

**Eastern Orthodox Committee On Scouting
Northeast Region**

64th Annual Cub, Boy and Girl Scout Retreat

**2024 Annual Orthodox
Religious Scouting
Retreat**



Theme: Blessed is the Kingdom

Saint Basil Academy, Garrison, New York

October 12-13, 2024

<p>Younger groups</p> <p>Confession</p> <p>Location: Chapel</p> <p>At least 3 priests to be present to hear confessions.</p>	<p>Service Project</p> <p>Location: Library</p> <p><i>Start off with video, then begin with the hygiene kits from the IOCC. The goal of each group would be to complete 170 kits in that 45-minute period.</i></p> <p><i>The total goal is at least 1000 kits.</i></p>	<p>Recreation & Craft</p> <p>Lawn outside gym</p>
<p>Older Group</p> <p>Hike and discussion period</p>	<p>Confession</p>	<p>Evening Service Project time</p>

1. Each session for younger groups will last 50 minutes.
2. Each group would be broken up into roughly 20 Scouts (based off of grade range).
 - K,1,2,3
 - 4,5,6
 - 7,8,9
 - 10,11,12
3. At least two adults (either seminarian or troop leader), will accompany each group at all times, taking them from each rotation.
4. Remaining Seminarians will be either doing the O.L. Session, or the Service Project Session.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

1. Cost of Retreat is **\$25 per person**, Scout or Adult. Same price one day or for the weekend. This covers food [Saturday dinner and Sunday brunch] patches, and EOCS expenses.
2. Unit Dues will be gladly accepted: please see Van Christakos (EOCS Treasurer).
3. Please complete all forms in **full**, and **print neatly**. **MAKE COPIES AS NEEDED!**
4. Please show respect to our Seminarians. This is their retreat as well as ours!
5. Please make sure that all Adults are (YPT Trained). As per new Scouting America rules **NO** unregistered adults may attend any Scout BSA overnigher. Cub Scout's parents may still attend but are encouraged to be YPT trained.
For more info: <https://www.scouting.org/training/youth-protection/>
6. **NO SMOKING** is permitted in front of the Scouts during the weekend. This should already be the policy of your unit during your normal meetings and outings.
7. **ALL!** Should attend all services: opening, confession, Vespers, and Sunday morning Liturgy. Scout leaders & volunteers should set good examples for their Scouts.
8. **Full uniforms at all times!**
9. Please provide the EOCS chairman with names, of those present, of the **ALPHA OMEGA, Chi Rho or St. George** recipients for the past year during registration, **only those present**. These Scouts will be recognized at closing ceremonies.

LIST OF NAMES & GRADES MUST BE TURNED IN AT OR BEFORE REGISTRATION!!

10. Unit leaders must make sure that all Scouts behave as Scouts at all times. We are guests of St. Basil's and everyone should behave properly.
11. Enclosed is a **Permission Slip/Medical Release Form**; please make copies one for each Scout attending. This a national requirement from both Boy Scouts & Girl Scouts, as well as the EOCS. One properly filled and signed form per Scout .
12. **ALL** adults are expected to assist in various functions when called upon. Unit Leaders should inform all their adults attending'
13. **All Scouts must bring bag lunches to the opening ceremony** and eat lunch with their group. Prepare properly for communion and confession.
14. Water available at the outside of the GYM
15. The next EOCS meeting is Wednesday, Sept 11th, St. Demetrios, Astoria

NOTICE TO ALL UNIT LEADERS
THE FOLLOWING MUST BE TURNED IN AT REGISTRATION

SAINT BASIL CAMPING APPLICATION

UNIT RETREAT ROSTER (Names & Grades)

COMPLETED FORMS FOR CAMPFIRE SONG OR SKIT

ALPHA OMEGA RECIPIENT LIST FOR THE PAST YEAR

[print names, unit & church on separate sheet]

[only those present]

YOU WILL NEED EXTRA FORMS TO COMPLY
MAKE COPIES

IN ORDER FOR ALL SCOUTS TO RECEIVE COMMUNION ON SUNDAY
WE WILL ABSTAIN FROM MEAT ON SATURDAY

IT IS EXPECTED THAT ALL SCOUTS WILL PARTAKE IN COMMUNION on Sunday
morning at the Chapel at THE ACADEMY OF SAINT BASIL

Route 9D, Garrison, New York 10525
Telephone 914 424 3500

Please respond to Peter Hilaris at the following email in advance with
numbers of adults and scouts coming:
hilarispb@aol.com

EASTERN ORTHODOX COMMITTEE ON SCOUTING
UNIT FORM FOR
2024 SAINT BASIL ACADEMY RETREAT

Unit number: _____
(Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts) circle one

Church: _____

Unit leader: _____

Address: _____

Telephone number: _____

Total Number for daytime: Youth: _____ Adults: _____

Total Number present for dinner: Youth: _____ Adults: _____

Total Number for Sunday Barbecue Brunch: Youth: _____ Adults: _____

Name of all adults: needed for food count & to help out if needed

Signature of unit leader

Date

**2024 EOCS RETREAT
CAMPFIRE SKIT OR SONG**

UNIT # _____

CHURCH NAME _____

PATROL OR TROOP NAME _____

NAME OF SONG OR SKIT _____

FORMS MUST BE SUBMITTED AT REGISTRATION

**UNIT LEADERS: MAKE COPIES OF THIS FORM
FOR EACH PATROL OR GROUP OF YOUR PARTICIPANTS**

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IOCC SERVICE PROJECT MESSENGER OF PEACE

Can you imagine going to school without a pencil or a notebook? Well, in most of the countries where IOCC works, there are children who do not have even these basic school supplies. Church World Service (CWS), a longtime partner of IOCC, makes it possible to send school kits to needy children through its service kits program.

By putting together a CWS service kit, you can give a less fortunate child the tools needed to do well in school. CWS collects the kits at a warehouse facility, prepares them for shipment and works together with IOCC and other partners to make sure these kits reach children in need.

What Goes in a School Kit?

Buy a 12" by 14" to 14" x 17" cotton or lightweight canvas bag with cloth handles (please, no reusable shopping bags or backpacks) and fill it with the following items:

- One pair of blunt metal scissors (rounded tip)
- Three 70-count spiral or tape-bound notebooks of 8" x 10-1/2" ruled paper totaling 200-210 sheets. Please do not provide loose-leaf or filler paper.
- One 30-centimeter ruler (12")
- One hand-held pencil sharpener
- Six new pencils with erasers
- One large eraser, 2-1/2"
- One box of 24 crayons (only 24)

The EOCS will be buying the supplies to donate up to 500 of these kits to IOCC. We are asking for donations from our scouts to offset the costs of these kits.

Donations can be made at our website: EOCS.ORG or by Zelle @ zelle@eocs.org

To record Messengers of Peace service hours:

Scoutbook

Log in to Scoutbook, click Internet Advancement, then click the plus sign in the top right corner. Select Service Hours, choose the date, and then click Add Person.

Journey to Excellence

Go to <https://www.scouting.org/awards/journey-to-excellence/> and click Service Hours Website.

Volunteers with a MyScouting account can also access the service hour website by clicking Service Hours in the Unit Tools section. When adding a project to Journey to Excellence, make sure to specify Messengers of Peace as the organization.

