

APPLICATION TO ATTEND AN NCA EMMAUS WEEKEND

The Gospel of St. Luke relates the story of the risen Christ appearing to two who were going along the road from Jerusalem to Emmaus. Two friends were walking together, sharing their hearts' deepest concerns. The risen Christ joined them and explained the scriptures as they walked, how it was ordained that Christ should suffer and so enter his glory. This experience on the road was a heart-warming one as the risen Christ walked and talked with them. The illuminating climax of the experience was when Christ took bread and said the blessing, then broke it and gave it to them. The two had their eyes opened and they recognized him as the risen Christ and they rushed back to Jerusalem to tell the others. [Luke 24:13-35]

The above story provides the image for the NCA Emmaus weekend, a program that calls forth and renews Christian discipleship. Individuals recommended for the NCA Emmaus weekend should be currently active in a local church and have a desire to deepen their faith and to become closer to Christ in their discipleship. The NCA Emmaus weekend is a three-day experience which takes a New Testament look at Christianity as a lifestyle. It is a highly structured weekend designed to strengthen and renew the faith of Christian people, and through them their families, congregations, and the world in which they live. NCA Emmaus is a combined effort of laity and clergy toward the renewal of the church. The focus of the NCA Emmaus is God as known in Jesus Christ and how that finds expression in the local church. The objective of NCA Emmaus is to inspire, challenge, and equip local church members for Christian action in their homes, churches, and places of work. NCA Emmaus lifts up a way for our grace-filled lives to be lived and shared with others.

The NCA Emmaus weekend is a 72-hour experience. The weekend begins on Thursday evening and ends Sunday evening. At an NCA Emmaus weekend, participants will spend three busy but very enjoyable days at a retreat center. Participants will live and study together in singing, prayer, worship, and discussion. Discussions center around fifteen talks given by laity and clergy that present the theme of God's grace, and how that grace comes alive in the Christian community and expresses itself in the world. Participants in an NCA Emmaus weekend also discover how grace is real in their lives, and how they can live in the life of grace, bringing grace to others. Attendees have the opportunity to participate in the daily celebration of Holy Communion, and to begin to understand more fully the presence of Christ in his body of believers. Participants experience God's grace personally through the prayers and acts of service of a living support community.

Those who attend an NCA Emmaus weekend are encouraged to expand their own spiritual lives through study and congregational participation and become more active disciples of Jesus Christ in the world through their local churches. Emmaus activities are meant to supplement, never to replace, activities in the local church.

SPONSORSHIP

Sponsors will provide information to the applicant to assist him/her in his/her decision to attend a weekend, to help the applicant enter fully into the NCA Emmaus fellowship after the weekend, to provide prayer, other support, and transportation to and from the weekend.

The sponsor is responsible for ensuring properly completed applications are submitted promptly. Please mail the application and the applicant's fee (check or money order, please: do not send cash through the mail) to:

NCA Emmaus
ATTN: Pilgrim Application
P.O. Box 2243
Merrifield, VA 22116

**** Applications can be submitted via email to cand_app@emmausnca.org. For email applications, payment of the application fee must be made via PayPal by sending money to Friends and Family at the email address NCAEtreas@gmail.com before the applicant will be called to attend a weekend.** Please include the applicant's name in the note section.

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NAME (Please Print Clearly)		Name you prefer to be called		Birthdate
STREET ADDRESS (and Apt. no.)		CITY	STATE	ZIP (incl +4)
<input type="checkbox"/> MALE	HOME PHONE	WORK PHONE	CELL PHONE	EMAIL ADDRESS
<input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE				
CHURCH	DENOMINATION	LOCATION (City, State)		

If Married, Spouse's name _____ Has spouse attended Emmaus/Cursillo? _____ Has spouse applied to attend Emmaus/Cursillo? _____
Yes /No Yes /No

Church organizations and activities with which you work:

Please give a brief, frank statement about why you want to attend an NCA Emmaus weekend, what you expect from it, and anything about yourself and your Faith you wish to share.

Do you have any special dietary needs, health problems, or physical limitations that we should be aware of:

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Check here if you are an ordained or licensed Christian minister.

****** Our weekend venue requires all attendees to sign a liability waiver. Please sign the waiver located on page 2 of this form and submit it with your completed application. ******

Additional information for applicants

A one-time application fee of \$35, payable to "NCA Emmaus" must accompany this application. For your convenience, payments can be made via PayPal. Please ask your Sponsor to assist you with paying your fee via PayPal. There will be no additional cost to you for the weekend. The expenses are being underwritten by others who have experienced NCA Emmaus and wish to share it with you.

This is only an application. Your invitation for a particular weekend will be made by telephone and confirmed with you in writing. PLEASE GIVE YOUR APPLICATION TO YOUR SPONSOR. Your sponsor will submit it for you to the P.O. box listed at the top of the form.

THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY SPONSOR

Sponsor's Name _____ Home Phone _____ Email address _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Walk # _____

Please check the application to ensure that all personal information is printed clearly. If not, please print it. A misspelled name or other information usually occurs because the applications coordinator can't read it. Those with valid email addresses will be notified electronically.

Sponsor Signature _____ Date: _____

RELEASE, HOLD HARMLESS & INDEMNIFICATION

In exchange for the right to enter upon property located at 38012 Delta Farm Lane, Middleburg, Virginia (the "Meadowkirk Site") and/or the ability to participate in various activities coordinated by Meadowkirk, Inc., the undersigned Participant agrees to the following:

Participant on behalf of himself or herself, or on behalf of any minor child for whom Participant is the parent or legal guardian, and his or her executor, administrators, assignees or heirs, voluntarily releases, forever discharges, and waives any and all rights and claims for damages, losses, demands and any other actions whatsoever, including all claims for consequential damages, lost earnings or lost profits, which he or she, may have or which may arise against Meadowkirk, Inc., the owner of the Meadowkirk Site, and any of their employees, volunteers, directors, officers, agents, guests, shareholders, and affiliates (together, all such parties are referred to herein as "Meadowkirk"), and including, but not limited to, any and all injuries, damages, or illnesses, which may, in any way whatsoever, arise out of, be related to or be connected with his or her, or the minor child's, presence on the Meadowkirk Site or any activities coordinated by Meadowkirk. Participant hereby expressly assumes the risk of entering the Meadowkirk Site and of taking part in activities coordinated by Meadowkirk.

Participant on behalf of himself or herself, or on behalf of any minor child for whom Participant is the parent or legal guardian, and his or her executor, administrators, assignees or heirs, agrees to indemnify, hold harmless and defend Meadowkirk from any and all fault, liabilities, costs, expenses, claims, demands or lawsuits arising out of, related to or connected with Participant's or the minor child's use of or presence on the Meadowkirk Site or participation in activities coordinated by Meadowkirk, including claims which allege negligent acts or omissions by Meadowkirk. Should any such claim, demand, or lawsuit arise or be asserted in any way whatsoever related thereto, whether arising under the laws of the United States, any state, or under any theory of law or equity, Participant will indemnify, hold harmless and defend Meadowkirk from any and all costs, expenses or liability including, but not limited to, the cost of any settlement or judgment made or rendered against Meadowkirk whether individually or jointly with Participant, together with all costs of court and other costs or expenses incurred in connection with any such claim, demand or lawsuit, including reasonable attorney's fees.

Participant furthermore hereby acknowledges and agrees that he or she has read, understands and will at all times abide by this agreement.

PARTICIPANT

MINOR CHILD (if applicable)

(print minor's name)

Print name

Date