

A Scout's Trail to Sainthood

**2003 Diocese of Richmond
Boy and Girl Scout Spring Retreatoree**

April 4-6, 2003

**Camp T. Brady Saunders
Maidens, VA**



**Servant of God and Eagle Scout
Frank Parater
1897-1920**

Program

Friday, April 4

- 5 - 8 p.m.** **Unit check-in at administration building (Units should have dinner before arriving.)**
- 8:30 p.m.** **Leaders meeting at administration building**
- 9:00 p.m.** **Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary in camp chapel**
- 9:45 p.m.** **Lenten cracker-barrel (snack) in dining hall**
- 11 p.m.** **Lights out and quiet in camp**

Saturday, April 5

- 7 a.m.** **Rise and shine**
- 7:30 a.m.** **Opening Ceremony and Prayer on Activity Field**
- 7:45 a.m.** **Breakfast in the dining hall**
- 8:30 a.m.** **Reflection by Fr. Scott Duarte on the life, example, and ideals of Frank Parater, Eagle Scout and Servant of God**
- 9 a.m.** **Trails and Stations**
- Scouts follow rugged Stations of the Cross trail marked with old time scout trail signs.
- Scouts follow orienteering course and learn how the experiences and examples of the saints can help us plot a course toward God.
- Scouts learn about sacrifice as they rescue an injured comrade.
- Scouts use semaphore as they learn and transmit traditional prayers of the Church.
- Scouts contemplate how the Holy Spirit worked through the lives of the saints as they attempt to make fire the way scouts did in Frank Parater's day.

(Note: The above activities are subject to change.)

- 12 p.m.** **Lunch in dining hall**
- 12:45 p.m.** **Trails and Stations resume**
- 2:30 p.m.** **Old time scout games (Confession will be available during this time in the administration building)**
- 4:30 p.m.** **Mysteries of the Light**
- 5 p.m.** **Mass (A non-denominational service also will be conducted at this time. Full Dress or Class A Uniforms required for both services.)**
- 6:15 p.m.** **Dinner (Full Dress or Class A Uniforms required) in dining hall**
- 7-8 p.m.** **Troop time in sites**
- 8:30 p.m.** **Campfire (Full Dress or Class A Uniforms). Each troop should be prepared to present a skit based on the life of a saint or story from scripture.**
- 10:30 p.m.** **Lights out and quiet**

Sunday, April 6

- 7 a.m.** **Rise and shine**
- 7:30 a.m.** **Breakfast**
- 8:15 a.m.** **Benediction**
- 9 a.m.** **Troop check-out**

Program Notes

Dates and Location

The 2003 Diocese of Richmond Boy and Girl Scout Spring Retreatoree is scheduled for **April 4-6, 2003**, at Camp T. Brady Saunders in Goochland County (off Interstate 64 between Richmond and Charlottesville). The retreatoree is open to Catholic Boy and Girl Scouts, and all scouts in Catholic-sponsored units, including Juniors and Webelos. Registration is \$18.00 for scouts and leaders and includes meals in the dining hall, an attractive patch for each participant, and a streamer for the banner of each participating unit.

Theme

The theme of the 2003 Diocese of Richmond Boy and Girl Scout Spring Retreatoree, "A Scout's Trail to Sainthood," is inspired by the life of Frank Parater, a Richmond Eagle Scout who may become the first Boy Scout to achieve sainthood.

In October 2001, Bishop Walter Sullivan of the Diocese of Richmond proclaimed Parater a "Servant of God," the first step on the path or trail toward sainthood. Parater was an altar boy at St. Patrick's Catholic Church on Church Hill, graduated from Benedictine Military Institute, and attained the rank of Eagle Scout. As a counselor at the council camp in Chesterfield County, Parater was known as a friend to all scouts. Parater became ill while studying for the priesthood in Rome. His premature death in 1920 deeply moved the Catholic and scouting communities in Richmond. Spiritual writings discovered after his death revealed the depth of Parater's piety.

It is around the figure of Frank Parater that the 2003 Diocese of Richmond Scout Retreatoree unites activities designed to acquaint scouts with their rich heritage as Christians and scouts.

