

FLORIDA SONRISE WALK TO EMMAUS

SPONSORSHIP GUIDELINES AND APPLICATION INFORMATION



All information is required. Incomplete applications will be returned to the sponsor. Please print legibly. This application is a request for participation and its submittal does not guarantee acceptance. Placement is made on a first-come basis and using Emmaus guidelines. Applicants will be notified of acceptance by letter several weeks before the *Walk to Emmaus*. Please note that if you are assigned to a Walk and you cancel for two successive times, you will be expected to re-apply.

Applicant request to attend the Florida Sunrise Walk to Emmaus:

Name: _____ Name for name tag: _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ State: ___ ZIP: _____
 Phones (H): _____ (C): _____ (W): _____ E-Mail: _____
 DOB: ___/___/_____ Gender: ___ Occupation: _____ Clergy: Y/N
 Marital Status: Married Divorced Widowed Single Separated Spouse's Name: _____
 Has your spouse attended a 3-day weekend: Yes No Has Applied N/A
 Walk Preference: Next Available OR Year: _____ Spring Fall
 Church you regularly attend: _____
 Please list religious/community activities in which you are actively involved: _____

Medical/Assistance/Emergency Contact

If you require physical assistance (i.e. handicap restrooms) please explain:

Are you on special medications with time dosages? Yes No Time of medications: _____
 Any dietary needs including food allergies? Please note we cannot accommodate weight-loss diets due to kitchen restrictions:

Please check all of the following that apply:

Smoker Snorer Sleep apnea machine Lower Bunk Hearing or Vision deficit
 Has the Walk to Emmaus been explained to you? Yes No **(If not, please ask your sponsor!!!)**

Emergency Contact:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____
 Primary Phone: _____

I understand that this is a request for reservation and that receipt of this application does not guarantee me a spot on the requested weekend. I further understand that the Walk to Emmaus is an opportunity to sit at Jesus' feet for 72 hours. To that end, I will plan to be at the walk site from Thursday evening until Sunday evening. I will leave all diversions such as cell phones, cameras and other electronic devices at home. In humility and dependence on God, I will be cooperative, teachable and loving to all others I encounter on the walk.

Signature: _____ **Date:** ___/___/_____

Pastor's Endorsement: The Applicant is an active member (attendee) of _____, the church where I am the pastor. I know of no physical, psychological, emotional or spiritual problems that should hinder either the Applicant making the Walk to Emmaus or the experience of others on the Walk. The Applicant has my support to attend a Walk.

Pastor Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: ___/___/_____

SPONSORSHIP GUIDELINES

When you have a prospective pilgrim in mind, follow these suggested steps, keeping in mind that the weekend is for those who are actively participating in a local congregation. The Florida Sunrise Emmaus Board follows The Upper Room recommendation that no more than 6 people from one church per Walk will be accepted. Completed applications (pilgrim & sponsor sections) will be processed in the order they are received.

