



**St. Paul- Minneapolis Archdiocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting
Catholic Camporee 2026**

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

September 11-13, 2026

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 Thurston Lodge. Participants in the meal plan will receive an identifying wristband to be worn when entering Thurston Lodge.

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 will run from 6 to 9 pm. Arrivals will not be admitted until 6:00 pm and all Friday night participants must arrive by 9:00 pm. There will be an informational session in Thurston Lodge 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 Thurston Lodge (for those who have selected this option) and additional registration time for those not arriving on Friday. After an opening flag ceremony at Colbert Shelter, 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. If a Scout does not desire to start their religious emblem (or has earned all of the emblems), there will be a service activity available during this time. Scout BSA adult leaders are invited to their own training session during this time at Thurston Lodge to learn how to complete the religious emblem programs in their unit. Scouts will also have an opportunity to create their own prayer journal and work on a saint activity.

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

After lunch, middle and high school-aged Scouts will select a class from among four to six merit badges to explore¹. Cub Scouts (and Scouts not affiliated with Scouting America who do not wish to participate in the merit badge classes) will first complete a rosary activity to earn their "Pray the Rosary" patch. After the rosary activity, Cub Scouts will complete the Duty to God adventure related to their rank. The entire group will then have the opportunity to explore different stations. When the merit badges are complete, older Scouts can join the stations, too. There is no assigned order or time for these stations.

¹ The list of proposed merit badges is at the end of this document.

The stations include:

Station	Title	Description	Location
1	Archery	Standard archery range following BSA range-safety requirements.	Archery Range
2	Bonus Rosary Activity	Complement your "Pray the Rosary" patch by learning about the Joyful Mysteries.	Colbert Shelter (Inside)
3	BB Guns	Scouts will shoot BB guns following BSA range-safety requirements. The best score in camp will be recognized at the evening campfire program (must be present to win).	BB Range
4	Obstacle Course	Test your agility at the obstacle course.	Confidence Course
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.	Chapel
6	Eucharistic Adoration	Spend a few quiet minutes in prayer in the midst of your busy day.	Colbert Shelter (Outside)
7	Gaga Ball	Standard gaga ball rules or create your own.	West Gaga Ball Pit
8	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.	Colbert Shelter (Inside)

The stations will run from 1:30pm (for American Heritage Girls and Girl Scouts of the USA, Cub Scouts will begin at 2pm) to 4pm. After the stations conclude, preparations will begin for Mass to be held at the Colbert Shelter. Scouts wishing to sing in the Scout Choir should gather at 4:15pm for rehearsal; all talent levels are welcome. The Mass will begin 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 in the OA ring, including a Catholic trivia contest where one champion should be sent forward from each unit to compete for a fabulous prize². Cracker barrel will follow the campfire, with lights out by 10 pm.

Calm Space Sponsored by the Northern Star Scouting Special Needs & Disabilities Committee:

This year members of the Northern Star Scouting Special Needs and Disabilities Committee are available in Colbert Shelter with calming activities and a space for Scouts to take a sensory break. The purpose of this space is to help Scouts who may be having difficulties prepare themselves for the remainder of the day's activities. This is also a great opportunity for unit leaders to meet members of the Special Needs & Disabilities team, introduce themselves, and/or ask questions of this team.

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.

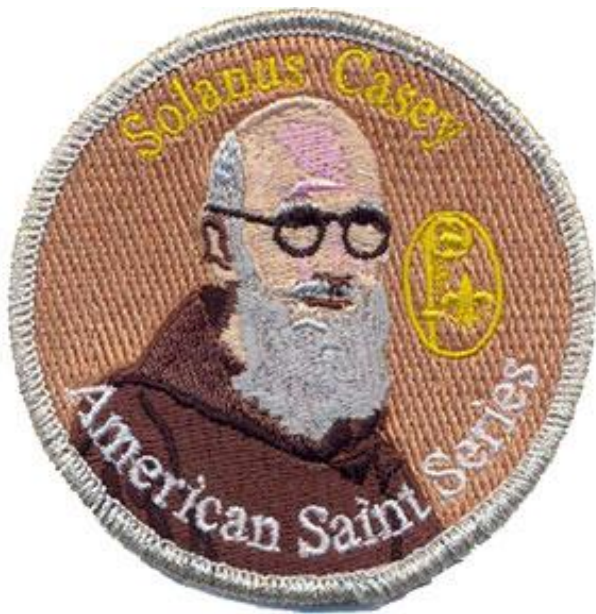
² For those who remember Catholic Camporee 2024, this trivia contest will be easier.

