

## **Purchase Area Walk to Emmaus SPONSORS GUIDE**

Quality sponsorship is vital to the Walk to Emmaus experience. There is a tendency to underestimate the importance sponsorship has for the Emmaus experience and the people who are on the Walk. We return from our weekends feeling excited and wanting to share the experience of God's unconditional love as it is shown to us, while we may know very little about becoming a sponsor. The following is intended to help all of us increase our skills as sponsors.

The purpose of the Walk To Emmaus is to bring spiritual revitalization to Christians who will, in turn contribute to new life and vision for the work of their local church community—the building up of the body of Christ.

### **FOUR STEPS OF SPONSORSHIP:**

**STEP 1:** Invitation is the first step of sponsorship. Although we want to share the love generated in our weekend, we should not see the purpose of sponsorship as a time to reproduce our weekend for others, to fix somebody's problems or to fill up a weekend. How shall we invite?

1. We should share our excitement and story with others.
2. We should seek out:
  - a. Pastors and lay people who provide leadership in our church communities.
  - b. Christians who are "hungry for something more"
  - c. Less active member who can be rekindled and renewed by God's Grace.
3. Remember that Emmaus is right for many persons but not right for:
  - a. Non-Christians without a relationship with the church or Jesus Christ.
  - b. Persons undergoing a life crisis (death, divorce, etc) or who are emotionally or Psychologically unstable.
  - c. Those who after consideration have said "NO!" (let God determine the right time)
  - d. Those who are looking for an emotional "high"
4. Extend the invitation to the individuals and their spouse, fiancé, when applicable, and help them fill out the registration form. You will fill out the Sponsor's form.

**STEP 2:** Preparation for the weekend is important in many ways:

1. Pray for openness of the person attending the weekend.
2. Make it a point to visit the person or couple and discuss their participation. They will have some apprehension, so don't make things seem too mysterious. Answer all Questions.
3. Prepare agape letters. Enlist the support of their pastor and collect eight to twelve agape letters. (NO personal gifts please).

4. BE Available to help with special needs: Child care, pet care, watering plants, mail, etc.
5. Plan to arrange for transportation to the Emmaus site and accompany the pilgrim there. This is reassuring to the pilgrim and an opportunity to pray for all those on the weekend at the Sponsor's Hour. If you are unable to drive them to the site, make arrangements for their transportation. Check with Registrar: there may be others they can carpool with.

### **STEP 3: DURING THE WEEKEND**

1. Pray constantly for all and especially our pilgrim. Some people use symbols like burning candle or fasting to assist in their prayers.
2. Plan with your Emmaus friends to attend the Candlelight service.
3. Attend the joy and anticipation the Closing Service.
4. Help to pack the car and provide transportation home. Enjoy the ride home, and remember how tired they may be.

### **STEP 4: THE FOURTH DAY**

1. Help your pilgrim to talk through the experience and bring the pilgrim to their first gathering and training.
2. Involve the pilgrim in your local Reunion Group or start one. Invite your pilgrim(s) to gatherings and Emmaus activities during the first few months.
3. Encourage pilgrims to attend as many PAWTE functions as possible.
4. Send "agape" in the form of notes and calls to follow-up.
5. Help the pilgrim to become more involved in his/her church and to find ways to act out God's grace in his/her church community.
6. Help pilgrim to sponsor others.

### **SPONSOR CHECKLIST**

- READ THE PAWTE SPONSOR'S GUIDE AND UNDERSTAND YOUR RESPONSIBILITY
- IDENTIFY A SUITABLE PILGRIM AND INTRODUCE HIM/HER TO EMMAUS
- PRAY WITH THE PILGRIM ABOUT THIS JOURNEY AND TO SEEK GOD'S WILL
- HELP THE PILGRIM COMPLETE THE PAWTE REGISTRATION FORM, INCLUDING OBTAINING THE CLERGY ENDORSEMENT AND EXPLAIN THE WALK FEE OF \$125 (\$25 DEPOSIT AND \$100 AT CHECK-IN)
- COMPLETE THE PAWTE SPONSOR'S APPLICATION
- COLLECT ALL FORMS AND A CHECK FOR THE PILGRIM'S DEPOSIT.
- SEND ALL FORMS AND THE DEPOSIT TO THE PAWTE COMMUNITY REGISTRAR .

# Purchase Area Walk to Emmaus Sponsor Form (ONE PER CANDIDATE)

Please print clearly and fill in all of the blanks



## Section One – General SPONSOR Information

Name:			
Address:			
City:		State:	Zip:
Phone / Cell:		Email:	
Home Church:			
Have you sponsored an Emmaus Pilgrim or Chrysalis Caterpillar before?			
# of your Walk/Flight:		Location:	
Are you in a Fourth Day/Reunion/Emmaus Group?			

## Section Two – Information about the Candidate

Candidate's Name:
How long have you known him/her?
Why do you feel he/she is a good candidate for a Walk to Emmaus?
Does he/she have the physical/mental health needed for a Walk to Emmaus?
Is he/she under any temporary emotional strain?
Does he/she require special help walking, transferring, showering, eating, etc.? If so, please explain.

### Sponsor Acknowledgement & Signature:

I understand the responsibility of being a Sponsor and will endeavor to fulfill this responsibility. I am aware of the importance of minimal contact with the Pilgrim during the weekend.

