

## National Catholic Committee on Scouting

# St. George Trek

July 6 - 21, 2022



#### **General Information**

The Saint George Trek is The National Catholic Committee on Scouting's high adventure Catholic leadership program for older Catholic Boy Scouts and Venture Crew members at Philmont Scout Ranch. The program brings Catholic high school youth from around the country together with selected priests, religious and seminarians for eleven days of backpacking in the context of a vocation retreat.

### **Dates & Itinerary**

The 2022 Saint George Trek begins on Wednesday, July 6, 2022 in Albuquerque, New Mexico, where the participants meet, get to know one another, train, have fun and pray. Then it's off to Philmont Scout Ranch where they will hike the Sangre de Cristo Range of the Rocky Mountains. While hiking, they will experience a program that is designed to encourage the integration of morality, values, spirituality, faith, scripture and vocation in their lives as young Catholic men and women. Before returning home on Thursday, July 21, 2022, they will be asked to commit their own continued discernment as well as bringing their experiences home to their respective dioceses, so they can become effective peer leaders and role models for their fellow scouts.

### **Candidate Qualification/Selection**

Each Arch/diocese is encouraged to conduct a search and nominate one or two Boy Scouts or Venture Crew members for participation in the Trek. Because the program can only accommodate seventy youth, only two participants per diocese will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. Selection of participants is made by the individual Arch/Diocese and should be made on the basis of demonstrated maturity, physical ability, leadership potential, an interest the life of the Church and an openness to the discernment of vocation

The earning of Scouting's Religious Emblems and involvement in church, school and scouting activities should be given consideration. Candidates should be emotionally mature adolescents who will be fifteen years of age on or before July 1, 2022, in High School, no older than 18 years old, and committed to assist their Catholic Committee when they return home. Participants must also have the physical health and stamina to backpack on the mountain trails of Philmont. NO exceptions can be made to these expectations and requirements.

#### Cost

The 2022 fee for the Saint George Trek is \$925 per participant. This fee covers: all Philmont Scout Ranch fees, Retreat House lodging in Albuquerque, Philmont and Retreat House Meals, Roundtrip Chartered bus travel between Albuquerque and Philmont. Not Included in Fee: Transportation to and from Albuquerque, New Mexico, Personal gear, Normal personal expenses. The Archdiocese of Milwaukee Catholic Committee on Scouting and the Office of Catechesis will cover a portion of the cost for the Trek participants.

The above information is from the National Catholic Committee on Scouting website:

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

For more information, contact the Archdiocese of Milwaukee Catholic Committee on Scouting:

https://www.archmil.org/scouts/StGeorgeTrek.htm