



2025 Bishop England “Sailing for Vocations” Trek

Sailing, Sanctification and Vocations

Sunday, July 13, 2025 to Friday, July 18, 2025



General Information

The Bishop England Trek is a high adventure Catholic leadership program for Catholic Scouts and Venturing Crew members. This year's trek will be on the waters of Clarks Hill Lake/Lake Thurmond on the Georgia-South Carolina border and will feature four days of sailing and camping. The



program brings Catholic youth from the Province of Atlanta together with selected priests, religious and seminarians in the context of a vocation retreat.

Dates and Itinerary

The 2025 Bishop England Trek begins on Sunday, July 13, 2025 at Knox Scout Reservation, near Lincolnton, Georgia where the participants meet, get to know one another, train, have fun and pray. On Monday, they begin their trek on Clarks Hill Lake/Lake Thurmond. While sailing and camping, 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. Total miles sailed will be up to 35 miles in four days for sailing.

At the conclusion of the trek on Friday, July 18, 2025 there will be Mass and a luncheon at Knox Scout Reservation (hopefully with Bishop Parkes and Bishop Fabre-Jeune.) At that time our participants will be asked to continue their journey and if they so desire make an application to attend the St. George Trek at Philmont Scout Ranch in July, 2026. Participants will also be asked to utilize the leadership skills gained and to become role models for their fellow scouts.

Candidate Qualification / Selection / Fees

Boys and Girls that are members of a Scouts BSA Troop and/or Venturing Crew unit, ages 14 and above, as of July 13, 2025, are eligible to complete an application for the Bishop England Trek. Because the program can only accommodate 15 youth, selection will be made based on demonstrated maturity, physical ability, leadership potential, and interest in the life of the Church.

All participants must have the physical health and stamina to sail and camp for 4 consecutive days in the Georgia summer heat. A current BSA Annual Health Medical Record, with parts A, B and C, and proof of completed BSA Swim Test will be required. A female crew is planned pending sufficient female registration. **Participants will be notified of their selection on or before June 1, 2025.** Final Trek Crews and logistics support assignments will be made by June 30, 2025. The fee for the Bishop England Trek is \$250.00. A deposit of \$125.00 should be paid with the application.



Trek Preparation / Adult Leadership and Logistics Support / Fees

Scouts BSA and Venturing Crew members selected to participate in the Bishop England Trek will be registered provisionally with Crew 100, which is comprised of priests, seminarians and adult leaders. Adult Leaders will be assigned based on regional locale in relation to the Trek Crew.

Applications should be submitted with deposit by June 1, 2025 to:

Deposit: \$125.00
Checks payable to: BE Trek – Crew 100
c/o St. Joseph Church
3512 Devine Street
Columbia, SC 29205

Balance Due by 7/1/25: \$125.00

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Youth Applicant Background Information

 First Name of Participant Middle Last Name Birth-date shirt size

 Address

 Parent / Guardian's Phone Number Parent / Guardian's Email

 Participant's Phone Number Participant's Email

 Participant's School Grade as of June 2025
 (grade just completed) City/Town State

 Catholic Church Affiliation Diocese City/Town State

 Troop / Crew Unit Number Council City/Town State

Scoutmaster / Crew Advisor Contact Information:

 First Name Middle Last Name Position

 Address

 Phone Number Email

Religious Emblem Program / Date of Completion

(If applicable)

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 Pope Pius XII

Note: Upon selection, all youth and adults are required to complete and pass a BSA High Adventure Medical Evaluation.