



# Louisiana BSA Interfaith Retreat Leader's Guide

December  
8 - 10, 2023



Hosted by Istrouma Area Council

# Schedule

Friday	Activity Description 12/08/2023	Location
6:00-8 00 PM	Check-in, Medical, Campsite Assignments, and Campsite Setup	Admim. Bldg., Parking Lot, Campsites
8:15 -9:00 PM	Catholic Mass - Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation*	Stems Bldg.
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
6:00 AM	Reveille	Campsite
7:00-8:00 AM	Breakfast	Dining Hall
7:00-8:00 AM	Saturday Check-In	Admim. Bldg.
8:00 AM	Flag Raising Assembly, Meet the Ministers, & Announcements	Flag Pole
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; Religious Emblem small groups for Scouts/Venturers	STEM Center; 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	Flag Pole
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 the Avondale Scout Reservation,  
14433 LA-10, Clinton La.**

## **Event Leadership**

Event Chair- Michael J. Nolan - [michaeljnolan@cox.net](mailto:michaeljnolan@cox.net)

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Medical- BR EMS Explorer Post

Camp Ranger- EJ Moore- [ericj.moore@scouting.org](mailto:ericj.moore@scouting.org)

IAC Professional Advisor- Tyrone Black- [tyrone.black@scouting.org](mailto:tyrone.black@scouting.org)

*Please follow YPT Guidelines when communicating.*

## **“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.*

## **How to Register**

Registration fee is **\$25.00** for Scouts BSA, Venturers, and adults. All adults are required to be registered 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 Saturday and Sunday, and Lunch and Dinner Saturday. **Registration is online only at the [IAC website](#), Tentaroo.** At registration, please provide Faith, Age (youth only), Unit and team name, Dietary Restrictions and whether they plan on taking the Religious Emblem Workshop for their faith.

## **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](mailto:b.jr.warner@icloud.com) by Wednesday, 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 youth will read the Scripture and the group will discuss it and will identify which point of the Scout Law it is most related to. 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. The various faith workshops will be held in the Charlet Spiritual Center next to the Central Lodge.

***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 STEMS Bldg. from 1:30 - 3:30 PM.

### **Outdoor Activities**

Afternoon outdoor activities include shooting sports, archery, aquatic paddling, climbing, a fishing derby, handicraft and a scavenging hunt 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 headcount by Unit Leaders. The Unit Leaders will then report to the Event Chair whether or not their entire Unit is present.

### **Headquarters**

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 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 statement is applicable to all Council and District events where a fee is collected. This includes such events as Day Camps, Cub Resident Camp, Summer Camp, Winter Camp, training courses, the Retreats, etc.

1. All requests must be in writing (email is acceptable). Correspondence should be addressed to the Event Chair.
2. Written refund requests will be considered only if received in the Pennington Scout Center ten (10) days prior to the start of the event.
3. 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.
4. A service charge of twenty-five percent (25%) of the full activity fee will be assessed on all refunds.
5. Refund checks will be issued within 30 days following the close of the event.
6. Fees are only transferable within the same unit to a Scout not currently registered for the event.
7. When extenuating circumstances beyond the Council's control arise, the Key 3 and VP of Program will make a determination 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 to not follow the Patrols/Teams from event to event.

### **Campsite Location**

Campsites will be assigned based on the best fit principle for each troop. 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.***