

BOY SCOUTS
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December 8-10, 2023

ASR

@ Avondale Scout Reservation

Hosted by:  Istrouma Area Council

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Duty to God

Learn about your respective Religious Emblem while having fun meeting Scouts and Venturers from different Louisiana Councils. There will be morning orienteering courses to discover how your faith relates to you as a Scout/Venturer as well as afternoon activities including shooting sports, archery, aquatic paddling, climbing, a fishing derby and more. Come meet ministers of different faiths and begin working on the requirements for your faith's Religious Emblem.

Religious Emblems counselor training will be offered in the afternoon for all Scouters including Cub Scout leaders.

Schedule & Location



| Friday | Activity Description 12/08/2023 | Location |
|---------------|---|--|
| 6:00-8 00 PM | Check-in, Medical, Campsite Assignments, and Campsite Setup | Admin. Bldg., Parking Lot, Campsites |
| 8:15 -9:00 PM | Catholic Mass - Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation* | STEM Center |
| 9:00-10:00 PM | Fellowship & Program Staff, Announcements | Dining Hall |
| 10:00 PM | Taps - Lights out & Quiet! | Campsite |

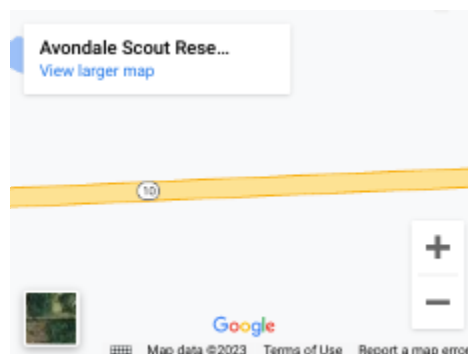
| Saturday | Activity Description 12/09/2023 | Location |
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| 6:00 AM | Reveille | Campsite |
| 7:00-8:00 AM | Breakfast | Dining Hall |
| 7:00-8:00 AM | Saturday Check-In | Admin. Bldg. |
| 8:00 AM | Flag Raising Assembly, Meet the Ministers, & Announcements | Flagpole |
| 8:30-12:30 AM | Orienteering Scripture Readings | Central Lodge |
| 12:00-1:30 PM | Lunch | Dining Hall |
| 1:30- 3:30PM | Religious Emblems Counselor Training for Adults | STEM Center |
| 1:30- 2:10PM | Religious Emblems Small Groups for Scouts/Venturers | Charlet Center |
| 2:30- 3:10PM | Religious Emblems Small Groups for Scouts/Venturers | Charlet Center |
| 1:30--4:30 PM | Outdoor Activities-Shooting Sports, Aquatics, Climbing, Fishing Derby, Handicraft, ASR Museum | Camp wide |
| 5:15 PM | Flag Lowering Assembly | Flagpole |
| 5:30-6:30 PM | Dinner | Dining Hall |
| 7:00-8:00 PM | Campfire | Council Ring |
| 8:30-9:30 PM | Cracker Barrel | Dining Hall Porch |
| 10:00 PM | Taps - Lights out & Quiet! | Campsite |

| Sunday | Activity Description 12/10/2023 | Location |
|---------------|--------------------------------------|----------------|
| 6:00 AM | Reveille | Campsite |
| 6:30-7:30 AM | Breakfast | Dining Hall |
| 7:30 AM | Interfaith Worship Service | Chapel |
| 8:00 AM | Flag Raising and Final Announcements | New Flag Poles |
| 8:15-10:00 AM | Campsite Cleanup and departure | Campsite |

**In the Catholic Church, the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a holy day of obligation. Celebrated annually on Dec. 8, it is also the Patronal Feast Day of the United States.*

All Activities will be held at:

