

# Diocese of Peoria Catholic Committee on Scouting and AHG

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*Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." (Matthew 19:14)*

Season's Greetings to all youth and adults evangelizing through the youth ministry programs of the Girl and Boy Scouts, Campfire and the American Heritage Girls. Blessings to all of you in the name of our newborn Savior, Jesus Christ. Here are some highlights of recent and upcoming events for Catholic youth.

## November 3-5, 2017 – Annual Scout Rendezvous

We had another fantastic rendezvous for Scouts from across the diocese and from the diocese of Davenport who together explored our faith, learned a bit more about Our Lady of Fatima and the Frist Saturday devotion, and had a wonderful time playing games and competing in questing competitions. The food was fantastic, thanks to our outstanding kitchen corps.



Scouts preparing to say the Scriptural Rosary with tea lights. Led by the SPL and the chaplain's aides from each rendezvous patrol.

The 2018 Scout rendezvous, open to all Scouts and AHG who are either registered in a Boy Scout unit, or in at least the 6<sup>th</sup> grade, is being planned for the second weekend in November at Camp Loud Thunder, Andalusia, IL.

Look for registration information in Spring 2018

## February 11, 2018 – Annual Cathedral Scout Mass

Come to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception of Mary in Peoria, IL at 10:30am on Sunday Feb. 11, 2018 and join with hundreds of other Scouts and AHG as we celebrate our common Faith in the Lord and celebrate the values of Scouting. All youth who have completed their religious emblem workbook for their age and program have the opportunity to receive their emblem from Bishop Jenky. Signed and paid applications must get to Committee Chair: Linda Atherton by Jan. 19, 2018 to be included with the recipients. [Linda Atherton 1105 Galen Dr Champaign, IL 61821]. This does not preclude also being recognized at your home parish. Many units present the emblem at the Cathedral and then the recognition card at their home parish and for BSA programs, the religious emblem square knot at a Pack or Troop celebration. For more information please feel free to contact Linda directly at

[Peoriadccs@gmail.com](mailto:Peoriadccs@gmail.com)

Scouts and AHG are always encouraged to help serve at the Mass. To be a reader, acolyte, host, flag bearer or gift bearer contact Linda Atherton directly. You do not have to be an emblem recipient to help serve Mass. All Mass assistants must have contacted Linda Atherton by January 19, 2018

*“Remember, we are just custodians, we are here for a very short period of time on Earth. So when you work with Scouts, make sure we pass along a good Earth and a good world and all the good values that are important.”*

Pope Francis, 2014

## Summer 2019 – NCCS St. George Trek

### Starting to plan already for 2019

Every two years the National Catholic Committee on Scouting offers a two-week experience in the mountains of Cimarron, NM at Philmont Scout Ranch for youth who are at least 15. Each diocese can send 2 Scouts. Application forms and specific dates will become available later this year. The cost for the 2017 trek was \$800.00. The Peoria DCCS plans to offer two scholarships of \$400 for participants of the 2019 trek. Applicants will be selected based on having earned the Ad Altare Dei or Pope Pius XII emblems (or both) and who active in their unit, school and parish. More information about the application process for the 2017 trek can be found at [www.nccs-bsa.org](http://www.nccs-bsa.org)

### New and Updated DCCS Website

Thank you to Tim Hendrickson and Larry Anderson for their outstanding work on the newly updated DCCS website. The site will be up and published within the next couple weeks. The web address remains the same: [www.peoria-dccs.org](http://www.peoria-dccs.org) Please feel free to share your thoughts and comments about the new site [email: [peoriadccs@gmail.com](mailto:peoriadccs@gmail.com)]. Consider joining our email list for updates and teleconference dates/times. Share your talents and comments with the committee. We exist to help you evangelize the Catholic Faith through the programs of the BSA, GSUSA, CF and AHG. Let us know how we can help!! We are just an email away! Or, if you prefer, call the committee chair directly at 217-356-5928.

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