

A Note to Team Applicants:

Many of us would like to serve on an Emmaus team, and it *is* a wonderful experience. However, there are some aspects to serving on a team that you should consider beforehand.

First, it is mathematically impossible for everyone to be selected. Each weekend produces about twice as many new members of the Emmaus community as would be required for a future team. The Team Selection Committee earnestly tries to afford everyone a turn, but it must work within certain guidelines:

- A team needs built-in experience... about two-thirds of the members should have previously served at least once, and key leaders should have served more than once.
- We strive not to have too many members from the same church on any one team.
- An application is considered “received” on the date of receipt by the Team Selection Committee. (For those currently serving on an Emmaus team, the application will be deemed to be received on the date of the next Gathering following the current weekend of service.)

Secondly, team members are not selected for specific jobs. No one has the authority to promise you a particular role. *Every team member must be willing to serve in whatever capacity is needed*. If you accept a team assignment, you are making a commitment to be available for the weekend walk — and for every team meeting and training event before that weekend. Your availability and sacrifice of time really is the “job requirement.”

Finally, each of us must take into account the physical and emotional demands of serving on a team. The joy of teaming is real, but so is the work. Team members are the first up in the morning and last to bed at night — working under pressure is routine. Everyone on the team must carry his or her full load and be ready to pick up a part of someone else's when the unexpected happens... and it always does. And every team member must be ready, willing and able to share his or her faith with any and all others during the weekend, literally at any time.

Just as we acknowledge that a Walk to Emmaus is not for everyone in our churches, serving on a team is not for everyone who attends an Emmaus weekend. Doing so may or may not be the best way that you can serve — only you and God can know this. If, after praying about it, your decision about serving on a team is "Yes," please complete this application form and submit it to the address shown.