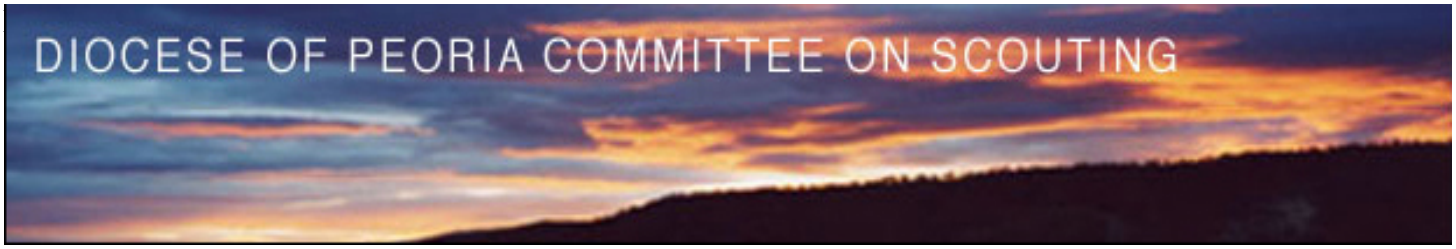

BSA, GSUSA & AHG Mass
Sunday Feb. 9, 2020
10:30 am

The Cathedral of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception

Reception to follow in Spalding Center

July 23, 2019
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Fr. Glenn Harris, Chaplain
Linda Atherton MD, Chair

Congratulations to 2018 Pope Paul VI Excellence Award Units.

Pack 9 Holy Cross – Champaign, IL Gold Level
Cubmaster – Jim Linnenburger
Pack 3925 Epiphany Parish – Normal, IL Gold Level
Cubmaster – Tim Hendrickson
Pack 3955 Corpus Christi – Bloomington, IL Gold Level
Cubmaster: Kevin Cook
Troop 156 St. Vincent de Paul – Peoria, IL Gold Level
Scoutmaster – Paul Harris
Troop 20 St. Mary's - Bloomington Silver Level
Scoutmaster – Chris Knoll
Troop 9 Holy Cross – Champaign, IL Gold Level
Scoutmaster – Gabe Jackson

For more information about your Catholic chartered unit receiving this recognition for 2019 see: https://www.nccs-bsa.org/index.php/catholic-quality-unit-award (completed applications are to be sent to the Peoria DCCS chairperson)

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WDBoyce service center, Peoria
Saturday September 21, 2019 at 11am

NEWS FROM THE NCCS (National Catholic Committee on Scouting)

Emmett Doerr scholarship applications are due by March 1, 2020. Seven outstanding Catholic high school seniors (male or female) will be awarded $2000.00 - $5000.00 each for their college education. Must be actively involved in a BSA unit and have earned the highest award that unit can bestow and have earned either the AAD or the Pope Pius XII. Further information and application can be found on the National Catholic Committee on Scouting website at:

www.nccs-bsa.org/index.php/college-scholarship

"The religious activities committee of the NCCS and the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry have both been active this year developing and promoting a variety of activities that are available to youth, youth groups and families. You can learn more about famous (and not so famous) Saints, you can learn more about the rosary, you can learn more about outstanding women who have lived the Catholic Faith and who can be a role model for your life. And you can earn patches for any of these activities. Visit www.nccs-bsa.org and click religious activities (these are available to all, not just BSA) and www.nfcym.org and click on activities. Available to all youth and families!

From: Sanderson, Jerry
Sent: Tuesday, July 2, 2019 11:51 AM
To: 'latherton@mac.com'
Subject: RE: questions concerning required training and background checks for volunteers working with youth within the programs of the BSA, GSUSA and AHG
Importance: High

Linda,

It was a pleasure speaking with you this morning. To recap our phone conversation, adults who work with children in the Diocese of Peoria, including all volunteers associated with scouting organizations such as Boy Scouts of America, Girl Scouts USA, Campfire, American Heritage Girls, Trail Life, and the like, must complete the following safe environment requirements:

- Online safe environment training at CMG Connect: https://peoria.cmgconnect.org/

  You can instruct volunteers with the various scouting organizations to select "Catholic Committee on Scouting" when they create a profile within CMG Connect: https://peoria.cmgconnect.org/.

