

# **EASTERN ORTHODOX COMMITTEE ON SCOUTING**

**63RD ANNUAL**



## **ORTHODOX RELIGIOUS SCOUTING RETREAT**

**Theme: Blessed are the Peacemakers**

Saint Basil Academy, Garrison, New York

October 6-8, 2023

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**EASTERN ORTHODOX COMMITTEE ON SCOUTING**  
**2023 NE Region E.O.C.S Retreat October 6-8, 2023 – Schedule**  
**Retreat Theme: *Blessed are the Peacemakers.***

**Friday October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

Evening                      Arrival of Units

**Saturday October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

11:15 AM                      Registration and check-in at the Flagpole. Hand in all forms

11:30 AM                      Formation of all units at main house (by statue)  
                                        All scouts must bring their bag lunches and water bottles with them.

11:40 AM                      Opening prayer and opening program

12:00 PM                      Fall out into retreat groups with Seminarian and have lunch together.  
                                        (Older groups will go to Gym to help set up tables for service project and dinner)

12:45 PM                      Retreat program and confession begins (see next page for rotation schedule)

2:00 PM                        Adult program by Holy Cross Seminarian in main building

4:00 PM                        Confession and retreat program ends

5:00 PM                        Vesper Services at Saint Basil Chapel, in full uniform

6:00 PM                        Dinner in the gymnasium (Put away tables and chairs directly after)

To Follow                      Campfire program with songs and skits by Scouts and Seminarians at campfire area

To Follow (at campfire)      Rap sessions for older age Scouts (9-12 grade) with the Seminararians.

*Theme: John 14:27: “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.” A discussion on how to navigate the world today with the Peace of Christ in our hearts.*

(to follow campfire)              Cracker-Barrel for all unit Leaders at main building

11:00 PM                        Taps

**Sunday October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

9:30 AM                        Divine Liturgy in Saint Basil Chapel, in full uniform

11:00 AM                        Closing ceremonies, recognitions, and closing prayer.

11:30 AM                        Sunday barbecue brunch at gymnasium

1:00 PM                        Break camp

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Confession</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Location: Chapel</p> <p style="text-align: center;">At least 3 priests to be present to hear confessions.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Service Project</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Location: Gym</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Start off with video, then begin with the hygiene kits from the IOCC. The goal of each group would be to complete 50-70 kits in that 45-minute period. The total goal is at least 500 kits.</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>O.L. Discussion</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Location: Mansion</p> <p style="text-align: center;">“How do we become peacemakers?”</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Tying in the Orthodox understanding of Peace. The goal would be for each scout to leave with goals on how to be messengers of peace in their everyday lives</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Free time</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Location: Field</p>

1. Each session will last 45 minutes.
2. Each group would be broken up into roughly 20 Scouts.  
Grades K-3 / 4,5 &6 / 7,8,9 / 10,11,12
3. At least two adults (either seminarian or troop leader), will always accompany each group, taking them from each rotation.
4. Remaining Seminarians will be either doing the O.L. Session, or the Service Project Session.



This year we have decided to work on the “Messengers of Peace” Award with our scouts.

One of the requirements is to work on a service project. We decided to work with the IOCC (International Orthodox Christian Charities) to provide 500 Hygiene Kits to people in need. For more information:

<https://iocc.org/take-action/assemble-emergency-kits/hygiene-kits>

**Messengers of Peace**

<https://www.scouting.org/international/messengers-of-peace/>



## 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. All Units **MUST** be registered members of the EOCS. You may register at: <https://www.eocs.org/donate>  
Dues will gladly be accepted during the event: please see Van Christakos (EOCS Treasurer).  
\$50 Per Unit (Covers all members) or \$15 per Individual if not registering as part of a unit.
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. **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.
6. **ALL!** Should attend all services: opening, confession, Vespers, and Sunday morning Liturgy.  
Scout leaders & volunteers should set good examples for their Scouts.
7. **Full uniform is required at all times! (CLASS A)**
8. 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 REGISTRATION!!!!

9. Unit leaders must make sure that all Scouts always behave as Scouts. We are guests of St. Basil's, and everyone should behave properly.
  10. Enclosed is a **Permission Slip/Medical Release Form**; please make copies one for each Scout attending. This is a national requirement from both Boy Scouts & Girl Scouts, as well as the EOCS. One properly filled in and signed form per Scout.
  11. **ALL** adults are expected to assist in various functions when called upon.  
Unit Leaders should inform all their adults attending.
  12. **All Scouts must bring bag lunches to the opening ceremony** and eat lunch with their group.  
Prepare properly for communion and confession.
  13. The water faucet to fill up fire buckets is located outside of the GYM along the back of the building.
- Portable toilets will be available at the beginning of the trail. The GYM bathrooms will also be available but **MUST BE IN PRISTINE CONDITIONS**. Each Troop will be responsible for inspecting and maintaining the bathrooms throughout the event.
  - The main building is off limits. Stay OUT!

**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**

**IF YOU ARE PARKING EITHER IN THE LOT OR BY YOUR CAMPSITE**  
**PLEASE LEAVE A PAPER WITH YOUR NAME, NUMBER AND TROOP NUMBER**  
**ON THE DASHBOARD**  
**NO PARKING BY THE MAIN HOUSE – DO NOT PARK IN THE RESERVED SPOTS!**

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**Route 9D, Garrison, New York 10525**

**Telephone 914 424 3500**

**Pre- registration is required for this event.**  
**Please send an email to**  
**hilarispb@aol.com**  
**by FRIDAY SEPT 29<sup>th</sup> 9PM**  
**with the number of adults and scouts that will be**  
**attending.**

**EASTERN ORTHODOX COMMITTEE ON SCOUTING**  
**UNIT FORM FOR**  
**2023 SAINT BASIL ACADEMY RETREAT**

Unit number: \_\_\_\_\_  
( Scouts BSA, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts) circle one

Community: \_\_\_\_\_

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 if needed.  
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Signature of unit leader

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**2023 E.O.C.S RETREAT  
UNIT SCOUT ROSTER**

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UNIT # \_\_\_\_\_

LEADER \_\_\_\_\_

COMMUNITY \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Scout Name</b>	<b>Grade</b>	<b>Scout Name</b>

List below older Scouts whom we can call upon to assist in the program

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**2023 EOCS RETREAT  
CAMPFIRE SKIT OR SONG**

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UNIT # \_\_\_\_\_

COMMUNITY NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PATROL OR TROOP NAME \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF SONG OR SKIT \_\_\_\_\_

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**FORMS MUST BE SUBMITTED AT REGISTRATION**

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



**E.O.C.S. RETREAT COMMITTEE  
RETREAT CO-CHAIRPEOPLE**

CHRISTINE TRIANT

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and

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**RETREAT HOST**

Rev. Protopresber of the Ecumenical Throne

CONSTANTINE L. SITARAS

Director of Saint Basil Academy

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**Theme:**

**Blessed are the Peacemakers**

# EOCS PATCH / HAT & DONATION FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Community: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone & Email: \_\_\_\_\_



# of Patches: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$10 Each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_



# of Hats: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$15 Each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

YEARLY MEMBERSHIP DUES \$50 Per Unit or \$15 Per Member = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

DONATION TO SCHOLARSHIP FUND: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

We accept Checks, CASH or Zelle – [Zelle@eocs.org](mailto:Zelle@eocs.org)

TOTAL: \$ \_\_\_\_\_