

*Boy Scouts of America
National Capital Area Council*

**2002 SCOUT RELIGIOUS RETREAT
April 25 - 27, 2003**

Sponsored by:
The Washington Archdiocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting
The NCAC Protestant Committee on Scouting

Again this year there will be separate Retreat Programs for Catholic and Protestant Scouts on the same week-end and at the same site. In addition, there will be many joint activities for all Scouts to share. The Religious Retreat traditionally has been a highlight of many Troop's program year.

Put it on your Troop Calendar NOW. Bring all of your Scouts. Let them camp and have fun together, and participate in either the Catholic or the Protestant Religious Program. The theme for the 2002 Retreat will be "**Living the Lord's Prayer**".

The Religious Retreat will again be held on the grounds of Our Lady of Mattaponi Youth Retreat Center in Croom Maryland.

For information or advanced registration, Please call:

Don Sparling
301-262-5639
12706 Kincaid Lane
Bowie MD 20715-2809

Or

Dottie Tamai
301-773-1995
2107 Kent Village Dr
Landover MD 20785-4931

**GIRL SCOUTS from either Cadette or Senior
Units planning to attend this year's retreat either as
Units or individuals SHOULD pre-register with:**

**Barbara Ann Foster 301-972-2067
18946 Abbotsford Cir
Germantown, MD 20876-1727**

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2002 BOY SCOUT RELIGIOUS RETREAT
APRIL 25-27 2003**

1. LOCATION: Our Lady of Mattaponi Youth Retreat Center, Upper Marlboro, MD (see map).

2. RETREAT STAFF

Program:	CATHOLIC COMM. Don Sparling (301) 262-5639	PROTESTANT COMM. Walter Varner (301) 869-8208
Retreat Master:	Fr. Kevin Treston OFM and Fr. E.J. Filardi CCS Chaplain (301)853-3597	Rev. Ken Schnepf, Pastor Oxon Hill Lutheran Church (301) 894-3773 (Ofc)

3. REGISTRATION: Troops and individual Scouts should pre-register to assist in planning this event. Registration is \$7.00 per person. Payment due on arrival. PLEASE mail attached pre-registration form NOW to:

Ms. Dottie Tamai
2107 Kent Village Dr.
Landover, MD 20785

On-site registration begins at 5:00 PM on Friday, April 26.

4. PROVISIONAL UNIT: For Scouts not going with a troop call Tim Pflaum (301) 774-6079 – EVENINGS ONLY!

5. FIRST AID AND SAFETY: A qualified First Aider will be available throughout the weekend. Please fill out the Health and Safety Roster and turn it in during registration. Scouts should have a pair of work gloves for the service project.

6. CAMPING: Additional camping space will be provided this year. Each unit should provide all of the camping gear they need. Water is available at campsite but each unit should bring containers to bring it back to their campsite. Porta-johns will be provided. Each patrol should bring trash bags for carrying out their garbage. A dumpster will be available. Patrol cooking, ground fires are allowed but you must bring your own firewood. Propane stoves and lanterns are permitted with adult supervision.

7. PARKING: Please keep vehicles out of the camp area. Parking areas will be marked.

8. OPENING ACTIVITIES: The Program will begin at the opening campfire Friday evening at 9:00 PM. Immediately after the campfire there will be a cracker barrel for Senior Patrol Leaders, followed by one for Scouters.

9. VISITORS AND GUESTS: Parents and friends are invited to visit the site, especially for the 10:00 AM services on Sunday.

10. PARTICIPATION AWARDS: Each registered participant will receive the Joint Retreat Patch and the traditional Archdiocese Retreat Patch and/or rocker. Please indicate how many patches and rockers you will need on the registration form.

11. UNIFORM: Scouts should wear dress uniforms to and from camp and especially during Sunday services. Summer uniforms (troop or other scout T-shirts, jeans) may be worn during Saturday activities in order to keep uniform clean for Sunday religious services.

