



**Office for Evangelization of Youth and Young Adults  
Catholic Diocese of Richmond  
Scouting**

**Parater Trek  
July 12-19, 2014**

This communication contains information concerning the Boy Scout Parater Trek for 2014. Please read all the information contained in this communication to ensure you have a full understanding of the event.

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**What is the Parater Trek?**

The Parater Trek is a week of backpacking AND a Catholic retreat with daily Mass for those young men who want to test themselves in body and soul and take up the challenge to see what it takes to walk with God. Participants will backpack approximately 40 miles in the Blue Ridge Mountains, with options for high adventure activities along the way (such as rock climbing and black powder rifle shooting). The trek will be based on the format for the National Catholic Committee on Scouting Saint George Trek. Father Ken Shuping, campus minister at James Madison University, and Seminarian Jamie Hickman will be leading the Parater Trek for the Diocese of Richmond.

The trek is named after Servant of God Frank Parater. You can read about his cause for canonization and life as a seminarian in the Diocese of Richmond here: [www.richmonddiocese.org/parater](http://www.richmonddiocese.org/parater)

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**Who should attend the Parater Trek?**

Boys aged 14 -17 years may apply. Boys should turn 14 by May 1, 2014. Scouting experience is a plus, but not required. You will become part of a special Venture Crew for this trek. Please remember, there is limited space for the Parater Trek and not everyone can be accepted.

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**Where and when is the Parater Trek?**

The Parater Trek is July 12-19, 2014. Scouts will meet at Saint Patrick Catholic Church in Lexington on July 12, by 2:00 pm. This time would be spent doing a shakedown and evening retreat. On July 13, the scouts will be transported to the Goshen Scout Reservation near Goshen, Virginia, for the Lenhok'sin High Adventure Trail experience through the evening of July 18. After the week finishes, the group will head back to Saint Patrick Catholic Church for parents to pick up their scouts on Saturday morning, July 19 (exact time for pick up will be determined later).

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**What are the costs?**

The cost of the trek is \$350 per participant. The cost includes registration and activities at the camp, food, and a t-shirt. Scouts will also be required to bring their own backpacking equipment. A deposit of \$100 must accompany applications. If not selected, the deposit will be returned. If the application is accepted, the deposit will be non-refundable.

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**What should we pack?**

Basic information on the Lenhok'sin High Adventure Trail can be found at [www.ncacbsa.org](http://www.ncacbsa.org). A list detailing what is needed for the Parater Trek will be sent to those selected.

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**How do I apply and what are the registration deadlines?**

Applications can be found online at [www.richmonddiocese.org/evangelization/boy-scouts.htm](http://www.richmonddiocese.org/evangelization/boy-scouts.htm). The application consists of two parts which both need to be submitted for an application to be considered complete.

1. Diocese of Richmond Application and Release Form
2. Deposit Check for \$100 payable to the Catholic Diocese of Richmond

NOTE: The BSA requires a Youth Membership Form (found here: [www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/524-406A.pdf](http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/524-406A.pdf)) and the Annual Health and Medical Record (found here: [www.scouting.org/scoutsource/HealthandSafety/ahmr.aspx](http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/HealthandSafety/ahmr.aspx)).

Applications are due March 31, 2014. Applicants will be notified by May 5, 2014 if they have been accepted. Applications and Payments should be sent to the Diocese of Richmond Catholic Scouting; Office for Evangelization of Youth and Young Adults; Catholic Diocese of Richmond; 7800 Carousel Lane; Richmond VA 23294.

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**Where do I go for questions or additional support?**

For all questions or support, contact the Office for Evangelization of Youth and Young Adults directly via email at [scouting@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:scouting@richmonddiocese.org) OR 804-622-5159.