follow-up dimensions of the Walk.
- Ask the participant to make a commitment by filling out a registration form. If the participant is married, the sponsor will speak with both partners and encourage an equal commitment by both spouses.
- Support the participant's Walk through prayers and otherwise. The sponsor will also support the participant's family by house-sitting, baby-sitting, watering plants, picking up mail, feeding pets, or just checking in with a spouse to see if any help or support is needed.
- Encourage the participant in his/her continued journey and take the participant to Emmaus "gatherings" after the Walk weekend is over.
- Help the participant re-enter his or her church and consider ways to act out new commitment and enthusiasm. You should mentor your Pilgrim for at least a year after their walk.
- Please indicate that you have read all the above information by signing and dating the form.

Signature _____ Date _____

WHAT IS SPONSORSHIP

Sponsorship is the act of your revisiting The Walk to Emmaus experience with the person whom God has laid on your heart. Sponsorship is one of the most important aspects of The Walk to Emmaus. Do not take its responsibilities lightly or carry them out casually or haphazardly. Sponsorship requires extensive prayer, diligent thought, and careful planning and follow-through. The Walk is not for everyone. Be certain that the individual you invite is right for Emmaus and that Emmaus is right for that individual.



PRAYER

Praying is the first step in sponsorship. At this time we commit the process to God. We release to God our control, our desires, and our expectations. As Jesus exemplified while praying in the garden (Matt 6:41-42) we too must put ourselves in the position of allowing God to work through us. As we spend this time in prayer, we need to empty ourselves of self to be filled with God's instruction, God's timing, and God's person for us to sponsor.

WHOM TO SPONSOR

Emmaus is open to members of any Christian Denomination. Emmaus is for the development of Christian Leaders who possess the following:

- Are members of a local church;
- Have a desire to strengthen their spiritual lives; also is the spouse supportive of this decision?
- May have unanswered questions about their faith;
- Understand that being a Christian involves responsibilities;
- Are willing to dedicate their everyday lives to God in an ongoing manner.

The person you sponsor is the seed you are sowing for the future of Emmaus and for future church leadership.

WISE SPONSORSHIP

Wise sponsorship is careful, intentional, prayerful, and purposeful because it results from God's leading. The Pilgrims return to their churches and community renewed in their commitment to be effective disciples. Consider sponsoring those persons who are living a life that is pleasing to God, those who want to grow and increase their knowledge and understanding of God and God's will. Sponsorship offers an opportunity for spiritual revitalization to individual Christians who then serve as vessels of renewal in the Church, congregation, home, workplace and community. Wise Sponsorship builds up the body of Christ.

UNWISE SPONSORSHIP

The Walk to Emmaus is designed to foster Christian Community; it is not a place of theological or religious debate.

A key factor in your consideration is the comfort level of the Pilgrim. Those persons who would find The Walk to Emmaus a discomforting experience should not be pressed to attend.

People involved in emotional distress should be put on a list and contacted after the resolution of their emotional situation. Defer persons with protracted health problems until their health has improved. Consider those facing surgery and those recovering from surgery at a later time. Carefully consider people whose health conditions don't allow them to sit in the conference room chairs for several hours at a time.

These stressful situations may absorb these persons completely, and they will have a difficult time concentrating on Jesus Christ and their relationship with him for seventy two hours. Do not sponsor persons who are not members of a church. These people are not in the position to benefit from Emmaus and then return to their church for additional leadership responsibilities.

Both spouses ideally need to attend The Walk to Emmaus, if a spouse is not supportive of the decision to grow closer to the Lord; a delayed sponsorship might be wise.

Persons, who differ doctrinally from the basic doctrine espoused in The Walk to Emmaus, do not make strong prospects for the walk. Controversy over doctrine causes divisiveness, and The Walk to Emmaus is designed to bring the body of Christ together.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SPONSOR

The sponsor has a long list of responsibilities that extend over a long period of time: from several weeks before the walk, to several months after the walk.

Important steps of responsibility:

- Spend concentrated time in prayer in an effort to discern whom God wants you to sponsor;
- Once you have discerned God's will about whom to contact, you are to continue to spend time in prayer;
- Make an appointment to meet the potential Pilgrim;
- Give your prospect an application;
- Obtain the application, complete the sponsorship form, and then submit;
- Begin preparations to request the personal agape letters for your Pilgrims;
- Contact your Pilgrim as a reminder a few days before the walk;
- Take your Pilgrim to the walk and assist with check in;
- Be a part of the 72 hour prayer vigil for your Pilgrim;
- Be available for any need the Pilgrim's family may have during these 72 hours;
- Attend Saturday candlelight;
- You are to take the new Emmaus Pilgrim to the 4th day meeting and assist him or her in joining a reunion group;
- Getting the new member to gatherings and introducing the new member to others in the Emmaus Community;
- Teach the new Emmaus member how to be a good sponsor

For a more detailed book about Sponsorship; contact

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OR visit our website;
www.nwgwte.net

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Room Ministries; visit:
www.upperroom.org

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