

# Great Plains Emmaus – Walk to Emmaus

## Sponsor Check List

- Tell your pilgrim what to expect** – The 15 talks, praise, worship, communion, prayer, and fellowship are all part of the experience they will share. Keep in mind that there are no secrets about the Walk to Emmaus! You could share every detail of the Walk to Emmaus and God will still touch your pilgrim deeply on their Walk. There are events that some people feel are best if experienced without foreknowledge and anticipation, candlelight, agapé letters, Dying Moments, etc. – but these events should in no way be wrapped in secrecy...it comes across wrong when we act like there is something to hide! Remember, it is not about the three (3) days of the Walk; the Walk to Emmaus is about their 4<sup>th</sup> Days!
- Signature or name of pastor on application.** Emmaus is not in opposition to the church, nor is it a church in itself. Emmaus works in conjunction with, in support of, and submits to the spiritual authority of the local church.
- Pre-registration deposit must accompany application.** A \$25.00 non-refundable deposit must accompany all applications. If the deposit is not included with the application and the Walk fills up, those who have committed with a deposit will have priority. Attendance may be postponed or applications will be returned to the sponsor.
- How to cancel.** Contact both the Walk's Lay Director and the Community Registrar to cancel your pilgrim.
- Solicit and collect agapé letters from their family and friends.** Enlist the support of their pastor when collecting letters. Collect 8 to 12 personal agapé letters. Deliver the letters to the Walk Agapé Room prior to pre-candlelight worship service! **REMEMBER TO WRITE "FAMILY" OR "FRIEND" IN THE UPPER LEFT CORNER OF EACH ENVELOPE AND THE PILGRIM'S NAME IN THE MIDDLE OF THE ENVELOPE!** "Family" letters will get priority during the sorting process. (Up to 12 letters will be delivered to the pilgrim during the Walk...all additional letters will be placed in the pilgrim's closing packets. When you pick your pilgrim up, make time for them to finish reading any access letters prior to taking them home.)
- Support the Walk through your prayers.** Attend Sponsor's Hour and Candlelight Prayer Service. Sign-up for the 72-Hour Prayer Vigil.

### Sponsoring a pilgrim during the walk.

- Make and bring agapé.** You should plan on 70 items for "Pillow Agapé". Your Reunion Group, or the sponsor usually creates Agapé. Never put your name on the agapé; the reunion group name of Church group should be on the agapé.
- Continue to pray for your pilgrim.** That their hearts would be open to His call, also pray during the time you signed-up for on the 72-Hour Prayer Vigil.
- Do not forget to take your Emmaus pouch!** (i.e. your bread, book, and cross)
- Take your pilgrim to the Emmaus Walk.** They should never drive to or from the walk.
- Bring snacks and drinks for you pilgrim.** Find out your pilgrim's favorite snacks and drinks and take some to the Walk for them so the pilgrims can better enjoy their walk by sharing their favorite foods.
- Load and carry your pilgrim's luggage.** They should never carry their luggage on the walk. If you are unable to carry, be sure to find a worker to carry it for you!
- Take them out to eat, unless there is a "Send-Off Potluck Dinner".** It's a nice gesture to allow them to choose the restaurant; it should be someplace where the pilgrim feels "they are someone very important and special". **NOTE: (The Great Plains Emmaus Group does a Send-off Potluck Dinner, so bring a potluck dish.)**
- Be present for the whole "Send-Off", don't just drop your pilgrim off, stay for "Sponsor's Hour".**
- Support the pilgrim's family:** (see examples listed)
 

<input type="checkbox"/> House sitting.	<input type="checkbox"/> Take on some of their chores if needed.
<input type="checkbox"/> Baby sitting.	<input type="checkbox"/> Take food to those left at home.
<input type="checkbox"/> Watering plants.	<input type="checkbox"/> Checking with their spouse to see if any additional help is needed.
<input type="checkbox"/> Picking up mail.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Feeding pets or tending livestock.	
- Help with Agapé Feast.** The meal that follows Candlelight, bring something special for all to eat.
- Be present at "Closing".**
- Load and carry your pilgrim's luggage.** They should never carry their luggage on the walk.
- Take your pilgrim home from the Emmaus Walk.** You took them to the walk; they obviously will need a ride home. They should never drive to or from the walk.

### Sponsoring a pilgrim after his/her walk.

- Encourage the pilgrim in his/her Fourth Day involvement.** (see examples listed)
  - Help them find a reunion group.** Just as the flame of a hot burning coal dies down if it is removed from other embers, so will the fire in the life of a pilgrim who is left alone. Mentor and keep them with other embers so their flame never dies down.
  - Be prepared to start a reunion group.** Start a reunion group with him/her for a period of time until they find others to be in the reunion group.
  - Take them to Gatherings as your guest for a couple of months.**
- Help the pilgrim re-enter their church and consider ways to act out their renewed commitment and enthusiasm.**
- Inform the pilgrim how he/she can serve the Emmaus Community and future walks.** (see examples listed)
  - Support other Walks through your prayers.** Sign-up for the 72-Hour Prayer Vigils.
  - Sponsor a Pilgrim.** Sponsorship is an act of love for God, pilgrims, the Emmaus Community, and for the Church. It is a demonstration of agapé love. It is making oneself an instrument of prevenient grace.
  - Volunteer to Work a "Walk".** The Lay Leader with the help of the Team Selection Committee will select the workers and the tasks they will have for a "Walk" from those who volunteer. When working your 1<sup>st</sup> walk, you will most often be tasked with a "Background" roll, which might include Chapel Team, Bed Agapé, or Food Agapé.