



**Catholic Committee on Scouting**  
**Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas**  
**Catholic Youth Ministry Through Scouting Programs**

**September 7-9, 2018**

**Holy Smokes COOKOFF AND CATHOLIC FAMILY CAMPOUT**

The 2018 annual Holy Smokes Cook-off and Family Camp-out will be held at Prairie Star Ranch in Williamsburg, KS on the weekend after Labor Day. This annual kick-off event for the scouting year includes activities for all ages and families. **All youth are invited to join** us for this fun filled event! And PSR offers GREAT activities!

- Campfire Cooking Tournament !!
- Rosary Walk, Mass
- Fishing lakes for fishing, gaga ball pits
- Climbing wall & archery - \$10 wrist band for both activities
- Training for religious awards instructors & for unit chaplains
- Saturday is the campfire cooking competition, Mass, adoration,
- optional - camping (Friday and/or Saturday) under the stars

**February 10, 2019**

**BSA Scout Sunday at local Parishes**

**February 16-17, 2019**

**SCOUTING RETREAT at Prairie Star Ranch in Williamsburg, Kansas**

All Catholic Boys & Girls in 5<sup>th</sup> Grade or older are invited to spend some time with Christ while having a great time with activities, games, prayer and reflection. A winter campout INSIDE the dorms at Prairie Star Ranch!

- There will be a cost of \$45 per Scout & \$15 per adult
- Youth and Adult forms available online
- Arrive: February 16 @ 9:00am
- Depart: February 17 @ 10am
- Experience a retreat with others of your Catholic Faith and satisfy religious emblem requirements

**March ??, 2019**

**DEADLINE: Paul VI Unit Youth & Adult Religious and award applications**

**April ??, 2019**

**SCOUTING AWARDS MASS**

The annual Scouting Awards Mass will be held April ??, 2019 at 2:45 PM at the Cathedral of St. Peter in Kansas City, KS. Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann will be the celebrant and present the awards.

**2020 Dates to be Determined – normally in July**

**2020 St. George Trek**

High adventure backpacking experience placed within the context of a retreat program dedicated to assisting a Scout's awareness of his or her Christian vocation with a particular emphasis on the vocations of Priesthood and Religious Life. The program begins and ends in Albuquerque, New Mexico; however the hike itself takes place at the Philmont Scout Ranch. The adult advisors for each crew of 8-10 scouts are therefore priests, religious men and women, and seminarians.

Find out more about Catholic Youth Ministry through Scouting at [www.archkck.org/scouting-home](http://www.archkck.org/scouting-home)

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The advisors fulfill the role of adult supervision in a youth led crew, while at the same time literally walk with the Scouts who will come to a deeper understand of the advisor's vocation. The presence of advisors on the trail gives the Scouts an opportunity to experience the sacraments and the church's life of prayer on a daily basis as they hike through "God's Country"

#### **CANDIDATE QUALIFICATIONS/SELECTION – ARCHDIOCESE OF KANSAS CITY IN KANSAS**

Our Catholic Committee will nominate one or two Scouts or Venture Crew members for participation in the 2020 Trek. Selection will be based on demonstrated maturity, physical ability, leadership potential, an interest in the life of the Church and openness to the discernment of vocation. Candidates must be

- emotionally mature adolescents who are
- a registered youth participant in an active BSA Unit (if applicant will be 18 during the trek, must be registered as a youth participant in a Venture Crew or Sea Scout Ship),
- will have reached the age of 15 and completed Freshman year by July 1, 2020
- and be below the age of 19 and will not have graduated high school before May 1, 2020

They must also have the physical health and stamina to backpack on the mountain trails of Philmont and be committed to assist the Catholic Committee when they return home.

NO exceptions can be made to these expectations and requirements. A female crew is planned pending sufficient female registration.

The Saint George Trek is a one-time only youth experience. Previous youth participants are not eligible.

Thanks to the financial commitment of NCCS and our ARCHKCK CCS and generous benefactors the 2020 fee for the Saint George Trek has been reduced to **\$450.00 per participant.**

The fee will cover:

- 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

**INTERESTED: complete the application (available at [www.archkck.org/scouting-home](http://www.archkck.org/scouting-home)), sign, scan and email it back or contact the Youth office at 913-647-0373**