

Catholic Adventure Week 2017

Leaders Manual



Check out this week of adventure to find what God has in store for you? "Miracle of the Sun"

A summer camp experience like no other for Boy Scouts and Venturers!

"The sun, at one moment surrounded with scarlet flame, at another aureoled in yellow and deep purple, seemed to be in an exceedingly swift and whirling movement, at times appearing to be loosened from the sky and to be approaching the earth, strongly radiating heat."—Dr. Domingos Pinto Coelho

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Unit Leader:

Thank you for registering your youth members for this year’s Catholic Adventure Week offered at Swift Base at the S-F Scout Ranch and sponsored by Greater St. Louis Area Council - BSA, the Office of Youth Ministry of the St. Louis Archdioceses, and the Catholic Committee on Scouting.

Our goal in providing this week for our Catholic Boy Scouts and Venturers is to give them an experience of living their faith, growing in their faith, and loving their faith within the Scouting movement and especially out in the wonders of God’s creation.

While at Swift for CAW, Scouts will be camping with their individual crews or troops, under their particular adult leadership. Since a number of our participants are attending this camp in addition to their troop’s summer camp, there will be cases where a Scout from a unit does not have a leader present at camp. A “provisional unit” will be made for one of the camp sites (troop and/or crew), with leadership being provided by members of the Catholic Committee on Scouting. In the past this system has worked very well, and Scouts seem to mix easily with other Scouts, without the tension that can be experienced at a normal summer camp.

While at CAW, Scouts and Venturers will be exposed to the entire High Adventure program offered at Swift. Intertwined with the outstanding program offered by the Swift staff, there will be opportunities for prayer, religious instruction, and reflection.

We will be offering again the “Voyageur program” for new Scouts, details on page 4. Go to this link for registration/camp information and making updates:

<https://scoutingevent.com/312-catholicadventureweek2017>

We thank you for your commitment to Scouting as Youth Ministry and look forward to seeing you at Swift! Get ready for to join us in celebrating the Year of Mercy at camp. If there are any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us.

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Here is a *TENTATIVE* schedule for the week. *Its packed!!*

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7:30 A.M.	Morning Prayer	Morning Prayer	Morning Prayer	Morning Prayer	Morning Prayer
7:55 A.M.	Flag Raising	Flag Raising	Flag Raising	Flag Raising	Flag Raising
8:00 A.M.	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
9:00 -Noon	High Adventure	High Adventure	High Adventure	High Adventure	High Adventure
9:00-Noon	St. George Hike	St. George Hike	St. George Hike	St. George Hike	St. George Hike-Venturers
12:20 P.M.	Angelus	Angelus	Angelus	Angelus	Angelus
12:30 P.M.	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
1:00 P.M.	Down time	Down time	Down time	Down time	1-5 PM Mile Swim
2:00-5:00	Merit Badges / Kodiak	Merit Badges / Kodiak	Merit Badges / Kodiak	Merit Badges / Kodiak	Merit Badges & Kodiak Make up
3:00-5:00 P.M.	Voyager	Voyager	Voyager	Voyager	Voyager Make up Session
5:00-6:25 P.M.	R & R (evening prayer – 6 pm)	R & R(evening prayer – 6 pm)	R & R(evening prayer – 6 pm)	R & R(evening prayer – 6 pm)	5:30 p.m. Mass
6:25 P.M.	Flag Lowering	Flag Lowering	Flag Lowering	Flag Lowering	Flag Lowering
6:30 P.M.	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner
7:00 P.M.			Hucks Cove	OA Call Out	
7:30 P.M.	Adoration & Reconciliation	Beach Party			
8:00 P.M.					Camp Fire
9:00 P.M.	Fishers of Men		Game Night	Movie Night	
9:00 P.M.		Over Night out & About			
10:00 P.M.	Camp fire reflections	Camp fire reflections	Camp fire reflections	Camp fire reflections	Camp fire reflections

The following is a list of Merit Badges that the Swift Staff can do during the week:

Canoeing	Climbing	Horsemanship	Lifesaving	Water Skiing
Rowing	Small Boat Sailing	Swimming	Rifle	Shotgun

Other Troop leaders maybe offering Chess, Indian Lore, and Weather. Class signups for all badges takes place after Sunday night dinner.

The Voyageur Program offered by the CAW Staff for First-year Scouts

Merit badges are fun, and we recommend that first-year Scouts earn a couple. But until you are a First Class Scout, basic Scout skills are where it's at.

Our Voyageur Program is designed for first-year campers. It helps you pass the outdoor requirements needed to advance to First Class. If you sign up for the Voyageur Program, you participate in the program right at Swift camp.

We'll teach knife and axe, fire-building, knots and lashings, map and compass, orienteering, poisonous plants, and plant and animal identification. When you add the swimming requirements passed in the aquatics area, you'll be well on your way to being a First Class Scout.

Each Scout should bring the following to the Voyageur area each day: Scout Handbook, Water bottle, Pocket knife, and Compass

We recommend that you bring a day pack to carry these items along with your swimsuit and towel.

There will be a \$10 fee per Scout to cover the costs of program materials such as wood carving slides, beads, rope and totems. The fee will be collected at camp. *If we do not end up with 5 Scouts for this program, they can take other merit badges during that program time instead.*

Kodiak training for Venturers

While the Boy Scouts go off to do merit badges sessions, Ventures can do Kodiak. It is a leadership development course for older teens. It is based on the servant leader concept and is delivered while on a trek, trip, or other activity. It teaches five leadership skills called commissions using illustrations found in nature. It will be a unique experience for these youth to try. The costs to do this program is \$10 and covers claws and patch.



Religious Emblems and Faith Building Programs

After the past few Catholic Adventure Week camps, we have determined that organized sessions to instruct Scouts for Ad Altare Dei or Pope Pius XII was difficult for the setting and disruptive to the individual troop's instruction method. For this reason we will not offer Ad Altare Dei or Pope Pius XII at camp. We will, however, have opportunities for Scouts to earn various other faith building programs such as the Pope John Paul II, Be Not Afraid, Saints programs, and pray the Rosary Programs while at camp. Materials and commitment cards for all of the Religious Emblems and programs will be given to each Scout to pursue with his troop or on his own.

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