



**St. Paul- Minneapolis Archdiocesan Committee on Catholic Scouting  
2024 Catholic Camporee**

**Rum River Scout Camp**  
15659 St Francis Blvd NW  
Ramsey, MN 55303

September 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>, 2024

### **Attendance Options:**

The event will run from Friday through Sunday with participants having the option to camp for any portion of the weekend or to come just for the day on Saturday. Elementary-aged scouts are expected to have close to a 1:1 adult to scout ratio. Older scouts should follow the practices outlined in their respective programs.

### **Meal Options:**

All participants have the option to cook their own food or to eat in the Dining Hall. Your camporee passport will also serve as your meal ticket.

### **Uniforms:**

The Official Scout Uniform should be worn during Mass, dinner, and the campfire program on Saturday. All other times may be camping attire following good Scouting practices.

### **Order of Events:**

#### **Friday:**

Check-in 6-9 pm

- Arrivals will not be admitted until 6:00 pm
- Participants must arrive by 9:00 pm

There will be an informational session at 8:30 pm for those interested in learning more about the ACCS and the plan for the weekend. This is an optional event as most sessions are expected to be self-explanatory.

#### **Saturday:**

The day will start with breakfast in the Dining Hall for those who have selected this option and additional registration time for those not arriving on Friday. After an opening flag ceremony, we will split into groups by Scouting service and receive an introduction to the religious emblem program appropriate for each age group. Scouts will leave this period with the first section or chapter completed. Scout BSA adult leaders are invited to their own training session during this time to learn how to complete the religious emblem programs in their unit. Scouts will also have an opportunity to create their own rosary and work on an activity related to St. George, patron saint of scouting.

There will then be an hour-long break for lunch.

After lunch, twelve stations will open for the Scouts to work through. There is no assigned order or time for these stations. To earn their camporee patch, a Scout will need to complete at least eight stations and receive punches in their camporee passport. The stations include:

Station	Title	Description
1	Altar Server Obstacle Course	Suit up with alb and cincture, take up your cross, and power through the obstacle course. Do you have what it takes to be an altar server in your home parish?  To receive your station punch, you must complete the course (no time or skill requirement)
2	Archery	Standard archery range following BSA range-safety requirements.  To receive your station punch, you must safely fire your arrows (no score requirement)

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3	BB guns or Rifles	Scouts will shoot either BB gun (elementary-age) or .22 rifle (middle school and up) following BSA range-safety requirements. The best rifle score in camp will be recognized at the evening campfire program (must be present to win).  To receive your station punch, you must safely shoot (no score requirement)
4	Climbing Wall	Reach for new heights at the climbing wall following BSA safety requirements.  To receive your station punch, you must safely approach and depart the climbing surface (no specific requirements)
5	Confession	Everyone at camp will have the Sacrament of Reconciliation available to them. For those who have not received the sacrament, the priests will explain its significance.  To receive your station punch, you must spend at least one minute with the priest
6	Eucharistic Adoration	Spend a few quiet minutes in prayer in the midst of your busy day.  To receive your station punch, you must spend at least five minutes at the station
7	Gaga Ball	Gaga Ball sessions will be run by age (separate elementary and middle plus groups) to ensure safe play.  To receive your station punch, you must participate in at least one game
8	Half-mile Run	Stretch your legs with a half-mile run or walk. The fastest scout in camp will be recognized at the evening campfire program (must be present to win).  To receive your station punch, you must safely travel the half mile (no time requirement)
9	Knights of Columbus	Meet a real-life Knight of Columbus and learn more about the founder of this great organization: Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney. Scouts will have the opportunity to earn a special patch at this station.  To receive your station punch, you must spend at least three minutes learning about the Knights of Columbus (do not have to earn special patch)
10	Leatherwork	Make a pouch for the rosary you made in the morning and decorate it with your name, initials, or scouting symbols.  To receive your station punch, you must assemble the pouch (no artistic requirement)
11	Religious Vocations	Spend time with seminarians and religious sisters to learn more about their amazing vocations. Scouts will have the opportunity to earn a special patch at this station.  To receive your station punch, you must spend at least three minutes learning about religious vocations (do not have to earn special patch)
12	Rosary Walk	Spend time in prayer on the rosary walk  To receive your station punch, you must participate for at least one decade of the rosary

The stations will run from 12:30 to 4:30 pm. After the stations conclude, everyone should gather at the Dining Hall for Mass at 5 pm. After Mass, the closing flag ceremony will be held and everyone will proceed to dinner based on their dining option. At 8 pm, a campfire program will be held including a Catholic trivia contest where one champion should be sent forward from each unit to compete for a fabulous prize. Cracker barrel will follow the campfire, with lights out by 10 pm.

**Sunday:**

Sunday will be largely at the discretion of attendees. Those eating breakfast in the Dining Hall will be served from 7:30 to 9 am. Campers should thoroughly police their areas before departing and are expected to have left the grounds by 10:30 am.

**General Information**

**Campsites will be assigned prior to the event, based on the number of attendees in that unit.** Participants will find out their assigned campsites at check-in. Do not set up in a campsite that is not assigned to you.

**Please park in designated parking spaces only.** No parking on the road is allowed. No driving allowed beyond the parking lot. This is in compliance with fire code and must be adhered to.

**Special patches:**



Religious Vocations Station, Option 1



Religious Vocations Station, Option 2



Knight of Columbus Station



All scouts earn this patch during morning rotation

**Preliminary Schedule of Events:**

	Cub Scouts with their Adult Partner	Scouts BSA Scouts	Scouts BSA Leaders	American Heritage Girls Girl Scouts USA																																							
8-9	Breakfast New arrival check-in																																										
9-9:15	Opening Flag Ceremony																																										
Morning Session 9:30-11:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LOC, PD overview and Baptism lesson</li> <li>• Rosary craft</li> <li>• St. George Activity</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• St. George Activity</li> <li>• Intro to AAD/Intro to PPXII</li> <li>• Rosary craft</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training for AAD counselor</li> <li>• Training for PPXII counselor</li> <li>• Training on unit awards</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rosary craft</li> <li>• St. George Activity</li> <li>• Intro to Religious Emblem</li> </ul>																																							
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