COST

The fee for the 2020 trek is approximately $900 per participant. This fee covers all Philmont Scout Ranch fees, lodging, food, and chartered bus travel. Additional costs NOT included are transportation to and from Albuquerque, NM, personal gear, and normal personal expenses.

A partial scholarship will be made available through the Diocese of Cleveland Catholic Committee on Scouting.

Applications will be made available at https://ccdocle.org/program/dccs and are due by September 1, 2019.

The Catholic Committee on Scouting (CCS) of the Diocese of Cleveland is a church committee of concerned Catholic lay people and clergy who see as their mission the constructive use of the program of the Boy Scouts of America as a viable form of youth ministry with the Catholic youth of our diocese.

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What is the Saint George Trek?
The St. George Trek is a biennial, high adventure backpacking retreat program for Catholic Scouts and Venturers administered by the National Catholic Committee on Scouting in cooperation with the Boy Scouts of America’s Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, NM. The program brings Catholic high school youth from around the country together with selected priests, religious and seminarians for eleven days of high adventure backpacking in the context of a vocation awareness retreat. Before returning home, they will be asked to commit to 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.

Dates and Itinerary
The 2020 Saint George Trek begins on July 8, 2020 in Albuquerque, New Mexico, where participants get to know one another, train, have fun and pray. Then it’s off to Philmont Scout Ranch where they will hike the San 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 July 23, 2020,

Candidate Qualification and Selection
Each Diocese may nominate two candidates for participation in the Trek. Selection is made by the individual Diocese and is made on the basis of demonstrated maturity, physical ability, leadership potential, an interest in the life of the Church and an openness to the discernment of a vocation.

The earning of Scouting’s Religious Emblems and involvement in church, school and scouting activities will be given consideration. Candidates should be emotionally mature adolescents who will be 15 years of age by July 1, 2020, in high school, no older than 18 years of age, and committed to assist their Catholic Committee when they return home. Participants must have the physical health and stamina to backpack on the mountain trails of Philmont. NO exceptions can be made to these expectations and requirements.