

# Diocese of Savannah 5th Annual Catholic Camporee



**Black Creek Scout Reservation,**

850 Poor Robin Rd, Sylvania, GA 30467

**Oct 14 – 16**

Open to all Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Girl Scouts USA,  
American Heritage Girls, Trail Life Boys, and Venture Crews

Dear Scout Leaders, and Crew Advisors:

The Savannah Diocese Catholic Committee on Scouting (DCCS) invites you to the 2022 Catholic Camporee to be held at Camp Black Creek Scout Reservation, 850 Poor Robin Rd, Sylvania, GA 30467, the weekend of October 14-16, 2022. We are asking for a one (1) hour of service (age and skill appropriate) during the day for all (scouts and adults).

All scouting units will be assigned camping as appropriate according to Scouts BSA guidelines.

The Camporee will include mixed Boy & Girl age appropriate events. Camporee competition awards will be presented following the Sunday morning service. All registered Scouts are invited, regardless of religious affiliation. The program is designed to promote awareness of Catholic life and prayer through the activities of Scouting.

We encourage scouts whose troops are not attending the Camporee, and wish to take part, to attend. We ask that leaders of units chartered to Catholic organizations welcome all Scouts in their parishes, even if they are members of different units. Lone Scouts who wish to attend are also welcome. Please contact the Camporee Leaders for assistance. We encourage each troop to search out Catholic Scouts that may be a part of their parish, a neighboring parish, or a troop of another faith.

The secret to the Camporee's success is the support of volunteers. Each unit is asked to complete the attached volunteer form to let us know how you can help. Just a few hours at one of the stations will be very helpful. Please help us to find help so that all ranges can be opened.

The cost for the weekend is \$25.00 per person and includes the camp fee, dinner Saturday night (each unit is responsible for all other meals during the weekend), a Camporee patch, the Rosary patch if earned at the religious station and completed by saying the Rosary on Saturday night. For security reasons, everyone must wear a bracelet given out at registration.

Bishop Parks will present each Scout that has earned his/her Catholic religious emblem over the past 12 months. Please identify all Scouts who will be recognized at registration (<https://diosav.org/youth/scouting/camporee/presentation>).

If you have someone that could help with the music at Mass please let us know. Please invite your pastor to attend the event, either as a participant or a visitor. Priests are welcome and encouraged to visit the Camporee at any time.

How to register: <https://diosav.org/youth/scouting/camporee>. Note all Diocese youth protection requirements will be strictly adhered to.

We look forward to seeing you at the 2022 Catholic Camporee! Please reserve this time on your calendar for this event.

Yours in Scouting,

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**2022 Catholic Camporee  
Tentative Program Schedule**

**Friday October 14, 2022**

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| By 4:00 p.m.     | Staff Arrives  |
| 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. | Check-in /Registration / Campsite Assignment / Gear drop-off at Campsite   |
| 5:00-7:00p.m.    | One vehicle from each unit allowed to drop off equipment in camp, troop trailers can be left at the site during these times. |
| 9:00 p.m.        | Evening Prayers-pavilion   |
| 9:30 p.m.        | SPL & Leaders Meeting/Cracker Barrel   |
| 10:30 p.m.       | Lights Out   |

**Saturday October 15, 2022**

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| 6:45 a.m.  | Reveille and breakfast in site -each unit is responsible for their own meals  |
| 8:15 a.m.  | Flag Raising / announcements and shooting sports safety briefing<br>- Note that wrist bands will be provided for safety briefing at this time and will be required to participate in shooting sports. |
| 9:00 a.m.  | Events Begin  |
| 9-10       | Older (11 and up) vocation hike. - Separate guys and girls  |
| 9-12       | BB's, Climbing wall, rosary making, cross whittling (please bring your Whittling chip, Totin chit or equivalent)  |
| 11-12      | Carlo Acutis. Activity Patch  |
| 12:00 Noon | Lunch – all units will provide their own meals  |
| 1:00 p.m.  | Events resume   |
| 1-2        | Younger scout vocation hike, mixed boys and girls   |
| 1-4        | Rifle, Archery, Climbing wall, Faux stained glass, service project  |
| 3-4        | Chiara Luce Badano Activity patch   |
| 4:00 p.m.  | Events Conclude   |
| 4:30 p.m.  | Mass and Religious Awards Presentations-Full uniform  |
| 6:00 p.m.  | Dinner  |
| 7:30 p.m.  | Campfire-Full uniform   |
| 8:30 p.m.  | Living Rosary   |
| 10:30 p.m. | Lights Out  |

**Sunday October 16, 2022**

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| 7:00 a.m.              | Reveille and breakfast in campsites  |
| 8:30 a.m.              |  |
| Following Presentation | Complete Clean up / Site Inspection. Camporee Patches presented at Checkout following site inspection. |
| 9:30-11:00a.m.         | One vehicle from each unit allowed to pick up equipment in camp  |
| 11:00 a.m.             | All Units Must Depart by 11:00   |

## **THE CAMPFIRE PROGRAM**

The campfire program will consist of singing, skits, and story-telling. All invited units are welcome to participate.

