

2024 Duty To God Pilgrimage
An Inspirational Faith Journey
Hosted By Philmont Training Center



Earn Scouting Religious Medal And Activity Patches While On A Pilgrimage

Duty To God Pilgrimage

Scouts and Scouters of all Christian faiths are encouraged to participate in our 2024 Duty To God Pilgrimage program offered at the Philmont Training Center July 21-July 26, 2024. Since we will also have our Scouting Brothers from the Scouts of Japan visiting with us, all participants, both Scout and Scouter, will have the opportunity to earn 2-4 International Scouting Medals and Activity Patches. Our Pilgrimage will explore lives of Saints, their Faith Journeys and how it relates to our own Faith Journey today, visit the “miraculous staircase” at Loretto Chapel in Santa Fe, marvel at the 200 year old cross at the Church at Chimayo and explore the Indian Cliff Dwellings at the Bandolier National Monument. Scouts 12 years (if 12, then one parent needs to attend) and older are welcome to participate as long as they have attended one summer camp and achieved First Class Rank, are in good standing within their Troop and Church, wish to become closer to their faith, Philmont Physical required, and follow our Scouting Code of Conduct. All participating Scouters have the ability to earn the Scouting International Religious Knot and several other patches that our Scouts earn during our trip.

A. Objective – Our Pilgrimage program, which was awarded the 2008 National “Award of Excellence,” will be in its 7th iteration using volunteers from around the Dallas, Ft Worth area who are dedicated to its success. **Methodist, Episcopal, Lutheran, Non-Denominational and Catholic Scouts have already participated in this pilgrimage. SR Area 2 has requested our program be limited to the Christian religious awards as there were concerns we would be overwhelmed taking on all potential faiths.**

Our goal is simply Excellence! We will strive for it in everything we do. When you get a chance to read our Exit Surveys from prior trips, you’ll understand that we’ve already done it before And intend to facilitate a program of excellence. John Ryan thetexaswebguy@yahoo.com 817.939.5673

There will be more details on how Scouts who wish to earn a religious award will work on “at home” requirements that will need to be completed before our pilgrimage so they can finish during our trip.

Program Opportunities:

2024 Duty To God PTC program patch

Religious Award

International Spirit Award

Messenger of Peace

St Paul Miki Activity Patch (BSA/Japan)

Potential or JOTI with Japanese Scouts

Philmont Duty To God

Pilgrimage Visit to Religious Sites in New Mexico

See Application At Bottom

A Scout is reverent. They are reverent toward God, faithful in religious duties and respect the convictions of others in matters of custom and religion. To encourage members to grow stronger in their faith, religious groups have developed religious emblems programs. The Scouts BSA has approved of these programs and allows the emblems to be worn on the official uniform. The various religious groups

administer the programs. Additional information can be found at <https://www.scouting.org/awards/religious-awards/>

We achieve 125% Program because we don't cook and we don't camp. This will be explained in our initial briefings.

Fee and Contact: Send \$ 50 Deposit by check, to confirm program slot, made out to "Crew 32"
John Ryan thetexaswebguy@yahoo.com 817.939.5673 US Mail: P O Box 1062; Colleyville, Tx 76034

Destinations: Philmont Scout Ranch, Villa Philmonte, Kit Carson Museum, Philmont Trading Post, Loretto Chapel, San Miguel Mission (oldest church in America), Bandolier National Monument (Cliff Dwellings), Philmont Museum. (Optional if we have time: St James Hotel, Horse Riding – extra fee)

B. Scouts BSA Participant Requirements – We will have attendees from around the country so this will be a Jamboree style experience.

1. Minimum age 12 by 6/18/2024 (If 12, one Scouter parent needs to attend) 2. First Class by (Jun 2024) 3. SM approval 4. Active in local Troop for 6 months 5/ Medical clearance to attend. Plus the following for Scouter Participation: 6. Registered BSA Scouter age 21 or above in good standing 7/ YPT 8/ All Adults will be responsible for selecting an official tour position (See Adult Opportunities). This allows all adults to enjoy the trip by spreading tasks around 9/ Any other YPT Training that may be required from your specific Scouts BSA Council.

C. Cost – Duty To God Conference \$ 429

D. Scouts BSA Scholarships – Confidentially discuss with John Ryan

Confidentially Facilitated: make known to John, fill out Philmont Scholarship App and submit.

