



DIOCESE OF HARRISBURG—DIOCESAN CATHOLIC COMMITTEE ON SCOUTING

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Retreat Theme: **Spirit of God: Source and Strength**

Dear Scouter,

The 2009 Diocesan Catholic Scout Retreat has been planned for the weekend of September 18, 19 and 20, 2009, at **Camp Bashore, Lebanon County**. The Saturday evening Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, who will present Boy Scout religious emblems (Ad Altare Dei, Pope Paul VI, Pope Pius XII) earned since last year's retreat. To assure that your Scouts receive proper recognition for their achievement, please have all applications completed and mailed by **August 5, 2009**.

This year's program has a format for Scouts and Scouters. Pre-registration by **September 5** at a fee of \$20.00 per person which includes meals, lodging, supplies, and one patch for each participant. The Scout 14-17 may choose to register for the C.O.P.E. course for an additional fee of \$5.00.

All interested Scouts, Scouters, families, and friends are invited to dinner Saturday evening at 4:30 p.m. at a fee of \$15.00 per family or \$5.00 per person.

We encourage all troops to make an effort to attend our retreat. Not only does this event fulfill one of the requirements toward earning the Pope Paul VI Unit Recognition Award, it provides a much needed spiritual exercise for all.

Yes, this is a Catholic retreat **but** every year Scouts of other denominations do attend. We have a non-denominational service on Sunday. All your Scouts – regardless of religious affiliation – will benefit from and have a great time at the Camp Bashore Retreat.

All adult Scouters (including parents) must be in compliance with the BSA Youth Protection Program and with the Diocese of Harrisburg Youth Protection Program unless registered in the following BSA Councils that have requested exemption from our diocesan program: Susquehanna Council, Juniata Valley Council, Mason-Dixon Council.

The Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting wishes to thank the diocesan Office for Youth and Young Adult Ministry for their support of this retreat.

Sincerely,

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The Harrisburg Diocese Committee on Scouting Serves the following counties within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania: Adams, Columbia, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Juniata, Lancaster, Lebanon, Mifflin, Northumberland, Perry, Snyder, Union and York



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ADVENTURE



New Program for Scouts age 14-17

"Spirit of God Trek" is a new program which is designed for Scouts age 14-17. The trek, including the C.O.P.E. course, will be offered at the DCCS retreat September 18, 19, and 20, 2009, at Camp Bashore. The program will run from 9:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Saturday. The Scout should be prepared for a short hike to the location for the session.

The Scouts will be given lunch as part of the trek. The cost of the trek is included in the \$25.00 registration fee for the weekend.

Medical Information/Informed Consent/Hold Harmless Agreement*

- Long pants (**yes** - blue jeans \ heavy cloth, non restricting) **no** - sweats or nylon wind pants
- Long sleeve shirt with comfortable t-shirt
- Bandana
- Sunglasses
- Sturdy footwear (**no** open shoes or sandals)
- Baseball type hat
- Bug spray and suntan lotion
- No jewelry, watches or necklaces
- No large belt buckles or chains hanging from belts
- Necessary prescription medication
- Be prepared for changing weather conditions
- Better to have gear and not use it, than to not have it and need it
- Water bottle 1 quart/32 ounce
- Positive attitude and a smile

***MUST** have signed release forms to present to the C.O.P.E. Director. Sorry, no form, no C.O.P.E., no exceptions

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Camp Bashore, Lebanon County, Pennsylvania

Friday, September 18, 2009

5:00 p.m.	Check-in registration, pitch camp
8:15 p.m.	Reconciliation (confession) at the Mess Hall
8:45 p.m.	Ice breaker and introductory remarks
9:00 p.m.	Mass
10:00 p.m.	Snack
10:15 p.m.	Scouters' Cracker Barrel
11:00 p.m.	Taps, lights out

Saturday, September 19, 2009

6:00 a.m.	Eucharist Adoration for 12 hours with closing Saturday at 5:45 p.m.
6:30 a.m.	Reveille
7:30 a.m.	Breakfast
8:00 a.m.	Reconciliation (confession) at the Mess Hall
8:30 a.m.	Colors
9:00 a.m.	Retreat activities for Scouts; Scouters Development Scouters Ad Altare Dei counselor training Scouters Pope Pius XII moderator training
11:25 a.m.	Free time; Trading Post will be open
12:15 p.m.	Lunch
1:15 p.m.	Retreat activities
2:00 p.m.	Games
2:30 p.m.	DCCS Committee meeting
3:00 p.m.	Free time, Trading Post will be open
3:30 p.m.	Reconciliation (confession) at the Mess Hall
4:30 p.m.	Evening meal - Parents, Friends, Scouts, and Scouters (Those receiving Holy Communion shall abstain from food and drink after 5:15 p.m.)
5:30 p.m.	Colors
6:00 p.m.	Celebration of the Mass and presentation of emblems
7:45 p.m.	Campfire program
9:00 p.m.	Snack
11:00 p.m.	Taps, lights out

Sunday, September 20, 2009

7:00 a.m.	Early bird Mass
7:30 a.m.	Reveille
8:00 a.m.	Colors
8:15 a.m.	Breakfast
9:00 a.m.	Ecumenical service, morning prayers, songs, and readings of Scripture
10:00 a.m.	Patch distribution, retire color
10:00 a.m.	Break camp, clean-up

