



2023 Bishop England "Cycle for Vocations" Trek

Cycling, Sanctification and Vocations

Monday, July 10, 2023 to Friday, July 14, 2023



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 along the Chief Ladiga Trail in Alabama and the Silver Comet Trail in Georgia (https://www.silvercometga.com/index.shtml) and will feature four days of cycling and camping. The program brings Catholic youth from the dioceses of Savannah and Charleston together with selected priests, religious and seminarians in the context of a vocation retreat.

Dates and Itinerary

The 2023 Bishop England Trek begins on Monday, July 10, 2023 at Anniston, AL, Michael Tucker Park (https://www.annistonal.gov/parks-recreation/michael-tucker-memorial-park-chief-ladiga-trail/) where the participants meet, get to know one another, train, have fun and pray. On





Tuesday, they begin their trek on the Chief Ladiga and Silver Comet trails. While cycling 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 biked will be up to 82.7 miles in three days for biking

At the conclusion of the trek on Friday, July 14, 2023 there will be Mass at the Villa Maria Center (<u>https://www.diosav.org/event-rentals/villa-marie-center</u>) in Savannah GA with Bishop Parkes. 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 2024. 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 and/or Venturing Crew unit, ages 14 and above, as of July 1, 2023, are eligible to complete an application for the Bishop England Trek. Because the program can only accommodate 20 youths, 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 cycle and camp for 4 consecutive days in the Alabama/Georgia summer heat. A mountain, road or hybrid bike (**no powered**, **or BMX type bikes**) in good condition along with a BSA approved helmet is required. A current BSA Health, with parts A, B and C, will be required. A female crew is planned pending sufficient female registration. **Participants will be notified of their selection on or before June 2, 2023.** Final Trek Crews and logistics support assignments will be made by June 30, 2023. The fee for the Bishop England Trek is \$120.00.





Applications should be submitted with deposit by June 1, 2023 to:

BE Trek , C/0 Chad Sweeney 805 Windsor Ct Augusta, GA 30909 **Checks payable to:** BSA Troop 8

Questions may be emailed to:

Chad Sweeney BET 2023 Director <u>chadsween@gmail.com</u> 706-799-2610 Larry Davis BET 2023 Crew Advisor Isdavis100@yahoo.com 229-349-3181





Bishop England Trek - Youth Application & Activity Consent

First Name of Participant	Middle	Last Name	Birth-date	Age
		Address		
Has Approval to Participate in:	Bishop England 1	Frek and Associated Act	ivities / Events	
From 7/10/2023 to 7/14/2023	Without Restricti	ion Special Conside	rations	

HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

I understand that participation in High Adventure activities involves a certain degree of risk and can be physically, mentally, and emotionally demanding. I have carefully considered the risk involved and have given consent for myself or my child to participate in this activity. I also understand that participation in this activity is entirely voluntary and requires participants to abide by applicable rules and standards of conduct. I release the Boy Scouts of America, Dioceses of Savannah and Charleston, and the activity coordinators, and all employees, volunteers, related parties, or other organizations associated with the activity from any and all claims or liability arising out of this participation.

In case of emergency involving my child, I understand every effort will be made to contact me. In the event I cannot be reached, I hereby give my permission to the medical provider selected by the adult leader in charge to secure proper treatment, including hospitalization, anesthesia, surgery, or injections of medication for my child. Medical providers are authorized to disclose to the adult in charge examination findings, test results, and treatment provided for purposes of medical evaluation of the participant, follow-up and communication with the participant's parents or guardian, and/or determination of the participant's ability to continue in the program activities.

Participant's Signature		Date
Parent / Guardian Printed Name	Parent/ Guardian Signature	Date
Participant's Phone Number	Participant's Email	-
Parent / Guardian Phone Number	Parent / Guardian Email	-





Youth Applicant Background Information

First Name of Participant	Middle	Last Name	Birth-date	shirt size
	Ac	ddress		
Parent / Guardian's Phone Nu	umber P	arent / Guardian's Email		
Participant's Phone Number	P	Participant's Email		
Participant's School	Grade as of June 2023 (grade just completed)	City/Town	State	
Catholic Church Affiliation	Diocese	City/Town	State	
Troop / Crew Unit Number	Council	City/Town	State	
Scou	ıtmaster / Crew Adv	visor Contact Inforr	nation:	
First Name	Middle	Last Name	Position	_
	Ac	ddress		
Phone Number		Email		
Reli	gious Emblem Prog (If appl		pletion	

Please provide make & model of bike planning on being used, along with bike size including tire size (photo would also be good).