

ST. GEORGE TREK

A Vocation Retreat at 12,000 Feet

START THINKING ABOUT YOUR SPOT ON THE 2026 ST. GEORGE TREK AT PHILMONT

JULY 1-16, 2026

Proven to help young people discern religious vocations

- 3 St. George Trek participants have been ordained to the priesthood over the past decade.
- 12 St. George Trek participants have entered seminary formation in their dioceses over the past decade.
- 30% of ordinands to the priesthood in the U.S. since 2006 were active in Scouting growing up.
- In recent years, Trek participants have entered formation programs for the Adorno Fathers and the Nashville Dominican Sisters.

THE ST. GEORGE TREK CAN HELP PROMISING TEENS CONSIDER A CALL TO THE PRIESTHOOD OR OTHER RELIGIOUS VOCATION

Every two years the National Catholic Committee on Scouting (NCCS) organizes the St. George Trek, aimed at teens discerning their vocation. Our next Trek is July 1-16, 2026.



The St. George Trek brings Catholic high schoolers from around the country together for a 16-day adventure, including 11 days of backpacking in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains at Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico. The Trek is led by the teens themselves and accompanied by priests, seminarians, and other Religious, giving teen participants the opportunity to experience the sacraments and the Church's life of prayer as they explore the majesty of God's creation – and their vocation.



HOW YOUR DIOCESE/EPARCHY CAN PARTICIPATE IN THIS VOCATION DISCERNMENT RETREAT:

1

Encourage eligible teens from your diocese / eparchy to complete the St. George Trek Participant Application Form found at: <https://nccs-bsa.org/saint-George-trek>

Eligible teens must be:

- At least 15 years old and no older than 18 years old by July 1, 2026
- An active member of a Scouting America Troop, Sea Scout Ship or Venturing Crew
- A committed Catholic, engaged in the life of the church
- Emotionally mature
- Physically and mentally able to spend 11 days in the wilderness, backpacking on mountain trails

2

Review St. George Trek Participant Applications and approve any eligible applications from your diocese / eparchy no later than December 31, 2025

- Diocesan / eparchial leadership will review all qualified participant applications and select trek participants
- NCCS Trek leadership will review all diocesan / eparchial approved participant applications and will approve qualified applications and notify diocesan / eparchial committees of updated application status

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Submit payment for approved St. George Trek Participant(s) in accordance with fee schedule

- The cost for each St. George Trek Participant is \$1,575 to be paid by the diocese / eparchy
- There is an Early Registration discount for those dioceses / eparchies who register and pay the deposit by October 31, 2025
- Payment details will be sent to the diocesan / eparchial point of contact listed on the St. George Trek Participant Application
- Contact NCCS at (214) 714-6950 or info@nccs-bsa-org if you have any payment questions
- Financial aid is available to dioceses / eparchies who are not able to pay the full cost of the trek

Scan the QRC to navigate
to the NCCS St. George
Trek home page



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