Avondale Scout Reservation
14433 LA Hwy 10, Clinton, LA 70722



Event Leadership & Registration



Event Chair- Michael J. Nolan - michaeljnolan@cox.net
Program Director- Bob Warner- b.jr.warner@icloud.com
Camp Commissioner- Louis Hebert- lhebert@gmail.com
Orienteering Scripture Courses- Patrick Guelfo- paguelfo@eprod.com
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Dining Hall Steward- Angela Poche- pochemom@gmail.com
Campfire- Cletus Robinson- cletusrobinson@gmail.com
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Shooting Sports Director- Michael "Shaggy" Falcon- rotunda@cox.net
Fishing Derby Director- Rob Bourgeois- rob.bourgeois@gmail.com
Medical- BR EMS Explorer Post
Camp Ranger- EJ Moore- ericj.moore@scouting.org
IAC Professional Advisor- Tyrone Black- tyrone.black@scouting.org

Please follow YPT Guidelines when communicating.

How to Register

The registration fee is **\$25.00** for Scouts BSA, Venturers, and adults. All adults are required to be registered with BSA in order to attend the Retreat. We ask that each Troop/Crew/Ship **pre-register by Tuesday, December 5, 2023**, so that we can be better prepared for your arrival. Registration will close on Wednesday, December 6, 2023. Saturday attendees must check in at the Administration Building upon arrival by 8:00 AM. Full registration fees will apply to Saturday-only attendees. The Registration Fee includes breakfast on Saturday and Sunday, and Lunch and Dinner on Saturday. **Registration is online only at the IAC website, Tentaroo.** At registration, please provide Faith, Date of Birth, unit and team name, dietary restrictions and whether they plan on taking the Religious Emblem Workshop for their faith.

Register Here



Patrol/Team Method



A **Patrol or Team** is defined as no more than 6 youths and no less than 4 youths. Please indicate your unit's number and your Patrol/Team name on your registration form at check in. If you have an odd number, please register the youth to one of your Patrol/Team's for religious and outdoor activities. While we realize that the number for a Patrol/Team is smaller than the standard number, it will facilitate the youth group to have more participation in the discussion of the Scriptures and requirements for their religious emblem with smaller Patrol/Teams.

Patrol/Team Check-In

Friday evening your unit's Patrol/Team check-in will be from 6:00 – 8:00 pm and Saturday from 7:00 – 8:00 am. **If your unit will be arriving on Saturday morning, please email Bob Warner at b.jr.warner@icloud.com by Tuesday, December 5, 2023.**

Please Note - No unit 's Patrols or Teams will be allowed into campsites before 6:00pm on Friday. Outside of Check-In hours, the gate to the campsites will be locked per ASR procedure. All vehicles need to be out of the campsite area by 8:00pm.

Health Forms

All adults and youth attending the Interfaith Retreat must have a current Annual Health and Medical Record Parts A and B. This is necessary to document the current health status and medications, if any, that the Scout or Scouter is taking. Health forms will be returned to units on Sunday morning. It is recommended that only copies of the health forms be submitted. (The originals should remain with Troop/Crew/Ship records). Prescriptions for Scouts/Venturers and adults may be kept at the campsite if they are stored in a secure location accessible only to the adult leaders. Non-prescription medicine, asthma inhalers, and epinephrine can be kept on the camper.

Orienteering Scripture Course



The Orienteering Scripture course will have 12 waypoints that will begin from the Central Lodge (the old Dining Hall). Your Patrol/Team will be assigned to one of the twelve waypoints on the course. One of the youths will read the Scripture and the group will discuss it and will identify which point of the Scout Law it relates to the most. There will be a minister, deacon, or lay member to guide you if needed. Once there is agreement and what point of the Scout Law the Scripture is related to, you will have completed that waypoint requirement. The youth will elect one of their members to read and set the compass for the next waypoint. You will have 5 minutes to walk to the next waypoint and 10 minutes to read the Scripture, discuss, and relate it to one of the points of the Scout Law. It cannot be a Law that you have already identified from a previous Scripture.

Once you have completed the course, you will receive an Orienteering Scripture Recognition token. That token is your admission to outdoor activities in the afternoon.