John's motto – Don't Let Money Be A Reason You Can't Attend

E. Pilgrimage Destination Descriptions

Loretto Chapel. Begun in 1873, the Loretto church marked its beginnings when the Bishop Jean Baptiste Lamy put out the call for priests, brothers and nuns to come to the new territory to teach. The Loretto Church is most famous for its mysterious spiral staircase, built sometime between 1877 and 1881. It makes two 360-degree turns, stands twenty feet tall and has no center support. It rests solely on its base and against the choir loft. The risers of the 33 steps are all of the same height. It's made of wood that is an apparently extinct species. The staircase was constructed with only square wooden pegs without glue or nails. The staircase is still a mystery to architects, engineers and master craftsmen and was considered a miracle. In the late 1960s, the Sisters sold the Chapel and it is no longer used as a functioning church. The historic value of its museums, churches and adobe structures is immense. It's spiritual value is immeasurable. When you enter, don't be surprised to hear German, French, Japanese, etc.

Philmont Scout Ranch. We are participating in an official Philmont Training Center program. However, we will mingle with Scouts going on Philmont Treks while we visit various sites at base camp. As participants at the Training Center, we will have the opportunity to brand our boots, make a leather Philmont belt, etc. We will meet Scouting families from around the country participating in other programs. We will also plan a surprise

Bandolier National Monument (Indian Cliff dwellings) The Frijoles Canyon was a place where ancient peoples lived. They were Pueblo people who farmed and hunted. They inhabited the Bandolier area for some 500 years before 1600 A.D. These had a large number of rooms; one with 40 rooms has been discovered. They also lived in rooms carved out of the hillsides. And then they were gone

San Miguel Mission. **The oldest existing church in North America was built during 1610. The Tlaxcala Indians built the mission, the Christian Brothers use it as a school chapel and Archbishop Jean Lamy established a Santa Fe congregation. The most unbelievable part of this visit is that they still let you RING THE BELL!** *Descriptions of other destinations will take place in future meetings.*

F. Equipment: We have a specific Equipment List for Scouts and Scouters so we can fit everything in our vehicles.

G. Behavior/Discipline.

We will operate under the same exact same “Code of Conduct” policy as Philmont Scout Ranch Or the National Scout Jamboree.

We are representing both the Church and Scouts BSA so all Scouts and Scouters should be on their best behavior. As I will reiterate during our preparatory meetings leading up to the 2024 Pilgrimage, we expect good behavior. See Application At Bottom



Our Code of Conduct sets the tone, and we will repeat it during our 2024 meetings/pilgrimage. We have had 6 Pilgrimage trips before this one but I think you will find that every single one of our past Pilgrimage Scout and Scouter participants will be the first to say that it was one of the greatest experiences of their young lives. We were truly blessed, and when you see our Powerpoint slides of other Trips, you’ll see inspired Scouts!

All forms, Physicals, fees, etc must be turned in ahead of time.

2024 Duty To God Pilgrimage Itinerary

Sunday Jul 21

Participant Check In 2-4pm (usually outside PTC office)

4pm (approx.) First Philmont Session

Dinner and Philmont Church service (every day is Sunday at Philmont Base Camp)

Evening Programs

Philmont Trading Post

Monday Jul 22

Flag Raising

Official Group Picture – You Are Member of Official Philmont Training Course

Pilgrimage Session in classroom, Chapel or at Kit Carson Museum (throw Tomahawks)

Pilgrimage Session at BSA Museum

Philmont Trading Post

Tuesday Jul 23

Depart Philmont. Sack Lunch (fixed evening before) and arrive in Santa Fe, NM.

Sessions or Activity Packets will be integrated into our visits.

San Miguel Mission – oldest church in America

Messenger of Peace activity 5 blocks between San Miguel and Loretto Chapel

Loretto chapel. Site of the “miraculous staircase”

Load Vehicles and go to Sanctuario De Chimayo.

Church At Chimayo. Described as a “spiritual oasis”

Pilgrimage Session at Church at Chimayo

Overnight at National Guard Armory

Wednesday Jul 24

Depart Santa Fe, NM for Cliff Dwellings

Sessions or Activity Packets will be integrated into our visits.

Bandolier National Monument – Cliff Dwellings.

Pilgrimage Session - Discuss St Kateri as 1st Indian Saint.

2 mile hike to Very Large Amphitheater 100 feet into the side of a mountain overlooking canyon

Pilgrimage Session

Optional: Downtown Santa Fe, visit tanks on the base, etc

Pilgrimage Session

Overnight at National Guard Armory

Thursday Jul 25 Depart Santa Fe, NM

Sessions or Activity Packets will be integrated into our visits.

