



Catholic Committee on Scouting Archdiocese of Cincinnati Quarterly Newsletter

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WINTER 2018/19

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Emblems BORs

January 9-12, 2019

Various locations - See article
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Catholic Scouting Summit

January 20, 2019

2-5:00 pm

Our Lady of Sorrows

Monroe, Ohio

Cathedral Ceremony

March 24, 2019

2-5:00 pm

Saint Peter in Chains

Saint George Trek

Rescheduled to 2020

See article Page 3

2019 Catholic Camporee

November 1-3, 2019

Location TBD

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Religious Emblems Boards of Review

For those Scouts working on the **Ad Altare Dei** and **Pope Pius XII** emblems, a Board of Review is required to complete the Emblem.

These Boards of Review have been scheduled during the week of **January 7-12, 2019** at the locations and times listed here.

All participants MUST PRE-REGISTER for a date and location, even if the location is your Unit's home parish.

NOTE: All Boards must be completed by January 31, 2019.

To pre-register for one of the dates and locations listed here, **please contact one** of the Catholic Committee on Scouting representatives listed below:

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Wednesday, January 9, 2019 – Immaculate Heart of Mary
7800 Beechmont Ave. 45255 in Heritage Hall
6:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Thursday, January 10, 2019 – Saint Ignatius Loyola
5222 North Bend Rd. 45247 in the Hilvert Center
6:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Friday, January 11, 2019 – Saint Susanna
500 Reading Rd. 45040 in the Meyer Center behind school
6:30 pm - 10:00 pm

Saturday, January 12, 2019 – Scout Achievement Center
10078 Reading Rd. 45241
9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Northern area by request – contact Harry Heaton at harryheaton@me.com

Catholic Scouting Summit - Make Plans Now

The annual Catholic Scouting Summit is an opportunity for the Committee to share our plans and vision with Unit Leaders and get your feedback on ways we can improve Catholic Scouting in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

This year the Summit will be held on January 20, 2019 from 2-5:00 pm at our Lady of Sorrows in Monroe. We have changed the date and the location for this meeting this year based on feedback from prior participants.

Please plan to send at least one representative from your Unit to join us for an afternoon of fellowship and interaction to help us make Catholic Scouting in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati the best it can be.

Adult Religious Awards - Nominations Due Soon

In addition to the Religious Emblems available to Scouts, the Committee is also responsible for recognizing adult leaders that have made significant contributions to Catholic Scouting in the Archdiocese.

As your Units are implementing their programs this year, please take the

time to nominate your Religious Emblems Coordinators, Counselors and Facilitators that perform such a critical role in helping your Units and Scouts add "Duty to God" and "A Scout is Reverent" to your programs.

The guidelines for nomination and the required forms are available on the

Archdiocesan website at <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/Adult-Nomination-Form-2017-2018.pdf> or you can reach out to the Committee for further information.

The nomination deadline is February 8, 2019.

Religious Activities - Marian Series



The Marian Series is one of a series of religious activities that honor Mary, the Mother of God. The Church calendar for the United States includes nineteen commemorative Marian feasts. Each activity in this series examines one of the nineteen feasts and focuses on how and why the Church has honored Mary for more than 2,000 years.

A beautiful 3 inch patch is available for each activity and all youths and adults may work on this activity and earn the patch. This activity may be worked on individually or as a group. It is not necessary to send the completed form. An adult may verify the correct answers.

More details and the list of requirements are available on the National Catholic Committee on Scouting at <http://www.nccs-bsa.org/index.php/religious-activities/marian-series/> and at the following detailed links:

[IMMACULATE CONCEPTION](#)
[OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE](#)
[OUR LADY OF LOURDES](#)
[OUR LADY OF SORROWS](#)
[OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL](#)

ELIGIBILITY

All youth and adults—Scouts or non-Scouts, Catholic or non-Catholic, male or female—are welcome to participate in the Religious Activity Programs promoted by the National Catholic Committee on Scouting. These activities include the Rosary Series, the Footsteps of American Saints, the International Catholic Awareness Award, and the Good Turn Project. The activities may be used by families, schools, or any Girl Scout, Boy Scout, Cub Scout, American Heritage Girl, Campfire or Venturer.

ACTIVITY REQUIREMENTS

The youth and adults must perform the requirements for their grade level to complete this activity.

COMPLETION OF THE ACTIVITY

After completing the requirements, a parent or scout leader will complete the Patch Order Form ([Online PDF](#)) and mail it along with the applicable fee to the NCCS. The answers to the questions do not need to be forwarded when ordering the patch.