Youth's Religious Emblem Workshop

A Scout/Venturer can use the afternoon time (1:30-3:30 PM) to work on their requirements for their faith's Religious Emblem. There are two (2) faith workshops will be held in the Charlet Spiritual Center next to the Central Lodge (1) 1:30pm - 2:10pm and (2) 2:30pm - 3:10pm.

Please purchase your particular faith religious emblem workbook from the Scout Shop prior to attending the Interfaith Retreat.

Adult Religious Emblem Counselor Training

Religious Emblems counselor training will be offered in the afternoon for all Scouters including Cub Scout leaders. The training will be held in the STEM Bldg. from 1:30 - 3:30 PM.

Outdoor Activities

Afternoon outdoor activities include shooting sports, archery, aquatic paddling, climbing, afishing derby, handicraft and a scavenginghunt at the ASR Museum.

Please show your Orienteering Scripture Recognition token to participate.

Other Information



Emergency Procedures

In the event of a camp-wide emergency, an alarm will sound. At that time, all camp personnel, campers, and staff will report to the new flagpole field away from the Dining Hall for a head count by Unit Leaders. The Unit Leaders will then report to the Event Chair whether or not their entire Unit is present.

Headquarters (HQ)

HQ will be located on the Health Lodge porch.

Water

Water Jugs will be available on the Dining Hall porch all day Saturday. Every Scout is required to have a water bottle. We ask units to also have water available at their campsites.

Cracker Barrels

There will be Cracker Barrels on both Friday and Saturday night for SPLs, Adult Leaders, and Event Staff. Important announcements and information will be given at these events, so attendance is highly recommended. Each Cracker Barrel will need a Troop/Crew/Ship to sponsor the event by providing refreshments. Please email Angela Poche if your unit is interested.

Interfaith Worship Service

An Interfaith Worship Service will take place at the chapel on the lake on Sunday morning at 7:30am. We will accept volunteers to read the script by Saturday afternoon.

Remember- this fulfills a requirement for the Communications Merit Badge and your Chaplain duties.

Istrouma Area Council Refund Policy

The following policy applies to all Council and District events where a fee is collected. This includes such events as Day Camps, Summer Camp, Winter Camp, training courses, Retreats, etc.

- All requests must be in writing(email is acceptable). Correspondence should be addressed to the Event Chair with a copy sent to the Scout office or info@scouting.org

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Istrouma Area Council Refund Policy, cont.

- Written refund requests will be considered only if received in the Pennington Scout Center ten (10) days prior to the start of the event.
- Written refund requests submitted after the event will be considered only for personal illness or family emergencies. No refund requests will be accepted after ten (10) days following the close of the event.
- A service charge of twenty-five percent (25%) of the full activity fee will be assessed on all refunds.
- Refund checks will be issued within 30 days following the close of the event.
- Fees are only transferable within the same unit to a Scout not currently registered for the event.
- When extenuating circumstances beyond the Council's control arise, the Key 3 and VP of Program will decide to either cancel or reschedule the event.

Organization – Scouts BSA and Venturers

Each Scout participating in the Retreat activities must be assigned to a Patrol/Team. Troop/Crew/Ship Leaders are expected to supervise their Patrols/Teams. Two BSA-registered adult leaders are required per Scout Troop/Crew/Ship. Scouts/Ventures should travel as a Patrol/Team to each of the events. Adults are encouraged not to follow the Patrols/Teams from event to event.

Campsite Location

Campsites will be assigned based on the best fit principle for each unit. Assignments will be based on the number of attendees from each Troop/Crew/Ship pre-registered and what maximizes the best use of campsites. Troops/Crews/Ships not pre-registered will be assigned a campsite upon arrival at the Registration Area, based on availability.

***Please Note - only the unit trailer will be allowed in the campsite area after check-in hours.
All vehicles will have to remain in the parking lot for the duration of the event.***