The patrol or troop leader should submit and audition the skit at the location identified at some time during the scheduled activity times (between 9am and 3pm). **ALL SKITS SHOULD BE UPLIFTING** and avoid the portrayal of violence or inappropriate themes. Skits should be written and presented in a spirit of fun while not making fun of others and should be in keeping with the Catholic Camporee theme. A bible story or original story with a positive Christian theme is ideal. Originality is highly encouraged!

Skits should be rehearsed, in advance. (Be Prepared!) Remember to speak **LOUDLY** and **CLEARLY**. An announcement will be made after mass if your patrol has been selected to present your skit at the campfire.

### **CAMPOREE GUIDELINES AND USEFUL INFORMATION**

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| <b>PURPOSE</b>                        | The purpose of the Catholic Camporee is to bring together Catholic Scouts for scouting events and Christian fellowship. The Camporee will give each Scout, den, patrol, pack, crew and troop a chance to learn and demonstrate a range of skills and to have FUN. |
| <b>PRE-REGISTRATION</b>               | All units should pre-register to help the committee with program planning. Early registration cutoff is Friday September 24, 2022. Fee is \$25 per person.  |
| <b>PREPARATION</b>                    | Each patrol is encouraged to practice basic scouting skills in preparation for the Camporee and to be prepared. Review upcoming events to ensure patrols are prepared. Remember Troop & Patrol flags.   |
| <b>LOCATION</b>                       | 850 Poor Robin Rd, Sylvania, GA 30467   |
| <b>CHECK-IN</b>                       | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) Registration opens at 5 p.m. on Friday. Adult leaders or designees should report to registration location.</li><li>2) Guidelines for dropping off gear and emergency vehicles will be provided at registration</li></ol> |
| <b>CRACKER BARREL AND SPL MEETING</b> | The Camporee Committee will address last minute details, schedule changes, and other matters the Cracker Barrel and SPL meetings. SPL, Scoutmasters, and Girl Scouts USA Leaders, or their designee are invited and encouraged to attend.                         |

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| <b>MEDICAL ASSISTANCE</b> | There will be a first aid station designated at the camp. However, units are reminded to bring their own first aid kits for non-critical first aid.  |
| <b>PATROLS</b>            | The intent of the Camporee is to challenge patrols or troops to work as a team. Troops should not try to put together super patrols. Event Patrols, Camping Patrols, and Cooking patrols must be the same.   |
| <b>PERSMISSION SLIPS</b>  | Units are also reminded they should have all necessary medical forms as required by the Guide to Safe Scouting.  |
| <b>LEADERSHIP</b>         | Two-deep adult leadership is required on-site during the entire Camporee. Patrols should follow the guidelines set forth about adult/scout ratios including with sleeping arrangements. The SPL of each Troop is responsible for all youth leadership and their patrols.   |
| <b>CAMPING</b>            | Each troop will camp as a unit following their appropriate units camping guidelines, Camporee style, in tents. Each unit is responsible for its camping gear.  |
| <b>UNIFORMS</b>           | Scouts and Scouters are required to be in at those events marked on the enclosed schedule. At events not marked, scouts should wear activity uniform as designated by their units. Point deductions will occur at each activity when members are out of uniform. Points will be deducted for non-scouting or non-religious themed head wear. |
| <b>GARBAGE</b>            | DO NOT bury any garbage.   |
| <b>DUTY ROSTER</b>        | Troops should post duty rosters for each patrol. Guidelines for campsite inspections should be followed as all campsites will be inspected.  |
| <b>MEALS / FOOD</b>       | The Camporee registration includes dinner on Saturday evening. Units should also plan for any snacks or other food needed by scouts during the weekend.  |
| <b>CAMPSITE</b>           | Campsite judging is designed to teach scouts the fundamentals of good camping habits, safety, comfort, cooking, health, and sanitation using the patrol method.  |
| <b>CHECK-OUT</b>          | Site inspection and checkout will be conducted on Sunday following chapel services. All units should be ready for inspection prior to morning prayer. A Camporee staff member will inspect each site and report back to the Camporee Scoutmaster. All camporee patched will be presented at checkout after successful site inspection.       |
| <b>CAMPFIRES</b>          | No campfires unless in designated fire rings. Campfires are to be shared with all units in your campsite.  |
| <b>EVALUATION FORMS</b>   | Evaluation forms will be provided to each unit to fill out. Returning these forms will be part of the checkout procedure. Please take time to fill these out as it is an important tool to offer feedback on the programs and facilities are provided.   |

**QUESTIONS/  
CONCERNS**

Please report any questions or concerns regarding judging events to the Camporee Scoutmaster by the Troop's Senior Patrol Leader.

**GUIDELINES FOR  
THE RECEPTION OF  
COMMUNION**

Catholics: In order to be properly disposed to receive Holy Communion, Catholics should be in a state of grace and have fasted (except for water) for a period of at least 1 hour prior to receiving the Body and Blood of our Lord.