① Sponsor's Signature:

② Date:

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## Section Three – Your Readiness as a SPONSOR

The Upper Room states that the mission of the Walk to Emmaus is to empower leaders through Emmaus and Chrysalis to be the hands and feet of Christ. As such, it is important that the candidate is a member of a local body of believers.

At a minimum, Sponsors are accountable for the following:

- Transport the candidate to/from the Emmaus weekend
- Prayerfully consider who to sponsor and when to sponsor them (do not try to sponsor too many at once)
- Attend Send-off, Candlelight, and Closing
- If appropriate, support the family of the candidate while the candidate attends the walk
- Ensure arrangements have been made for payment of the weekend fees (**\$25 deposit / \$100 at Sign-in**)
- Collect 8-12 letters from family and friends
- Encourage the candidate to remain involved by attending Gatherings, Send-offs, Candlelights, and Closings.

A **SPONSOR'S GUIDE** is available online at [www.pawte.net](http://www.pawte.net)  
Please refer to this as you and your pilgrim prepare for the weekend.

## Section Four – Delivery of Application and Registration Fee to Registrar

→ **NOTE: This Application must be received by the Registrar 7 days or more prior to the scheduled Walk** ←

☉ **MAIL: CANDIDATE REGISTRATION FORM, SPONSOR FORM, CHECK TO:**

### Checklist:

- Sponsor Form (above)**
- Candidate's Registration (attach please)**
- Clergy Endorsement is signed**
- Deposit of \$25 (\$100 Balance due at sign-in)**

**SPONSOR: Mail Application to:**  
**Registrar: PAWTE Registrar**  
**Address: 750 McDay Lane**  
**Dexter, KY 42036**  
**registrar@pawte.net**



# Purchase Area Walk to Emmaus Candidate Registration Form

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**SPONSOR:** Mail Application to:  
**Registrar:** PAWTE Registrar  
**Address:** 750 McDay Lane  
 Dexter, KY 42036  
 registrar@pawte.net

## Section One – To be completed by the CANDIDATE

Name:		
Name you wish to have on your nametag:		
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Phone/Cell:	Email:	
Occupation:		
Marital Status: <b>S</b> ingle/ <b>M</b> arried/ <b>D</b> ivorced/ <b>W</b> idow	Female/ <b>M</b> ale	Age:
Church you presently attend:		
Church/Religious/Community Organizations & Activities:		
Clergy's Name:	Clergy Phone:	
Has your spouse been on an Emmaus weekend and if so his/her name:		
Are you on a special diet? If so, explain:		
Are you on special medications?		
Do you have any health restrictions/do you need special accommodations? If so, please explain:		
Do you require a lower bunk, or other special needs such as near a power outlet? If so, please explain:		
Do you have food allergies? <b>Y</b> es / <b>N</b> o (If yes, please list them on back of this form)	Do you use a BPAP or CPAP machine? <b>Y</b> es/ <b>N</b> o	
Why do you wish to be involved in the Emmaus Program and what do you expect from it:		
<b>①</b> Candidate Signature:		Date:
Sponsor Name: _____ - Date submitted to sponsor: _____		

## Delivery of Registration Form to Sponsor; Registration Fee

Please complete this Registration Form and **give it to your Sponsor** who will mail it to the Registrar for you

**NOTE:**

This registration form must be received by the Registrar 7 days or more prior to the scheduled Walk  
 The registration fee for the Emmaus Walk is \$125 (\$25 deposit plus \$100 at sign-in)

**Deposit Fee is: \$25** Please make checks payable to: PAWTE (\$100 BALANCE DUE AT SIGN-IN)

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## Clergy Endorsement

The Gospel of St. Luke relates the story of two friends walking along the road from Jerusalem to Emmaus in Luke 14:13-35.

As the friends were sharing their deepest concerns, the risen Christ joined them and explained the scriptures as they walked. The climax of their heart-warming experience was when Christ took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to them. The two had their eyes opened, and they recognized him as the risen Christ.

There will be fifteen presentations led by lay and clergy around the theme of God’s grace and how that grace comes alive in the Christian community and expresses itself in the world. This grace will become personal through a unique approach to table group discussions. Those attending the weekend personally experience God’s grace through prayers and acts of service of a loving support community. Participants will study, discuss, and experience God’s grace.

The Walk to Emmaus teaches basic Christian doctrine and practices: “Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the Lord of Hosts: I am the first and I am the last, and there is no God besides me.” Isaiah 44:6; “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16; “For by grace you have been saved through faith; and not of him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.” John 14:6; “Those who are led by the Spirit of God are the sons of God.” Romans 8:14.

There are two expectations of a person following his or her “Walk to Emmaus.” (1) Expand his or her own inner spiritual life; and (2) Become a more active disciple of Christ in the world through his or her church.

The real focus of the Emmaus Community is not on itself, but on the local church. The objective of Emmaus is to inspire, challenge, and equip the local church members for Christian action in their homes, churches, places of work and communities.

### To be completed by the candidate’s clergy after reading the section above

Candidate’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Clergy Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Clergy Phone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you known the candidate? \_\_\_\_\_

I have read the statement above and attest this candidate is an active member of the church I pastor, and I pledge to support his/her attending the Walk to Emmaus.

Clergy Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_