



2016 Bishop England Trek

Sunday, June 12, 2016 to Saturday, June 18, 2016



General Information

The Bishop England Trek is a high adventure Catholic leadership program for Catholic Boy Scouts and Venture Crew members situated on the Foot Hills Trail in the Upstate of South Carolina. The program brings Catholic youth from the Dioceses of Charleston and Savannah together with selected priests, religious and seminarians for 5 days of backpacking in the context of a vocation retreat.

Dates and Itinerary

The 2016 Bishop England Trek begins on Sunday, June 12, 2016 in Spartanburg, South Carolina, where the participants meet, get to know one another, train, have fun and pray. On Monday they begin their hike from either the top of Sassafras Mountain or Oconee State Park, working their way along the Foot Hills Trail over 5 days to Devils Fork State Park. While hiking 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. At the conclusion of the trek on Saturday, June, 18, 2016, they will be asked to continue their discernment and if they so desire make an application to attend the St. George



Trek at Philmont Scout Ranch in 2017. Participants will also be asked to utilize the leadership skills gained and to become role models for their fellow scouts.

Candidate Qualification / Selection

Boy Scouts and Venture Crew members, ages 14 and above, as of July 1, 2016, having completed the Ad Altari Dei and/or Pope Pius XII Religious Emblem by January 31, 2016 are eligible to complete an application for the Bishop England Trek. Because the program can only accommodate 36 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 backpack on the rigorous mountain trails, covering up to 10 miles per day. **No exceptions can be made to these expectations and requirements.** An all female crew is planned pending sufficient female registration. **Participants will be notified of their selection on or before February 7, 2016.**

Trek Preparation / Adult Leadership and Logistics Support / Fees

Boy Scouts and Venture Crew members selected to participate in the Bishop England Trek will be assigned to a Trek Crew comprised of a priest, seminarian and 1 additional adult leader with up to 9 youth. During the months of February – May 2016, the Trek Crew will complete 2 or more weekend hikes / camping outings to prepare for the Bishop England Trek. Adult Leaders will be assigned based on regional locale in relation to the Trek Crew. Final Trek Crews and logistics support assignments will be made by April 30, 2016. The fee for the Bishop England Trek is \$100.00. An additional \$50.00 will be due to help defray the cost of the practice hikes.

Applications should be submitted with deposit by February 1, 2016 to:

BE Trek – Crew 100
c/o St. Joseph Church
3512 Devine Street
Columbia, SC 29205

Deposit: \$100.00

Checks payable to:

BE Trek – Crew 100

Balance Due

by 3/31/16: \$ 50.00

Questions may be emailed to:

Tom Militello
Crew 100 Advisor
tom@stjosephcolumbia.org



Youth Applicant Background Information

First Name of Participant Middle Last Name Birth-date Age on 7-1-16

Address

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

Participant's Phone Number Participant's Email

Participant's School Grade as of July 1, 2016 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

Ad Altare Dei

Pope Pius XII

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