



2015 Saint George Trek **Wednesday, July 8, 2015 to Thursday, July 23, 2015**

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 and Itinerary

The 2015 Saint George Trek begins on Wednesday, July 8, 2015 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 23, 2015, 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 Qualifications/Selection

Each Arch/diocese is encouraged to conduct a search and send one or two top-notch Boy Scouts or Venturers to 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 and an interest the life of the Church. 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, 2015, in High School in the fall of 2015 and committed to assist their Catholic Committee when they return home. NO exceptions can be made. They must have the physical health and stamina to backpack on the mountain trails of Philmont. A female crew is planned pending sufficient female registration. The Saint George Trek is a one-time only experience for youth. Previous youth participants are not eligible.

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