

Lagniappe Country Walk to Emmaus – Sponsorship

Sponsorship is an act of love for God, for the Pilgrims, for the church, and for the Emmaus Community. It is a demonstration of agape love and an instrument of prevenient Grace.

How To Sponsor Others. When you agree to sponsor a Pilgrim for the weekend, you accept certain responsibilities for that person.

1. Prayerfully consider whom you could make a commitment to sponsor. Pray for the person's openness to God's call to discipleship.
2. Make an appointment with the person (or participating couple) to discuss their participation in Emmaus.
3. Invite them to take part in Emmaus for the sake of a more vital relationship with Jesus Christ. Share your own faith. Explain the basic purpose, elements of the Walk, and follow-up dimensions which help us live in grace for the rest of our lives. Have the attitude that you are giving them a wonderful gift, rather than that they need to go. Information about Emmaus is available at web sites: www.lcwe.org and www.upperroom.org/emmaus
4. Ask them to make a commitment by filling out the Walk application form. If the person is married, speak with both partners and encourage an equal commitment by both spouses. Make sure the application is completed fully by the participant and you, the sponsor.
5. Continue to pray. Solicit eight to twelve personal agape letters from family and friends of the participant in advance of the weekend. Make sure the participant understands, in advance, that watches and cell phones, etc. are to be left at home, and that there will be able a means to contact them during the weekend in case of emergency.
6. On the evening the Walk begins, give the participant transportation to Send Off, carry their luggage as an act of servanthood, and walk them through the registration process. Assure them that you will be back at the end of the weekend to drive them home as well.
7. Support the Walk through your prayers during the 72 hour prayer vigil and your presence at the Send Off, Sponsors Hour, Candlelight, and Closing. Support the Pilgrim's family by house sitting, baby sitting, and watering plants, picking up the mail, feeding pets or just checking in with the spouse to see if any help is needed.
8. After the weekend, continue your prayers and spiritual support for the participant. Encourage his or her Fourth day involvement, to attend the Fourth Day gathering, monthly Emmaus gatherings and help them find a reunion group or be prepared to start a group with them. Consider taking them to Gatherings as your guest for a couple of months.
9. Help the pilgrim re-enter their Church and consider ways to act out their new commitment and enthusiasm.
10. Inform the Pilgrim of opportunities to serve the Emmaus community.
11. Help the Pilgrim sponsor others.

Scholarships

My God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. Phil. 4:19

It is the desire of the Lagniappe Country Emmaus Community that no one should be turned away from the Walk to Emmaus because of financial circumstances. If the pilgrim has means to meet the obligation themselves, it is a good thing for the pilgrim to be invested in the weekend. However, if the full fee is a problem, contact the Treasurer of the Lagniappe Country Walk to Emmaus. The Community has a dedicated scholarship fund for pilgrims that need monetary assistance.