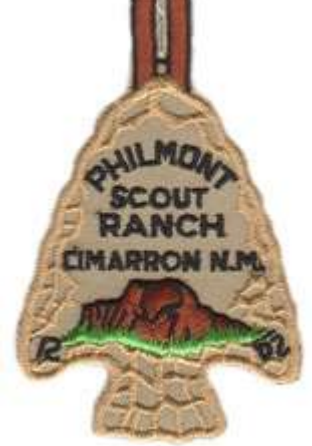




# SAINT GEORGE TREK

## Philmont 2009

July 21, 2009 thru August 5, 2009



The Catholic Committee on Scouting of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles through its affiliation with the National Catholic Committee on Scouting is pleased to announce a high adventure leadership program for older Catholic Boy Scouts and Venture Crew members at Philmont Scout Ranch in northeastern New Mexico from July 21, 2009 thru August 5, 2009.

Designed to develop organizational and relational skills for leadership as well as nourishing the scout's spirituality, the program will bring senior youth from around the country together with selected priests and seminarians for eight days of backpacking on the trail and three days of intensive leadership training at a back country base camp. Three days will be spent at the Madonna Retreat House in Albuquerque, New Mexico preparing for the trek.

In its entirety the program encourages the integration of morality and values, spirituality and faith, and scripture with the responsibilities of Christian Leadership and vocations. Participants will be asked to carry this meaningful experience home with them and become effective peer leaders in their diocese.

The Catholic Committee on Scouting for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles is making available two partial scholarships to the Saint George Trek for qualified Scouts and Venturers. The scholarships provide payment of the seven hundred fifty dollar national program fee. Transportation and incidental expenses are the responsibility of the participant.

Catholic Boy Scouts and Venturers who will be fifteen years of age on or before July 21, 2009 and in High School in the fall of 2009 are eligible to apply. Selection will be made on the basis of demonstrated leadership potential, reception of Scouting's religious emblems, and involvement in church, Catholic Scouting, school and community activities. Girls in Venturing are encouraged to apply as an all-female crew is planned. The decision of the Archdiocesan Screening Committee is final.

Application forms and information may be obtained by calling (818) 715-2007, E-mail, vicechairman @ CCSALA.org or on the website at CCSALA.org.

Completed applications must be postmarked no later than December 31, 2008

# CATHOLIC COMMITTEE ON SCOUTING

## ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES

### 2009 SAINT GEORGE TREK APPLICATION

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ \*

#### PARISH INFORMATION

Parish \_\_\_\_\_ Community \_\_\_\_\_ Pastor \_\_\_\_\_

Parish Activities:

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#### SCHOOL INFORMATION

School \_\_\_\_\_ Current grade \_\_\_\_\_

Honors and Activities:

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#### SCOUT INFORMATION

Unit Number \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Current Leadership Position \_\_\_\_\_

Chartered Partner \_\_\_\_\_ Location \_\_\_\_\_

Past Scouting Leadership Positions:

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Religious Emblems:

Light of Christ \_\_\_\_\_ Parvuli Dei \_\_\_\_\_ Ad Altare Dei \_\_\_\_\_ Pope Pius XII \_\_\_\_\_ Bishop's Emblem \_\_\_\_\_

\* Participant must be 15 years of age on or before July 21, 2009.

**Scouting Activities:** (Include O A, Jamborees, Retreats, Catholic Scouting activities, etc.)

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**Backpacking Experience:** (List date and length)

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### COMMUNITY INFORMATION

**Community Activities:**

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### ESSAY REQUIRED

On a separate piece of paper, in an essay of at least 500 words, indicate why you would like to be selected by the Archdiocese of Los Angeles to attend the 2009 Saint George Trek. In your essay, please refer to the following topics:

1. What does it mean to be a Christian leader?
2. How you feel you will personally benefit from participation in the Saint George Trek.
3. Describe how you feel you might be able to share the things you expect to learn during the Saint George Trek with your fellow scouts here in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

Mail the completed application and essay no later than December 31, 2008 to:

Catholic Committee on Scouting  
Archdiocese of Los Angeles  
2972 Canna Street  
Thousand Oaks, CA 91360

I would be interested in attending the Saint George Trek on a full payment basis if I am not selected for one of the scholarships. (Program fee of \$ 750.00 + transportation costs)

### SIGNATURES REQUIRED:

Pastor of Parish \_\_\_\_\_ Parish \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Scoutmaster \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**THE DECISION OF THE ARCHDIOCESAN SCREENING COMMITTEE IS FINAL.**