Overnight – Philmont Train Center

Pilgrimage Session

Christian Fellowship Surprise

Philmont Trading Post (Open daily)

Philmont Optional Activity (Philmont finalizing their criteria)

Philmont Destinations (depending upon arrival and check-in time)

Friday Jul 26

Depart Philmont Train Center

Sessions continue in morning or at sites

Philmont Trading Post

Finalizing Award and Activity Patch requirements

Philmont Optional Activity (Philmont finalizing their criteria)

Afternoon Awards Ceremony – Presentation by Director of Philmont Training Center

Check Out and Depart

Duty To God Pilgrimage - Staff and Advisor BIOGRAPHIES

John Ryan (Troop 32 – Pilgrimage Director) * Director of 5 prior Pilgrimage Trips * OA Associate Advisor (10 Yrs) * Chairman –Cub Scout Religious Retreat (5 Yrs) * OA Philmont Trek Coordinator 1987-1997;	Gilbert Ramon (Pilgrimage Leader – Lives Near Corpus Christi – Director of 1 prior Pilgrimage Trip) *2023 National Jamboree Scoutmaster *2018 Duty To God Pilgrimage Guide *Retired Military, Scoutmaster and Cubmaster
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Winter Philmont Kanik Coordinator 1991-6 * ASM Troop 32 1992-present * Woodbadge SC 136 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Former Religious Awards Chair – Longhorn Council
<p>Beth Mannix (Pilgrimage Program Chair)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *ASM Troop 127 – Longhorn Council *Program Chairman for 2012/2014/2016 Pilgrimage *Religious Awards Counselor 	<p>William Schmidkofer (Fund Raiser - Troop 7)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *2021 Pilgrimage Fund Raiser *2021 Pilgrimage In Kind Supplies *Former Troop 7 Troop Comm Chair *2007 Pilgrimage – Food Operation *2012/2014/2016/2018 In Kind Supplies
<p>Bonnie Johnson (In Town Assist)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Pilgrimage Fund Raiser * Pilgrimage Treasurer (2014, 2016, 2018) * Pilgrimage Program Supplies (2016, 2018, 2021) 	<p>NURSE We have a special deal for you.</p>
<p>We Need To Fulfill The Positions Below From Our Traveling Scouts and Scouters</p>	<p>Senior Patrol Leader \ Asst SPL \ Patrol Leader</p> <p>Someone who can handle a group of Scouts similar to a Jamboree experience where you have participants from several US States and Scouts of Japan ... but with a common Scouting culture.</p>
<p>Three Amigos Food Operation + 2 Scouters</p> <p>One Scout from each patrol will assist with meals at certain points in the pilgrimage.</p>	<p>Pilgrimage Program Assist</p>
<p>Facility Chair</p>	<p>Pilgrimage Program Assist</p>
<p>Transportation/Logistics/Destinations Chair</p>	<p>Keeper of the Snacks</p>

Application Form Attached Below

2024 Duty to God Pilgrimage - Application - Scout and Scouter (\$ 50 Deposit Made Out To Crew 32)

Name _____ Unit # _____ Date _____

Address _____ T-shirt (Polo for Scouter) size _____

City/Zip _____ Phone _____

Birthdate _____ Parent/Scouter Email _____

Religious Affiliation _____ Church Name _____

City _____ State _____

Scoutmaster Name _____ Council Name _____

Camping Experiences -- Summer Camp, etc. (Year/Where) _____

If scholarship needed by Scout, please advise need? \$ _____ (Will Be Kept Confidential)

Leader Training (Year/Where) _____

High Adventure/Camporee _____

Leadership Positions (Check all the boxes that apply) _____ Senior Patrol Leader _____ Patrol Leader

_____ Asst SPL _____ Chaplain _____ Other _____

Awards/Ranks (Check all that apply) _____ First Class _____ Star _____ Life _____ Eagle

_____ Religious Award _____ International Award _____ 50 Miler

(Name _____) (Name _____)

_____ First Class _____ Star _____ Life _____ Eagle

Scouter Info Only **Current Scouting Position** _____

Are you willing to assist in the teaching of your Faith Religious Award? ___ Yes; ___ No;

BSA Leadership/Training
(what/where/when) _____

Keeping Children Safe _____ BSA Youth Protection Training _____ (Docs required later)

\$.50 _____ Date _____ Check # _____ Balance Due _____	Date Paid in Full _____
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