PRESENTATION OF THE PATCH

Patches are to be presented to those who earned them and can be presented in a formal Awards Mass, Scout meeting, by family members, etc. The key is to make the presentation special, so the youth understand why they have earned this patch. Also, the patch should be presented in a timely manner so the youth is recognized shortly after completing the activity.

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2019 Saint George Trek Rescheduled to 2020

Unfortunately, due to the wildfires at Philmont Scout Ranch in 2018, the National Catholic Committee on Scouting has decided to cancel the 2019 Saint George Trek and reschedule it for the Summer of 2020.

The NCCS issued a statement in June with the details available at the following link:

<https://www.nccs-bsa.org/index.php/june18-stg>

If you are interested in participating in this program in 2020, please review the requirements and trek details on the NCCS webpage at:

www.nccs-bsa.org/index.php/st-george-trek

and then submit your request for consideration to the Catholic Committee Chairman at:

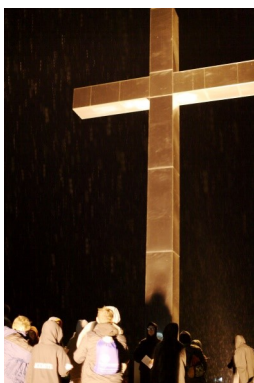
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2018 Catholic Camporee Recap



The 2018 Catholic Camporee was held at Maria Stein Spiritual Center on the November 2-4 and the weekend was a great experience for all attendees.

The weekend opened with Night Prayer around the giant cross on an island at the spiritual center, and despite the cold rain, the prayer was reverent and set the tone for a weekend of Scout games and religious reflection and enrichment.



The event was attended by several troops from all parts of the Archdiocese and a total of about 20 youth and 20 adults attended.

Saturday morning dawned crisp and clear and began with Morning Prayer under the pavilion followed by a day filled with a visit to the Relics Chapel, a 5-mile pilgrimage hike to several



local parishes, realistic first aid training and a fire-building activity.



Saturday concluded with a pot-luck supper hosted by all attendees, Mass in the Chapel, a Vocations Panel discussion and Night Prayer.

On Sunday morning everyone broke camp and then met for Morning Prayer and breakfast before heading back home, enriched by the weekend of prayer, Scout skills and fellowship.



Please plan to join us next year November 1-3, 2019 for this great annual event!



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The mission of the Catholic Committee on Scouting for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati is to provide the guidance and resources necessary to add the elements and principles of the Catholic faith to the Scouting experience for all Units in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

We can only accomplish this mission with the prayers and support of all of our leaders and Scouts so please make it a goal to always include "Duty to God" as a fundamental part of your programs.

Chaplain's Corner - Fr. Brian Phelps

In an October 2016 post on the website <https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org> entitled "Things I Did Because I Was a Boy Scout: An impressive list", Bryan Wendell listed all the things he did as a Boy Scout. They range from building a fire, fixing a flat tire, some election failures in the troop and some election successes in the troop. He talks of doing first aid, cooking, building, and lastly he said "I became a man."

Scouting affords us the opportunities we may not have had anywhere else. It shows us the heights and possibilities we never thought we could do. It challenges us by facing fears and

overcoming them to be a better person. The great number of virtues that a Scout has to offer the world is a well-rounded person who has confidence (but not arrogance), teamwork and leadership, humility, varied skills, and a faith to know that God allows us to work with Him with the skills we attain.

We are now in Advent preparing for Christmas season. A time of renewal, a time of welcoming Jesus in his birth on Christmas and every day into our hearts. As Scouts we see renewal in Scouting and experiencing new things. We now have Family Scouting where both boys and girls will be welcomed.

This change may create new challenges, fears, and issues. Yet, Scouts are given the skills, confidence, leadership, teamwork, and faith to know how to accept these new things and go to new heights to become good faithful human beings, both men and women.

In Christ,

Fr. Brian Phelps
Chaplain

Committee Report - Family Scouting Initiative

The Committee has received several inquiries about the new BSA Family Scouting Initiative.

It is important to note that the Catholic Committee on Scouting does not have the authority to make decisions as to whether or not a Unit may choose to participate in the Family Scouting Initiative by forming all-girl Cub Dens this

year and/or eventually forming all-female Scout Troops starting next year.

This decision will be made by the Archdiocese and work is currently nearing completion by the Archdiocese to prepare an official statement regarding the Family Scouting Initiative.

The Catholic Committee on Scouting

will send out an email and post the final document on Committee webpage when available from the Archdiocese.

Thank you for your patience in this matter.