

**Emmaus Episcopal Church/Surprise LGBTQ+ & Allies Club  
2017 Phoenix Pride Parade  
Parent Permission Slip**

**Phoenix, Arizona – April 8, 2018**

As the parent/legal guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ permission is hereby given for my child to march with a contingent from Emmaus Episcopal Church & The Surprise LGBTQ+ & Allies Club, in the 2018 Phoenix Pride Parade. **The group will gather between 8:30am & 9:00am** along the parade route/staging area. Please meet us in on the Northeast Corner of **Third Street & Windsor** (Any last-minute changes to exact meeting location will be communicated on the morning of April 8<sup>nd</sup> via text message and posted on the Surprise LGBTQ+ & Allies Facebook page immediately following check-in). Once gathered, Deb Tickell and the Rev. Emilie Finn shall assume leadership and oversight of the groups. Supervision during the day's activities will be provided in accordance with the policies and procedures of the Episcopal Diocese of Arizona. Both Deb and Rev. Emilie have been trained in and will follow the safety protocol set forth by *Safeguarding God's Children*. **The parade will step off at 10:00am and will follow a course along 3<sup>rd</sup> Street between Thomas Rd., and Indian School Rd**, ending at the entrance to the Phoenix Pride Festival. Emmaus will not provide transportation to this event. Student transportation must be provided by/arranged for by their parent. The group shall gather at the parade route de-staging area for a short de-brief. Students will text parents from this debrief to provide approximate pick-up time. In order that all minors may be adequately supervised, Deb & Emilie will lead the group via the Phoenix Light Rail to the Trinity Episcopal Cathedral parking garage located at Central & 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue. Parent pick-up will be at this location. **The group supervisors shall depart downtown Phoenix immediately following our march and no later than 2:30pm.** All participants must have transportation home prior to 2:30pm. **Parents are encouraged to communicate with Deb via text message at (623) 340-7474 during the march to best estimate the parade end time.**

I understand and acknowledge that participation in the activities involves inherent risks of injury to my child including risks associated with transportation by motor vehicle. I agree to indemnify the Parish, Pastors, Volunteers, the Diocese of Arizona, and the Surprise LGBTQ+ & Allies Club for any costs or expenses arising out of my child's participation in the activities including the cost of any medical care given my child or any expenses or fees incurred in any lawsuit arising as a result of any damage or injuries caused by my child in the course of his or her participation in the activity. **I further give my consent** that in my absence the above-named minor may be admitted to any hospital or medical facility for diagnosis and treatment. I request and authorize physicians, dentists, and staff, duly licensed as Doctors of Medicine or Doctors of Dentistry or other such licensed technicians or nurses, to perform any diagnostic procedures, treatment procedures, operative procedures and x-ray treatment of the above minor. I have not been given a guarantee as to the results of examination or treatment. I authorize the hospital or medical facility to dispose of any specimen or tissue taken from the above-named minor. I authorize the Diocese of Arizona and the Surprise LGBTQ+ and Allies Club to use my child's picture or video recording for educational and/or marketing purposes.

Print Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Text updates during march to (cell phone number): \_\_\_\_\_

**All participants will be required to wear appropriate clothing, completely covering the midriff. Water bottles, hats, and sunscreen are strongly encouraged.**

## **A Note for Parents**

### **Regarding Drop-off and Finding Our Group**

Parking/driving to the check-in location may be challenging. Please know that Deb & Emilie will arrive at the staging area prior to 8:15am. We will do our best to hang both banners (Surprise LGBTQ+ & Allies Club & Emmaus Episcopal Church) either from the structure that overhangs the parking lot, or on the wall surrounding the lot. Please know that we represent both groups. Your child may find us under either banner. We will personally wear our Emmaus Episcopal Church t-shirts; other members of the group will wear the purple club t-shirts. You are looking for either blue or purple shirts.

Once with the group, your child agrees to follow all stated instructions given by Deb & Emilie. We do not anticipate any issues, but in the event of an emergency this will help us greatly in keeping our group safe.

### **Communication with Your Child**

For routine matters, text messages are much easier to respond to than calls. Please feel free to send a message to either or both of us if you have any questions or concerns while your child is in our care. **Deb can be reached at (623) 340-7474 and Emilie at (203) 392-4695.** We will check our cell phones periodically throughout the day. Regarding your child's use of cellular devices, we will not take away nor restrict use of your child's device but do ask that you understand the difficulty in hearing notifications and ring tones.

### **Regarding Pick-up**

Following the parade, parent pick up will be from Trinity Episcopal Cathedral's parking garage (located at 100 W. Roosevelt St. Phoenix). Our affiliation with the Episcopal Church, and the very kind Dean of our Cathedral, has allowed us to park the car containing our parade materials in the shade of the Cathedral parking garage. Additionally, this parking garage is located far enough from the parade route to be a safe designated meeting place. For parents, this location also offers both shade, and an adjacent coffee shop/courtyard in which to wait should you arrive for pick up before us.

The cathedral and parking garage are located on the Northwest corner of Central and Roosevelt. The parking garage is directly behind (north of) the cathedral. A small courtyard joins Fair Trade Coffee to the east side of the parking garage. Should we not immediately find you, we will look in the courtyard and inside Fair Trade upon our arrival. Please feel free to wait where you are comfortable. Also, we personally enjoy the menu and the variety of beverages. :-)

### **Debrief and Related Activities**

Immediately following the parade, our group will gather for a short debrief of the experience. Your child is invited to join us for an additional relaxing evening/conversation time later in the evening during what is normally Emmaus' youth and young adult meeting time. Beginning at 5:15pm (following our regularly scheduled worship service), we will gather for a dinner and movie night, which will allow time for additional conversation about what we have seen and experienced during the day. This will also be a time for your child to provide feedback about the organization of our group so that we may improve the process for next year's parade. *Attendance at Emmaus is not required to participate in this movie night and discussion.* We would like to invite all students and young adults to join us for this time.

Our growing church meets in a home chapel located at 13327 N. 152<sup>nd</sup> Ave., Surprise (in Marley Park). Parents are invited to come and see our space and meet our community before dropping off their child! For anyone who wishes, our regular worship service is held Sundays at 4pm at this address. All are welcome! No prior experience needed!

**Thank you for allowing your child to participate. We look forward to fun and safe day!**