Non-Catholics are welcome to join in the celebration of the Eucharist in a spirit of prayer. In keeping with the teaching of the Catholic Church, non-Catholics should refrain from reception of Holy Communion. Non-Catholics may approach the minister of communion for a blessing.

**Camporee Rules to Live by**

Here are a few rules that apply to our Camporee that we sometimes forget.

- No one rides in the back of a truck
- If it doesn't have wings, don't throw it. This includes sticks and stones, especially rocks around the lake.
- No running except on the playground area.
- No bare feet or open-toed shoes, except in the showers.
- Scouts should always walk with a buddy and should never be sent to the campsite or any area alone.
- Campfires should be completely out and cold to the touch before leaving the campsite or retiring for the evening.
- No one should walk with an open knife
- All holes dug for any purpose should be filled
- No scouts may smoke, adults must smoke out of the view of scouts.
- Wear full uniform at Living Rosary, Mass, Award Ceremony, and campfire.
- The possession and/or use of alcohol is strictly prohibited and will result in immediate removal from camp!

**SAFE ENVIRONMENT GUIDELINES**

The Diocese of Savannah enforces Safe Environments, so youth can grow to their best potential. Because we rely upon adults (age 18 and over) to provide this security, adults attending the Camporee with a group must show proof of the following:

1. Proof of training for boundary violation/grooming, abuse and reporting

a. Accepted training programs include, but are not exclusive to

- i. VIRTUS Protecting God's Children
- ii. Scouting U Begins with YOUth Protection
- iii. Darkness to Light
- iv. Circle of Grace
- v. Praesidium Armatus
- vi. KEYS

b. Training through any other provider must be approved by the Director Safe Environment, Joan Altmeyer at [jbaltmeyer@diosav.org](mailto:jbaltmeyer@diosav.org).

2. A background check to include both a check of the FBI's National criminal database and Sex Offender's Registry, dated no older than January 1, 2020

- i. If a background check is unavailable, one can be completed through the Diocese of Savannah. A completed authorization form and check/money order for \$3 must be submitted with your registration form and received no later than one week prior to the event. You can be provided a copy of the results if you include your email address.

For Virtus Trained Adults: Send an email to Caroline Ebberwein ([cebberwein@diosav.org](mailto:cebberwein@diosav.org)) to verify training and background check.

For all other trainings: Send proof of training and background check to Nancy Thornock ([Nthornock@diosav.org](mailto:Nthornock@diosav.org)). A printout showing you are currently registered as a leader with BSA, Girl Scouts or American Heritage will suffice.

With any questions on verifying training, contact Caroline Ebberwein ([cebberwein@diosav.org](mailto:cebberwein@diosav.org)).

## 2022 CATHOLIC CAMPOREE ADULT VOLUNTEER FORM

The secret to the success of Camporee is the involvement of units to support the activities at the Camporee. Complete the following form and e-mail it to Chad Sweeney at [chadsween@gmail.com](mailto:chadsween@gmail.com) or Alvin McGrath at [alvinmcgrath@gmail.com](mailto:alvinmcgrath@gmail.com). You will be contacted with more details regarding your involvement.

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| <b>Unit Number:</b> |  | <b>City</b> |  |
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| Event                             | Adult Name | Contact Info<br>(E-mail and Phone) | Current BSA<br>Trained (Y/N) |
|-----------------------------------|------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Religious/Vocations Walk          |            |                                    |                              |
| Cross Whittling/Lashing           |            |                                    |                              |
| Climbing/<br>Bouldering Wall      |            |                                    |                              |
| Saint Patch - Carlo Acutis        |            |                                    |                              |
| Chiara Luce Badano Activity patch |            |                                    |                              |
| Rosary Making                     |            |                                    |                              |
| Faux stained glass making         |            |                                    |                              |

| Administration            |            |                                    |  |
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| Activity                  | Adult Name | Contact Info<br>(E-mail and Phone) |  |
| Skits                     |            |                                    |  |
| Registration              |            |                                    |  |
| Music for Mass            |            |                                    |  |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Aid/Medic |            |                                    |  |



## **Directions to Black Creek**

### **From Middle/West GA and Macon area**

Follow I-16 to US 301 Statesboro/Claxton Exit 116. Turn left onto US 301 in about 12 miles, at the stop light you will turn right onto the 301 Bypass. Continue until the road ends at the stop sign. Take a right onto East Parrish Street. Continue about 18 miles. You will then turn right onto Hwy 21 South. Go 6.8 miles and Turn left onto Poor Robin Road. The entrance to camp is about 1/2 mile on your right.

### **From North West GA/Augusta area**

Take US Hwy 25 South approx. 47 miles. Turn left on GA Hwy 21 South and follow it for approximately 18 miles. Turn right onto US301 South and follow for 2.1 miles. Turn left onto GA-21 South and follow for 6.8 miles. Turn left onto Poor Robin Road. The entrance to camp is about 1/2 mile on your right.

### **From I-95**

Exit 109 GA Hwy 21 North- Go about 43 miles and then turn right onto Poor Robin Road. The entrance to Camp is about 1/2 mile on your right.