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.

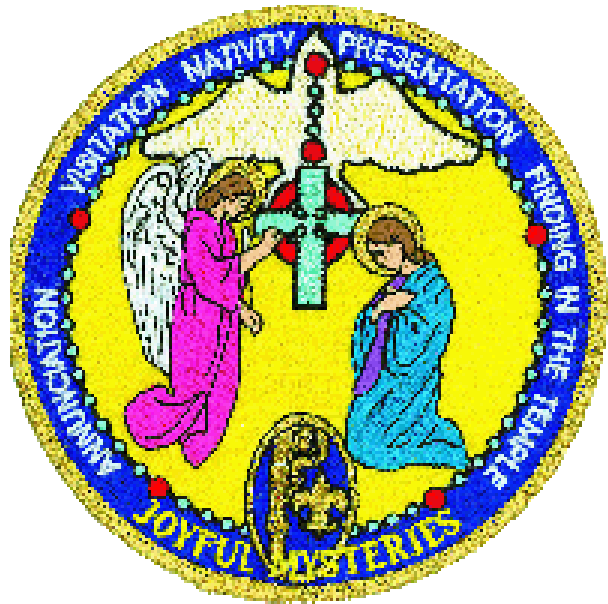
Special patches:



All Scouts earn this patch during morning rotation



All Cub Scouts and those American Heritage Girls and Girl Scouts of the USA who do not participate in merit badge classes with the Scouts BSA Scouts will earn this rosary patch



Patch earned at afternoon rosary station



Patch earned at afternoon religious vocation station

Preliminary Schedule of Saturday Events:

	Cub Scouts with their Adult Partner	American Heritage Girls Girl Scouts USA	Scouts BSA Scouts	Scouts BSA Leaders
8-9	Breakfast at Thurston Lodge (or in camp site) New arrival check-in at Thurston Lodge			
9-9:15	Opening Flag Ceremony at Colbert Shelter			
Morning Session 9:30-11:30	Held at Colbert Shelter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LOC, PD overview and Baptism lesson • Prayer journal craft • Bl. Solanus Casey activity 	Held at Colbert Shelter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prayer journal craft • Bl. Solanus Casey activity • Intro to Religious Emblem 	Held at Weaver Shelter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bl. Solanus Casey activity • Intro to AAD/Intro to PPXII • Prayer journal craft 	Held at Thurston Lodge <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training for AAD counselor • Training for PPXII counselor • Training on unit awards
11:30-12:30	Lunch at Thurston Lodge (or in camp site)			
Afternoon Sessions 1-1:30	Rosary Activity at Colbert Shelter	Rosary Activity at Colbert Shelter or Merit Badge Classes with Scouts BSA Scouts	Merit Badge Classes at Weaver Shelter and Thurston Lodge Activity stations as time permits	
1:30-2	Duty to God Adventures at Colbert Shelter	Activity stations		
2-4	Activity stations	Activity stations		
4:14-4:45	Scout Choir rehearsal, Mass minister practice at Colbert Shelter			
5-6	Mass at Colbert Shelter			
6-6:15	Closing Flag Ceremony at Colbert Shelter			
6:15-7:30	Dinner at Thurston Lodge (or in camp site)			
8-9	Campfire Program and Catholic Trivia Contest at OA Ring			
9-10	Cracker Barrel at Thurston Lodge (All Participants)			
10	Lights Out			

Several merit badges are being considered for Scouts BSA Scouts during the afternoon. This list will be finalized towards 4-6 badges with sign-up at check-in: American Cultures MB, American Heritage MB, Architecture MB, Collections MB, Disability Awareness MB, Family Life MB, Journalism MB, Law MB, Moviemaking MB, Music MB, Photography MB, Public Speaking MB, Sculpture MB