1. **PRAY:** Prayer should be focused on how this person can become a more vitally alive Christian in helping bring God's kingdom into his/her natural environment rather than on how to get this person to attend the weekend.
2. **EQUAL COMMITMENT RULE:** Husbands and wives should make an equal commitment to attendance on the Walk. Reasons why this is important: (a) Emmaus can indirectly strengthen the spiritual bond in a marriage; (b) it guards against the Emmaus experience becoming a separating influence in a marriage. If the pilgrim's spouse does not want to attend the Walk to Emmaus at this time, a written statement from the pilgrim's pastor is required. Applications without a written statement from the pilgrims' pastor will be considered for acceptance by the Board of Directors of Florida Sunrise Emmaus.
3. **THE INVITATION:** Make an appointment to make the invitation. If married, be sure to include the spouse. Make it a personal invitation to enrich their faith and thus become a more effective disciple. After sharing your own experience, make sure the person knows your invitation is to a more vitally alive relationship with Jesus Christ, not just to attend a weekend. You should carefully explain each of the following: (a) reunion groups, (b) monthly gatherings, and (c) renewed interest in serving one's own church.
4. **APPLICATION:** Assist the pilgrim in completing the registration form, answering any questions they may have. If married, each spouse must fill out a separate form. Have the form signed by the pilgrim's pastor. Later fill out the sponsor's form and mail both to Florida Sunrise Emmaus as quickly as possible. If all blanks are not filled on both forms, they will be returned as incomplete. Operating expenses for the Emmaus weekends are paid out of love by the Florida Sunrise Emmaus Community. If you are a sponsor, please contribute what you feel comfortable donating and whatever amount will not place a financial burden on you but please donate something. A weekend will typically cost \$125 per person. Make checks payable to Florida Sunrise Emmaus.
5. **CONTINUING PREPARATION:** Continue to pray for and stay close to your pilgrim to answer any questions that may arise. If the person's pastor has not attended, you will want to explain the Walk to Emmaus and enlist prayers and support. Help the pastor to visualize how this spiritually renewed person can be used in the ministry of the church.
6. **WEEKEND RESPONSIBILITIES:** If the pilgrim has a family, make sure you pay attention to them during the weekend. The team will take good care of your pilgrim. It is very important that you personally bring the pilgrim to Send Off. Candlelight is often the highlight of the weekend, so plan to be there to support your pilgrim, and make sure the spouse attends if they have been on their Walk. At Closing, be ready to hug and welcome your pilgrim to the Community. Plan to return them to their home at the end of the weekend.
7. **FOURTH DAY:** Assist your pilgrim to get into a Reunion Group. Invite them to come to yours, or advise them of others you are aware. This is perhaps the most important aspect of remaining active in Emmaus. Offer to bring your pilgrim to the next few monthly Gatherings following their Walk. Make sure the pilgrim goes back to their church with an enthusiastic, positive, supportive attitude. Help the person understand how the Community functions and explain ways they can serve. Help them to remember a Community is committed to recruiting strong church leaders for the purpose of strengthening the local church and the Walk is not a hospital where every human ill can be cured. Help them discern the people who would respond to a weekend of love and thus become more vitally alive in their church, home, vocation, and community. Help them with all steps of sponsoring others the first time through.

PILGRIM'S NAME: _____

Sponsor's Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phones (H): _____ (C): _____ (W): _____ email: _____

Church Attending: _____

Original Walk/Flight/Journey: Community: _____ When? _____ Walk#? _____

Are you a member of a reunion group? Yes No If yes, when and where? _____

Are you a first time sponsor? Yes No If yes, who is your co-sponsor? _____

Do you receive the newsletter? Yes No If no, would you like to receive it? Email US Mail

How long have you known your pilgrim? _____ What is your relationship with the pilgrim? _____

Why do you feel that this person would be a good pilgrim? _____

Do you understand that your commitment to sponsor an Emmaus pilgrim is a life-long one realized through your prayer and support and is a commitment that should not be taken lightly? Yes No

Have you fully explained the Emmaus program to your pilgrim? Yes No

Will you assist your pilgrim in getting into a reunion group? Yes No

Will you pray for your pilgrim? Yes No

Will you bring your pilgrim to Send Off? Yes No

Will you attend Sponsor's Hour, Candlelight and Closing? Yes No

Will you care for the needs of your pilgrim's family during the weekend? Yes No

Will you bring your pilgrim to the 4th day Gathering after the weekend? Yes No

Have you made your pilgrim aware that there will be limited contact outside of the weekend participants? Yes No

Have you informed your pilgrim that cameras, cell phones and other electronic devices are not allowed and should be left at home? Yes No

If your pilgrim is married, have you discussed the Walk to Emmaus with the spouse? Yes No

Have you followed the guidelines regarding the equal commitment rule, and if this pilgrim's spouse does not want to attend the Walk to Emmaus at this time, a written statement from the pilgrim's pastor is attached. Yes No

Does your pilgrim have the necessary physical and mental health needed to attend the walk? Yes No

Is your pilgrim under any emotional strain that would hinder theirs or others' participation? Yes No

Have you stressed the importance of commitment to the entire weekend, noting that pilgrims will not be allowed to leave or make phone calls, except in emergencies? Yes No

By signing this application, you are accepting and agreeing to uphold the responsibilities set forth in the accompanying Sponsor Guidelines. If you personally cannot fulfill the duties described above, you will make arrangements in advance for a co-sponsor on your behalf. Before you return this application, please verify that all information is accurate and legible. Incomplete applications will be returned to you.

Signature: _____ **Date:** ____/____/____

Return registration forms to: Registrar, Florida Sunrise Emmaus, PO Box 731043, Ormond Beach, FL 32173-1043