

Living Waters Emmaus Community of Alabama Inc
Support Team Schedule

SPONSOR'S HOUR COMMITTEE

This committee is responsible for getting the pilgrims started on their Walk to Emmaus and for a worship service immediately following the departure of the pilgrims and team for the conference room.

The service should be simple and low key. Your team will need to arrive at the camp by 5:00 pm. There will be approximately 75-125 people at Sponsor's Hour.

Responsibilities for this committee are:

1. Contact the appropriate member of the Clergy who is performing the Communion service. The Community Spiritual Director will make the call; just verify that the clergy is able to attend. Arrange for people to serve Communion. Double check with clergy.
2. Make sure Worship Committee will have communion table set up and elements available. These are not put out until after the pilgrims leave.
3. Arrange for musicians and song leader. Stress that music for Sponsor's Hour should be low key. The more spirited Emmaus music should be saved for during the walk. Make sure song books are available.
4. Check with the Sponsor's Hour Refreshment Committee, ensure that refreshments are available by 5:30 pm on Thursday evening for the team and early-arriving pilgrims.
5. See that the Dining Hall is set up.
6. Ensure that the large wooden cross is available for hanging the pilgrims' crosses. It should be hidden from view until the pilgrims leave.
7. Get a current list of pilgrims. Make sure you can pronounce all of the names correctly.
8. Ensure that the pilgrims' crosses are available. The Supplies Committee will bring the crosses/lanyards to camp. Take your list of pilgrims and match each cross to the list. Stay in contact with Housing and Registration and remove any names/crosses of pilgrims that are NO SHOWS. It is your responsibility to have this information correct.
9. Coordinate the activities after the conference room team and new pilgrims depart. A major activity during Sponsor's Hour is the hanging of the pilgrim crosses on the large wooden cross. As the name of each pilgrim is called, the cross is handed to the sponsor (or other community member, if the sponsor is not present). The sponsor hangs the pilgrim's cross on the large cross and pauses for a brief silent prayer. As each name is called, the community may respond by saying, "O'Lord, we pray for (pilgrim's name)," followed by a short pause for silent prayer as the cross is hung.
10. After Sponsor's Hour, collect the songbooks. Ensure that someone will take the large wooden cross to the Speakers' Prayer Chapel.

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Agenda for Sponsor's Hour

- 5:00 PM Arrive at Camp
- 5:30 PM Refreshment Table should be available. Check with Sponsor's Hour Refreshment Chair.
- 6:00 PM Get lists of Pilgrims. Match up names with pilgrims crosses.
Store crosses/lanyards out of sight of pilgrims. Have ready for Sponsor's Hour.
Check sound system. Make sure songbooks are in chairs.
Make sure that the BIG cross is in kitchen area.
Arrange for humbles to move cross into Dining Area at start of Sponsor's Hour, after Pilgrims have left.
Make sure Communion elements are available.
Arrange for servers to serve Communion. Check with clergy.
Arrange for someone to take up offering.
- 6:50 PM Get final count on Pilgrims.
Remove any names that are not attending from list and remove that cross from inventory.
- 6:55 PM Musicians begin playing. (Time may vary- don't usually start until all Pilgrim's have arrived. Be Flexible!)
- 7:00 PM Community and pilgrims gather for singing.
- 7:10 PM Welcome by Lay Director who calls Pilgrims by name to Conference Room.
- 7:20 PM Sing "Behold What Manner of Love" as Pilgrims leave to Conference Room.
- 7:30 PM Sponsor's Hour begins.
(Prayer to the Holy Spirit, "Sing Alleluia to the Lord")(This is optional)
Introduce Yourself. Name, Walk, Table, Church
Introduce visitors from other communities.
Brief announcements:
Candlelight -- Saturday at 8:00 pm in Main Chapel.
Closing -- Sunday at 4:00 pm here in Dining Hall.
Follow-up -- time and place
Other announcements about Community related events.
- 7:40 PM Hang pilgrim's crosses and pray for pilgrims.
As sponsors come forward to hang crosses say "O'Lord we pray for (pilgrim's name)".
- 7:55 PM Offering (Say a prayer for the offering).
- 8:00 PM Holy Communion, afterwards ending prayer and Community departs.

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