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NCCS sends the *Catholic Scouting Wire* newsletter to local and regional Catholic Scouting leaders and supporters the second Thursday of every month. **We hope you find it useful! Please share your feedback with us at info@nccs-bsa.org.** Make sure to note *Catholic Scouting Wire* in the subject line. And **please share this email with other Scouters you think would find it valuable** – just forward the email and ask people to subscribe using the **Subscribe to the Catholic Scouting Wire** button at the bottom of this email.

2024 NCCS Scholarships - encourage promising Scouts to apply right away. Application deadline is March 1!

Encourage Scouts who are high school seniors in the 2023-2024 school year, dedicated to service and planning to go on to college to **apply now for an NCCS Scholarship**.

Eligible applicants must be a practicing Catholic registered and actively involved with a Scout Troop, Venturing Crew, or Sea Scout Ship. They must also have earned the Eagle Scout, Summit, or Quartermaster Award AND the Ad Altare Dei, Pope Pius XII, or Light is Life (Eastern Rite) Religious Emblem.



The deadline to apply is March 1.

Invite eligible Scouts to **[find out more and apply online now](#)**.

Register now: 48th Biennial Meeting, April 4-7 in Albuquerque

Join your fellow Scout Chaplains, Scouters and spouses in Albuquerque, New Mexico April 4-7, 2024 for the 48th Biennial Meeting of the National Catholic Committee on



Scouting to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Catholic Scouting.

One of the featured speakers confirmed for the meeting is Brad Tillman, the new BSA chair.



Registration is open now. We hope to see you there!

GOD'S COUNTRY IS BECKONING YOU! Register now: Scouting in the Catholic Church, July 14-20 at Philmont

Join us for a great week of faith, family, adventure and fun, at our **Scouting in the Catholic Church Conference at the Philmont Training Center in New Mexico from July 14-20, 2024.**

The course is a GREAT way to learn more about Catholic Scouting, meet fellow Scouters and families and enjoy the beauty of Philmont. See God's handiwork in a sunset, watch the deer and antelope play and make new friends in this inspirational setting.



Youth ministers, clergy, scout leaders, families – all are welcome to come for a faith-filled, informative and fun week. Mass is available daily and Philmont offers many additional activities for your enjoyment.

Find out more and register now! There is an early-bird discount of \$100 if you register by April 1. Don't delay, sign up TODAY!

For more information, please contact Course Director Kathy Polowski at kpolo55@gmail.com

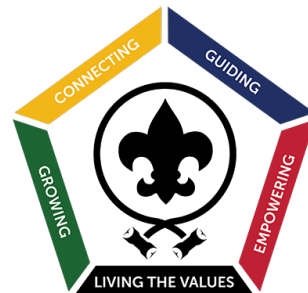
Register now: Catholic Scouting Wood Badge 2024, Aug. 25-29 at Philmont

For the first time ever, NCCS is offering a Catholic Scouting-focused Wood Badge leadership course. It takes place August 25-29, 2024, at Philmont Training Center in New Mexico.

This is a great opportunity for Catholic Scouting leaders to grow skills to build stronger units, learn about the unique value of Catholic Scouting and meet fellow Catholic Scouters from across the country.

Why attend Catholic Wood Badge – from Wood Badge Chaplain Fr. Eric Groner, SVD

"Wood Badge is designed to help introduce and prepare people to become effective adult leaders in the Scouting world. It is a boot camp type of basic training where you can gain practical experience using problem-solving techniques like the Star method, looking at a situation with the final end result in mind: **S**ituation, **T**ask to be achieved, what **A**ctions need to be taken to get the **R**esults wanted. The triple f ideas of find it, fix it or forget it can be applied to games and real life situations. You have the opportunity to meet new people, make friends, have fun and learn a few valuable new things. In my opinion, there is not a better place and environment to do a Catholic Wood Badge course than a high adventure base like Philmont."



Find out more and register today!

Register now: Religious Emblems Night Zoom meeting February 22

Hosted by the BSA National Religious Relationships Committee, this Zoom meeting will feature an overview of Scouting Religious Emblems from BSA Religious Emblems Chair Jason Noland, followed by presentations from various faith groups about their specific Religious Emblems

Thursday, February 22
7-8pm Central Time

To register, fill out this [Google Form](#). You will select which breakout you want to attend on this form. You'll be sent the Zoom link 48 hours before the meeting.

This is a great opportunity to learn more about Religious Emblems recognized by the BSA!

Catholic Scouting Spotlight: How Scouts at a parish in Minnesota engaged in Scout Sunday 2024

Scouts in the Pack, two Troops and a Crew chartered to St. Odilia in Shoreview, Minnesota participate in all aspects of Scout Sunday Mass.

Scouts served as altar servers, gift bearers, greeters, and ushers on February 4. A Scout carrying a cross led a procession of 30-plus Scouts and Scout leaders into Mass with the pastor. A Scout leader served as lector during Mass. And Scouts served coffee and donuts after the 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses. [Read more about how Scout Sunday is celebrated at St. Odilia and why Catholic Scouting is so important at the parish.](#)

The Catholic Scouting Wire often includes a spotlight on a successful activity or program that could be implemented by other Scouts, Catholic Scouting units or diocesan/eparchial committees. Have a Catholic Scouting activity or program you'd like to put a spotlight on? [Submit it to info@nccs-bsa.org](mailto:info@nccs-bsa.org) and be sure to include *Catholic Scouting Spotlight* in the subject line. Send us pictures too!



Key Dates

- **March 1** - NCCS Scholarship application deadline, [encourage high school seniors to learn more and apply now](#)
- **March 15** - deadline to submit [Annual Diocesan Committee Report and Quality Diocesan Committee Award Application](#)

- **April 1 - Scouting in the Catholic Church early registration discount ends, [register now](#)**
- **April 4-7 - 48th Biennial Meeting, [register now](#)**
- **April 30 - Wood Badge early registration discount ends, [register now](#)**
- **May 17-July 16 - National Eucharistic Pilgrimage, [find out how you can get involved now](#)**
- **July 14-20 - Scouting in the Catholic Church Conference, [find out more and register now](#)**
- **July 17-21 - National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis, [register now](#)**
- **August 25-29 - Catholic Scouting Wood Badge 2024, [register now](#)**

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