Date

Dear Family and Friends of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ has made plans to participate in a very special spiritual life retreat called an Emmaus Walk. This event will happen Thursday through Sunday starting \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at Camp Overlook.

The Walk to Emmaus has an effect somewhat like that walk described in Luke 24:13-35, as a couple returned home to the town of Emmaus following the crucifixion of Christ. They met up with a stranger who, as they walked, interpreted the significant events and purposes being fulfilled. On reaching home and breaking bread with the stranger, the couple realized they were in the very presence of the risen Christ.

Though there is really no walking on our Emmaus Walk, the journey with Christ and others is real. And we do recognize His presence with us in a special and powerful way.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ will be sharing with other "pilgrims" in many ways and will be experiencing many expressions of love through a variety of channels. I am inviting you to share in this.

I hope you will write him/her a letter affirming him/her, expressing how he/she is special to you and how you appreciate him/her. As you write the letter it may help you to know it will be on Sunday afternoon after most of the Emmaus experience has been shared. He/she will be looking toward returning to home, family and friends. I know this will mean a great deal to him/her as it did to me on my walk. I also invite your prayers for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and for those who will be traveling this spiritual road with him/her. I hope the letters will be a surprise for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, so try to avoid mentioning the weekend or letter until after the experience.

Let me also prepare you: like Moses coming down from Mt. Sinai, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_may come off this mountain top experience with God with a special glow. It may be hard for him/her to express the feeling, but you should know that it is a result of God's working through you and others. His Spirit is experienced as a result of prayer and love shared by you and all the people involved in this weekend.

I would like to have your letter by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or sooner. Preferably it should be sealed in its own envelope with both first and last names and then enclosed in another envelope addressed to me at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

If you have any questions, I would be delighted to share more on this with you. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely yours,