

GUIDELINES FOR SPONSORS
REVIEW YOUR COMMITMENT AS A SPONSOR
BEFORE SIGNING AND SUBMITTING THE SPONSOR'S FORM.
RETAIN FOR FUTURE REFERENCE

When you sign an application as someone's sponsor for a weekend, you accept these certain responsibilities for that candidate.

I AGREE TO:

1. **PRAY FOR MY PILGRIM!** Before you ever approach them about attending an Emmaus weekend; after they have applied to attend the Walk; while they are on the Walk; and when they return from the weekend.
2. **TELL MY PILGRIM WHAT THE WEEKEND IS ALL ABOUT.** Don't be secretive. Don't even use the word "secret." Tell them everything. Be open about the talks, table discussions, singing, prayer services, etc. Give them the book, *What Is Emmaus?* by Stephen Bryant to read.
3. **BEFORE MAILING IN THE APPLICATIONS:**
 - **Attend a sponsorship orientation session** (held prior to each HNEC Community Gathering or upon request from any HNEC Board Member).
 - Discuss the Walk to Emmaus with the pilgrim's spouse (if married).
 - Obtain their pastor's signature on the Pilgrim Application.
 - Obtain a check for the \$155 Walk fee, made payable to Houston North Emmaus Community, Inc.
4. **TELL MY PILGRIM WHAT THEY WILL NEED FOR THE WEEKEND AND WHAT THEY WILL NOT NEED.** Needs include: comfortable clothing, jacket, extra pair of shoes, umbrella, flashlight, insect repellent, personal items, medications, money for the book table (optional). What not to bring includes books, radios, clocks, watches, cellular phones, pagers, food, etc.
5. **HELP MY PILGRIM WITH SPECIAL PROBLEMS THAT MAY AFFECT THEM WHILE THEY ARE ON THE WEEKEND,** such as; child care, house sitting, car pools, meals, etc. If you cannot take care of these things, find someone who can.
6. **BRING MY PILGRIM TO THE WALK SITE BETWEEN 6:15 PM AND 7:00 PM ON THURSDAY.** Tell them that a snack supper is provided.
7. **STAY FOR SPONSOR'S PRAYER HOUR (7:15 - 8:15 PM).**
8. **WRITE AN AGAPE LETTER, OBTAIN AGAPE LETTERS FROM OTHERS, AND BRING THE LETTERS TO THE WALK SITE ON THURSDAY.** Write a personal agape letter to my pilgrim and arrange for other letters from spouse, children, relatives and close friends. **Bring all letters on Thursday evening.**
9. **PRAYER AGAPE.** Prayer is the most important thing you will do for your pilgrim.
Sign up for the prayer clock.
10. **ATTEND CANDLELIGHT! THIS IS A MUST! SATURDAY NIGHT, 8:15 PM.**
11. **ATTEND CLOSING ON SUNDAY AT 4:00 PM (sponsors arrive at 3:30 p.m.)** Only in cases of emergency should you ever consider not attending a closing. But, if an emergency arises, make sure someone will represent you for your pilgrim and send a note to him/her explaining your absence. Drive them home from the weekend. **This is not a time for them to be alone.**
12. **FOLLOW UP.** Be sure to make contact, especially the next day. Escort the new pilgrim to the weekend follow-up meeting. Take your Pilgrim to the next gathering. Persevere in helping your Pilgrim to join a Reunion Group. **CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR YOUR PILGRIM.**
13. **CONCERNING THE SATURDAY EVENING AGAPE DINNER.** The Community Servanthood Chairpersons have made prior arrangements with the Fourth Day Community to prepare and serve this dinner. Because of the importance of each pilgrim receiving the same treatment, the spouse's and sponsor's contact with the pilgrim on Saturday is to be limited to Candlelight. Therefore, spouses and sponsors should not be involved in serving at the Saturday Agape dinner. Your cooperation is sincerely appreciated.
14. **To all Fourth Day. The use of cameras is prohibited during an Emmaus Walk!**

Remember, "CHRIST IS COUNTING ON YOU."