- Criminal history check via Selection.com (this will be embedded within the CMG Connect website effective August 1, 2019)

- DCFS CANTS check (volunteer completes form, which troop emails to DCFS for processing)

- Any volunteer who drives a vehicle to transport scouts to and from meetings, campouts, etc. must also complete the Defensive Driving module at CMG Connect.

- It should be noted that parents, grandparents, etc. who only attend events open to the public, such as the annual Blue & Gold Banquet, but who do not volunteer to work with scouting, are exempt from the safe environment requirements.

I forgot to mention on the phone that all volunteers working with scouts should also read and sign the attached Volunteer Code of Conduct.

Blessings,

Jerry

Jerry Sanderson
Associate Superintendent
Office of Catholic Schools
Diocese of Peoria

The DCFS CANTS check form and Criminal history check form are available as an editable PDF files both on the CDOP website and on the Peoria-DCCS.org website under Youth Protection. The Volunteer Code of Conduct form is also available on the Peoria-DCCS.org website.

Catholic Scout/AHG Fall Rendezvous

November 8 – 10, 2019

Camp Loud Thunder, Andalusia, IL

Cost $45.00

Return to the days of Knights, Squires and Fair Maidens! Archery, Jousting, Games of Chivalry and Hearty Fellowship. Open to all Scouts BSA, Venturers, AHG ages 12 and older, and GSUSA ages 12 and older. Accommodations in either the Dunkin Lodge (rooms of two bunks with mattresses) or one of the wood fire stove heated cabins. Overflow sleeping will be on cots in the dining/meeting hall. Tent camping is also an option if desired. You could earn your polar bear patch!! All meals and event patch included. Vigil Mass will be held Saturday. All groups must be accompanied by youth protection trained adult supervision.

Register by USPS or by email. Send registration form and $15.00 non-refundable deposit/person to Linda Atherton 1105 Galen Dr. Champaign ,IL 61821 or peoriadccs@gmail.com

Contact person for group _____ Unit _____

Phone _____ Email: _____

Number of adults: _____ male _____ female

Number of youth: _____male _____ female

ALL REGISTRATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY OCTOBER 15, 2019

Questions?? Contact peoriadccs.org or call (217)356-5928

Diocese of Peoria Scout/AHG Mass

February 9, 2020

10:30 am

At the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception, Peoria, IL

Reception to follow at the Spalding Center

Whether or not you have completed the religious emblem for your program and age, come share in the joy we have in Christ Jesus as we celebrate the Mass together with Bishop Jenky. An event patch will be given to all who attend in uniform.

If you would like to assist with the Mass contact the Peoria Committee on Scouting/AHG Chair, Linda Atherton MD at: peoriadccs@gmail.com. Bishop Jenky will present all religious emblems earned **by Jan. 15, 2020** at the Mass.

Please plan ahead and start working on the appropriate Religious Emblem for your program (BSA, GSUSA, Campfire, AHG, etc) either now or at the start of the School Year. It always takes longer to complete these emblems that you anticipate, especially with other activities and assignments. ***All signed and completed applications with the appropriate fees need to be submitted to Linda Atherton (1105 Galen Dr, Champaign, IL 61821) by January 26, 2020.***

2020 St. George Trek

Wednesday, July 8, 2020 to Thursday, July 23, 2020

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.

Requirements: 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, 2020 in High School, no older than 18 years old, and committed to assist their Catholic Committee when they return home. A female crew is planned pending sufficient female registration.

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: $925 (includes all meals and program. Not included – transportation to and from Albuquerque, NM and personal gear) Half the cost will be provided by the Peoria DCCS St. George scholarship fund.

Application and other information: https://www.nccs-bsa.org/index.php/st-george-trek Application due ***NOW***!!! Mail or scan to Linda Atherton MD 1105 Galen Dr, Champaign, IL 61821; peoriadccs@gmail.com Questions: call L. Atherton @ 217-356-5928

NEW FROM THE NCCS

The National Catholic Committee on Scouting has developed a new online training module to supplement your Boy Scouts of America's Charter Organizational Representative (COR) training. Our focus is not to retrain you on your role as a COR, but to give you the tools to use the Scouting program as a tool for a deeper Catholic youth ministry experience for the youth.

