

Eighth Annual Fr. Jim Willig Memorial Catholic Retreat Campout AUGUST 8-10, 2008

**ATHENAEUM OF OHIO
MT. SAINT MARY'S SEMINARY
6616 BEECHMONT AVENUE
CINCINNATI, OHIO 45230**

Dear Senior Patrol Leaders, Scoutmasters, Venture Crew Advisors, and Webelos Leaders:

The Archdiocese of Cincinnati Catholic Committee on Scouting is pleased to announce Father Kyle Schnippel as the presenter of the Eighth Annual Fr. Jim Willig Memorial Catholic Boy Scout Retreat. Catholic Boy Scouts and Venture Crew members will gather in a camporee format on the grounds of the Athenaeum of Ohio, Mt Saint Mary's Seminary in Anderson Township for a weekend of reflection and prayer. Father Kyle will present a program on "The Sacraments of Service", how ordination and marriage helps individuals and spouses grow in holiness and Christ's love.

As a member of the brotherhood of Scouting, you join millions of adults and young men and women throughout the world in the adventure of Scouting. As you grow in skills and leadership, you grow in character through dedication to the ideals of the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

As a Catholic Scout, you become a better Christian the more you make Jesus Christ "the way, the truth, and the life" for yourself. You do this as a Scout by living the Scout Oath and Law. You develop your faith and spiritual strength by learning more about the seven Sacraments and receiving them. As a Scout, dedicated to leadership and action, you began to take on a role of Christian leadership in your family, your troop, your parish, your community, and the church.

(Reprinted from the Ad Altare Dei Emblem Guidebook.)

The Retreat Campout will include sessions on "**The Sacraments of Service**", presentations on the life of Fr. Jim Willig, a guided tour of the Seminary, a service project, an instructional Mass and a "Rocket" Launch to the Heavens.



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Program (as of April, 2008)

Plan to arrive Friday evening starting at 5:00pm. Campsite selection will be on a first-come basis.

The Friday evening program will begin at 8:30pm with a presentation called "Fishers of Men". Evening prayers will follow and conclude with a cracker barrel for Scoutmasters, Senior Patrol Leaders, and Chaplain Aides.

After breakfast and flag raising on Saturday morning the program will begin with Fr. Kyle Schnippel's instructional Mass in Saint Gregory's Chapel. After Mass, Fr Kyle will begin his presentation on the Sacrament of Holy Orders. An afternoon program of several mini-programs will follow the afternoon presentation on the Sacrament of Marriage.

The retreat committee will provide both lunch and the Saturday evening dinner for all participants. After dinner we will all join together for a Scouting campfire program followed by the 'living rosary'.

On Sunday morning there will be a Sunrise Mass by Fr Kyle. Individual troop breakfast will follow the Mass. The retreat will conclude with flag lowering and the final blessing by Retreat Deacon Luis Riva.

Cost and Registration Form

Cost for Scouts, Venture Crew members, Adults, and 2nd Year Webelos is \$12.00 per participant. Mail your registration form with payment no later than July 30, 2007 to:

Catholic Committee on Scouting, C/O Steve Giessler, 2531 Falconbridge Drive,
Cincinnati, Ohio 45238. ([Click here for Registration Form.](#))

Provisional Troop: Individuals not camping with a troop are welcome to spend the day on Saturday.

Medical Forms: Forms for each Scout, with parental approval for emergency treatment, must be on file with the Troop.

Second Year Webelos: Second year Webelos are invited to spend the day on Saturday.

Special Rules for the Retreat Campout:
No ground fires, no ashes, no left over timber can be left at the campsite. If you pack it in it must leave with you on Sunday morning. There will be no dumping of items in the tree line.

Trailers and vehicles will be permitted in the campsites. All vehicles must be moved from the campsites by 8:30 pm and parked in an assigned area.

Restrooms: Will be available.

Quiet hours: Taps and quiet hours should be observed starting at 11:00pm. Quiet hours run until 7:00am.

Firewood: Absolutely no firewood can be brought on the premises.

Drinking Water: Drinking water will be available on Saturday.

Trash: Each troop must remove their own (ashes, trash, and garbage)

Cooking Fires: All fires will be restricted to stoves, elevated grills or elevated fire drums.

Check-in: Starts at 5:00 pm Friday night. Please have Troop roster filled out, keep a copy for the Troop.

Friday Night Activities: Video: “Fishers of Men” vocations discussion with Fr. Kyle. Evening Vespers.

Scoutmaster/ Senior Patrol Leader/ Chaplain Aide Cracker Barrel: Will be held at 10:00pm on Friday and Saturday night.

Reveille on Saturday morning: Will be held at 7:00am.

Troop Breakfast and Clean up: Between 7:00 – 8:00am in Troop camp site.

Saturday Morning Mass: Fr Kyle’s instructional Mass will be held in St George Chapel at 8:00am.

Saturday morning’s Flag Raising: Will follow Mass at 9:00am.

Saturday Morning Program with Fr Kyle (9:30am to noon).

Lunch: Will be provided (12:00pm to 1:00pm)

Adult Emblem Counselor Training: For the *AD ALTARE DEI* and *POPE PIUS XII Emblems*. (1:00 PM)

Saturday Afternoon Program by Fr Kyle & Married Couple beginning at 1:15pm.

Afternoon Small Group Sessions (3PM-6:00pm) includes a Guided Tour of Mt. St. Mary Seminary, “Rocket Launch to the Heavens” & Service Project (see below).

Flag Lowering followed by Group Picture: (All Must Attend) Will be held at 6:15pm Saturday night.

Dinner: Will be provided immediately after the flag lowering ceremony.

“Suffering With Grace” video and the Willig Family Witness (7:30 to 8:15PM)

A Campfire program will begin at 8:30pm.

The Living Rosary will conclude the campfire program.

Sunday Morning Sunrise Outdoor Mass: (All Must Attend) Will be held at 7:00am.

Check-out, Flag Lowering and Final Blessing Will be held at 8:45am Vehicles will be permitted into the campsite after Flag Lowering.

Final site inspection on Sunday morning: Inspection by retreat staff before any troop is allowed to leave.

****Scouts should bring a bible & empty 2 liter bottle for “rocket launch to the heavens”****

Service Project: *We will be conducting an outreach service project to the African country of Djibouti, via an Eagle Scout currently deployed there with the U.S. Air Force. We'll be putting together baby care/personal hygiene/toy kits for the poor of that country. Each scout should bring a 1 gallon zip-lock bag with some of the following items – you decide what to bring, as all is needed. Suggested “kit” items include:*

- *Washcloths, baby soap, diapers, baby wipes and baby toys.*
- *Notebook paper, pencils, crayons, glue sticks or other school supplies*
- *Volleyballs, basketballs, soccer balls (deflated)*

Questions: Contact Steve Giessler at 513-451-8493
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