



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.anniston.al.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 (<https://www.diosav.org/event-rentals/villa-marie-center>) 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/O Chad Sweeney
805 Windsor Ct
Augusta, GA 30909
Checks payable to: BSA Troop 8

Questions may be emailed to:

Chad Sweeney
BET 2023 Director
chadsween@gmail.com
706-799-2610

Larry Davis
BET 2023 Crew Advisor
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229-349-3181



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 2023
(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.

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