The NCCS COR Training is a four module training available on BSA's ScoutingU system. The modules covered are:

Chartering to a Catholic Institution
This module helps the COR to understand Scouting in the Local Church, the (arch)diocese. This session will discuss the role of the BSA charter in the context of the role of the Parish as part of the Diocese and the role of the Bishop.

Reaching Youth Through Scouting
Scouting is youth ministry when the programs of the BSA are used in conjunction with programs of the NCCS and seek to fulfill the three goals of Catholic youth ministry.

Your Role as a Catholic COR
COR's are the key to ensuring a Catholic program. This module will review the role of the BSA COR as part of the Catholic faith.

Catholic Scouting under BSA Standards
This module will examine the BSA Rule and Regulations and address some of the concerns of Bishops and Pastors with fully implementing a Catholic program that fully participates in the life of the parish and seeks to fully develop the faith of its members.

We are developing new modules to help direct contact leaders in Catholic Units and parents of Catholic Scouts. If you want to keep up to date on new training available to Catholic Units, Catholic Leaders, and parents please sign up to receive the NCCS quarterly *Bridge* (https://www.nccs-bsa.org/index.php/diocesan-resources/the-bridge-newsletter) or like our page on Facebook (https://www.facebook.com/nccs.bsa/).

NEED TO FIND OUR TRAINING ON ScoutingU (BSA Learning Center)?

These new modules can be found in the BSA Learn Center by selecting Position > COR Training > NCCS COR Training.

Encourage your unit's COR to take the time to complete this valuable training!!

COST OF RELIGIOUS EMBLEMS (current as of 2019) includes emblem, recognition card, patch for GSUSA and AHG or BSA square knot. Checks made payable to "Peoria DCCS". We do not have a way to process credit card or paypal payments.

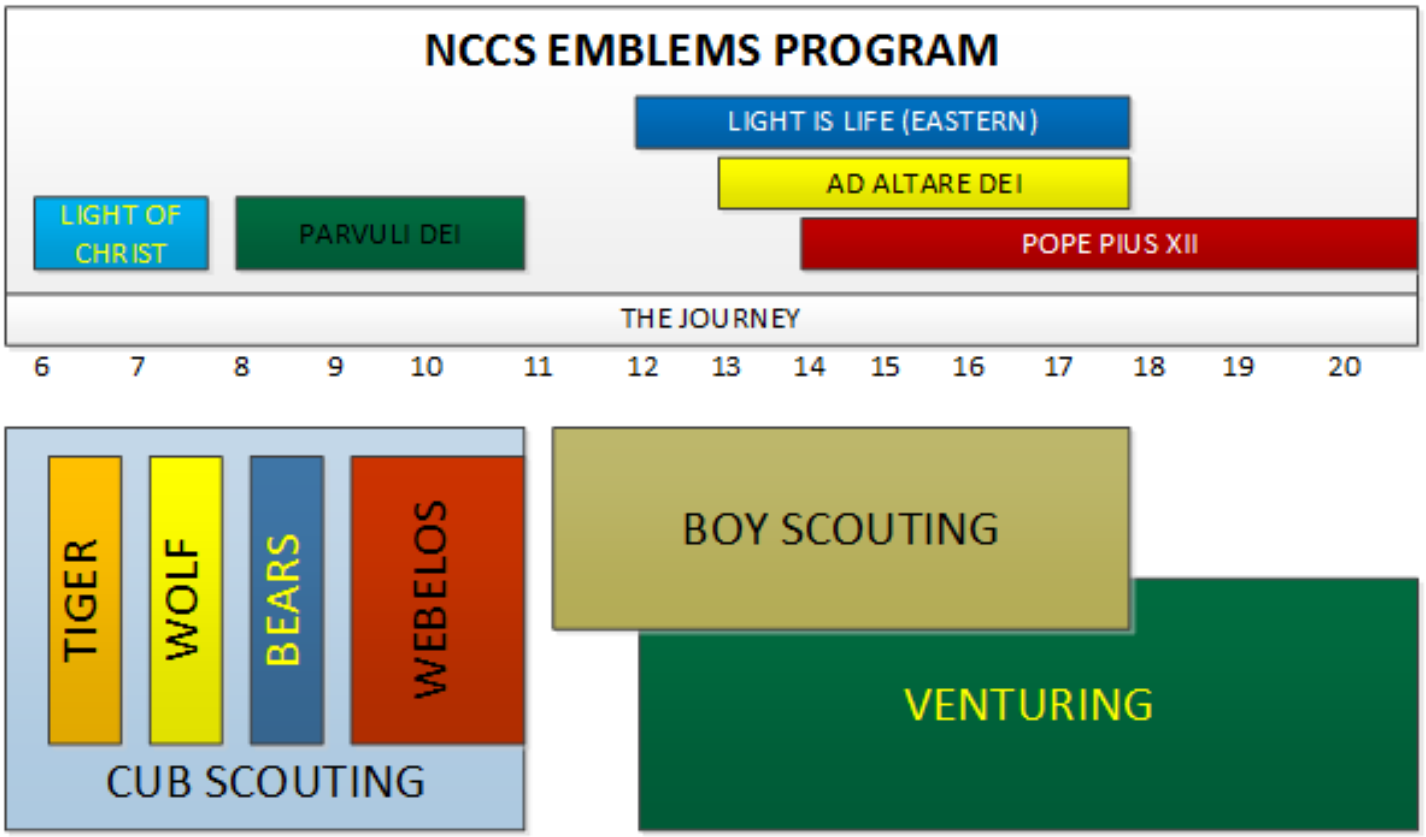
GSUSA/AHG			
God is Love	$12.00	Family of God	$11.00
I Live My Faith	$11.00	Mary, the First Disciple	$15.00
Spirit Alive	$15.00		
BSA			
Light of Christ	$17.00	Parvuli Dei	$17.00
Ad Altare Dei	$19.00	Pope Pius XII	$19.00

