



2021 Bishop England “Fishers of Men” Trek

Sunday, July 18, 2021 to Friday, July 23, 2021



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 situated on the Edisto River in South Carolina and will feature four days of canoeing 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 2021 Bishop England Trek begins on Sunday, July 18, 2021 at Colleton State Park, where the participants meet, get to know one another, train, have fun and pray. On Monday, they begin their trek on the North Branch of the Edisto River, floating east each day until arriving at Givhans Ferry State Park, Ridgeville, SC on Thursday, July 22nd. While paddling 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 Friday, July 23, 2021 there will be Mass at the Chapel of The Holy Family in Charleston, SC with Bishop Guglielmone. 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 2022. 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, 2021, having completed the Ad Altari Dei and/or Pope Pius XII Religious Emblem are eligible to complete an application for the Bishop England Trek. Because the program can only accommodate 40 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 paddle and camp for 4 consecutive days in the South Carolina heat. All participants must have demonstrated their swimming ability by completing the BSA Swim Test and Safety Afloat Training. **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 June 20, 2021.** Final Trek Crews and logistics support assignments will be made by June 30, 2021. The fee for the Bishop England Trek is \$200.00.

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.



Mass at a campground along the Edisto River

Applications should be submitted with deposit by June 24, 2021 to:

BE Trek – Crew 100 Deposit: \$100.00 c/o St. Joseph Church

Checks payable to:

3512 Devine Street
Columbia, SC 29205

BE Trek – Crew 100

Balance Due

by 7/9/21: \$100.00

Questions may be emailed to:

George Faller
BET 2019 Director
Gfaller56@gmail.com

Tom Militello
BET 2019 Crew Advisor
tom@stjosephcolumbia.org



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 Trek and Associated Activities / Events

From 7/1/2021 to 7/30/2021 Without Restriction Special Considerations _____

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 Charleston, Charlotte, Raleigh, Savannah, and the Archdiocese of Atlanta, St. Joseph Catholic Church, Crew 100, 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 Age on 7-1-21

_____ 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, 2021 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.