Activities and games are based on those scouts enjoyed during the early days of both boy and girl scouting, including activities taken directly from Lord Baden Powell's *Scouting for Boys*. Today's scouts, who are largely unfamiliar with trail signs and semaphore signals, will be provided guides to help them through these activities. The emphasis on old-time scoutcraft will be combined with an introduction to saints whose lives illustrate the 12 points of the Scout Law. A final list of events will be distributed at the April 4, 2003 Friday evening leaders meeting.

The retreatoree is open to Boy Scouts, Venture Crews, and Girl Scouts from the Junior level and up. Webelos may also attend provided their level of supervision is in accord with B.S.A. policies and guidelines. All units must have the appropriate tour permits and supervision. Scouts whose units are not attending may also participate. These scouts will be formed into provisional units with qualified leadership and supervision.

Check-in

Units may check-in beginning at 5 p.m., Friday, April 4. Check-in will be either in the administration building or under a tarp in front of the administration building. Sites will be assigned at check-in. Units may use one vehicle to move equipment into sites. All vehicles must be out of sites by "lights out" Friday evening.

Units should make arrangements for dinner on Friday, April 4. All other meals will be served "OA -style" (cafeteria-style) in the dining hall.

Note: As this is the "off season" for Camp T. Brady Saunders, all trash must be packed out on Sunday.

First Aid and Medical

The health lodge will be staffed during the retreatoree. Unit leaders should have appropriate scout medical forms for all youth and adult participants.

Worship

In keeping with the theme honoring Frank Parater, Mass Saturday evening will include traditional music of the Church and traditional liturgical features and sacramentals, including incense, and bells.

Boy Scouts with experience serving a traditional Mass will assist at the altar. Girl Scouts with experience singing in Latin will provide music to glorify God during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

It is the responsibility of each scoutmaster and leader to explain the Church's rules concerning communion. While all scouts are welcome to attend Mass, only Catholic scouts who are not conscious of grave sin may receive communion. Several priests will be available to hear confessions prior to Mass (see schedule for details).

A non-denominational service led by a Richmond area pastor will be held in a designated area to meet the spiritual needs of non-Catholic scouts and leaders attending the retreatoree. This service will be conducted at the same time as Mass at a location that will be announced Friday evening.

Older scouts who have earned the Ad Altare Dei, Pope Pius XII, or Marian Medal religious emblems, may volunteer to serve as guides during the retreatoree. Leaders should bring their names to the Friday evening leaders' meeting.

Meals

Meals will be served "O.A-style" (cafeteria style) in the dining hall. Grace will precede all meals. Hats are not worn in the dining hall. Units should make arrangements for dinner on Friday, April 4.

Campfire

All troops are expected to provide an appropriate skit or song for the Saturday evening campfire. Skits and songs are due by dinner Saturday evening.

Checkout

Troops may leave following morning benediction on Sunday, April 6. Patches and streamers will be given to senior patrol leaders at this time. Units must pack out trash.

Safety

The usual prohibitions against sheath knives, alcohol, drugs, firearms, and fireworks apply to scouts and adults attending the retreatoree. Adults who wish to consume tobacco products should do so behind the administration building, and not in front of scouts. Please do not discard cigarette butts on trails.

Advance Registration

Units are encouraged to register in advance. Please send the attached registration form and a check for the appropriate amount to:

2003 Catholic Retreatoree
c/o Robert E. Lee Council, B.S.A.
4015 Fitzhugh Avenue
P.O. Box 6809
Richmond, VA 23230

Checks should be made payable to: Central Vicariate Council on Catholic Scouting or CVCCS.

**Diocese of Richmond Spring 2003
Boy and Girl Scout Retreat-o-ree
Registration**

Unit Number: _____

Type of Unit (Circle) **Boy Scout Troop**
 Girl Scout Troop
 Venture Crew

Chartering Organization: _____, **City or Town:** _____

Number of youths: **Expected** _____ **Actual** _____

Number of adult leaders: **Expected** _____ **Actual** _____

Unit Leader: _____

Address: _____

Daytime telephone number: _____

Evening telephone number: _____

E-mail address: _____

Unit notes (Please list any medical, or other information about your unit of which the staff should be aware):

Participants _____ **X \$18.00 =** _____ **Total Registration** **Paid:** _____