Religious Emblems for Catholic youth in BSA programs

Light of Christ	Designed for 6-7 years old Cub Scouts (both male and female)
Parvuli Dei	Designed for 8-10 years old Cub Scouts. (both male and female)
Ad Altare Dei	Designed for any youth of the Roman Catholic Faith who is registered in a BSA Troop (male or female) or Crew..
Pope Pius XII	Designed for Venturing Crew Members and Scouts BSA 15 years old and older.
Light is Life	Designed for Scouts BSA, 12 -13 years old of the Eastern-rite Catholic Churches. Scouts in the Eastern Catholic Churches work on Light is Life rather than the Ad Altare Dei emblem.

All underlined links link to further information on the NCCS website. All applications are sent to the Peoria DCCS by January 26, 2020 See handy how-to guide on Peoria DCCS website.

The Journey



	EMBLEM	DESCRIPTION
DAISY	God is Love	Helps students discover an appreciation that God created, cares for, and loves us all.
BROWNIE	Family of God	Helps children discover the presence of God in their daily lives as members of their family and parish.
JUNIOR (Grades 4 – 6)	I Live my Faith	Designed to promote growth in faith by teaching youth about the Nicene Creed, sacraments, service, and prayer.
CADETTE /SENIOR (Grades 7 – 10)	Mary, the First Disciple	Program designed to enable them to "proclaim the greatness of the Lord." Understanding of Mary as a model of openness and spirituality—a woman of the church
SENIOR/ AMBASSADOR (Grades 9 – 12)	Spirit Alive	Program designed for Catholic youth in high school . It assists them in discovering how the Holy Spirit moves in their lives, calling them to greater participation in the church's ministry.
AMBASSADOR (Grades 11-12)	Missio	Invites young people to explore discipleship and their own religious identity.

These emblems can also be earned by youth in other Catholic youth programs including AHG and Camp Fire.

Workbooks should be ordered online from the NFCYM store (store.nfcym.org) but emblems themselves must be ordered the Diocese of Peoria Catholic Committee on Scouting. Deadline for applications to be submitted for the Bishop's Mass is Mid-January.

Details are explained http://peoria-dccs.org/youth-emblems/

Patch programs:

Further info available at http://nfcym.org/patches

Download PDF of requirements, complete 4 of them, order the patch (to be worn on BACK of GS Vest)

Women in Scripture: Martha and Mary, Mary Magdalene, Miriam, Ruth and Naomi, St. Elizabeth, Sarah

Models of Faith: Gianna Molla, Mother Teresa, Pope John XXIII, Saint Monica, St. Kateri Tekawitha, St. Anne, St. Juan Diego, Ven Pauline Jaricot

Special Patches: Our Lady of Guadalupe, Our Lady of Fatima