12. IN-TROOP ACTIVITIES: To make the retreat a complete experience we encourage in-troop activities planned by your unit. Examples of such activities include group prayer before meals, and at lights out; recognition of the Scout with the most obvious spirit appropriate to the retreat; an in-troop Scripture reading; encouraging acts of kindness and consideration.

13. SPECIAL THINGS TO BRING AND LEAVE AT HOME:

BRING:	-Health and Safety Roster	-Flashlight
	-Water containers	-Trash Bags
	-Notebook, paper, pencil	-Troop and Patrol Flags
	-Bible/Prayer Book	-Camping Gear
	-Tables, etc.	-Work Gloves

DON'T BRING:	-Liquid fire starter	-Sheath knives
	-Electronic gear	-Pets

2003 RETREAT SCHEDULE

Friday, April 25

5:00-8:00 PM Registration
9:00 Opening campfire - Vespers (Joint)
10:15 SPL Crackerbarrel
10:15 **QUIET TIME UNTIL MORNING**
10:30 Scouter's Crackerbarrel
10:45 Night Prayer (Scouts Own)
11:00 Taps - **LIGHTS OUT**

Saturday, April 26

6:00 AM Rising, Breakfast, Clean-up
6:45 Optional Catholic Mass
7:15-9:30 Late Registration
8:30-9:00 Flag Ceremony (Joint)
Opening Prayer (Joint)
Opening Ceremony (Joint)
9:30 Gather by Religious Groups
9:30-11:30 1st set of Denominational Sessions (Rel. Emblems Counselor Tng)
11:30-1:00 Lunch and clean up
12:00-1:00 PM Chaplain's Aid and Sacred Shield Instructions (joint)
1:00-3:00 2nd set of Denominational Sessions (Rel. Emblems Counselor Tng)
3:00-3:30 Catholic Penance
3:30-5:00 Service Project (TBA) (Joint)
5:00-7:00 Dinner and Clean-up
8:30-9:00 Evening Prayer and Flag Ceremony (Joint)
9:00-10:00 Campfire (Alpha Phi Omega and Patrols)
10:00 **Quiet Time Until Morning**
10:00 SPL Crackerbarrel
10:20 Scouters Crackerbarrel
10:30 Night Prayer (Scouts Own)
10:45 Taps - **LIGHTS OUT**

Sunday, April 27

6:00 AM Rise, breakfast, clean-up
6:45 Morning Prayer (Scouts Own)
7:45 Flag Raising, Camp Prayer (Joint)
8:00-9:30 Campwide Game (Joint)
10:00 Catholic Mass/Protestant Services
11:30 Closing Ceremonies - Sharing of Sacred Shields

Adults are expected to be with youth all day - including at Program Stations

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HEALTH AND SAFETY ROSTER

Turn in this form upon arrival at the Registration desk on Friday, April 25, 2003.
Please list all persons attending, even if there are no medical problems.

Troop _____ Troop Leader _____

0. No Problems
1. Diabetes (How Controlled?)
2. Epilepsy (Medication?)
3. Allergies (Symptoms?)
4. Presently on Medication (Refrigeration available)
5. Recent Injuries (Fractures, sprains, etc.)
6. Recent Hospitalization
7. Under Doctor's Care
8. Recent Shots (Type)
9. Recent Cold or sore Throat
10. Minor Cuts/Scrapes etc.
11. Family Members have:
 Measles, Chicken Pox,
 Mumps, Viral Infections
12. Other

Problem by Number	Scout's Name	Pertinent Information
Adults		

2003 SCOUT RELIGIOUS RETREAT
Preregistration form

Troop/Team _____ of Boy Scout District _____ or
 Girl Scout Unit, will have _____ Scouts/Venturers and _____ adults
attending the Retreat.

Our/My Unit is sponsored by: _____

Address _____

will be attending as a Provisional Scout:

Name _____ Troop _____ Phone _____

Address _____

_____ ZIP _____

Contact:

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

_____ ZIP _____

Position _____ Parish/Church _____

Mail to:

Ms. Dottie Tamai
2107 Kent Village Dr.
Landover, MD 20785

Please mail no later than April 17, 2003

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145 TAYLOR ST NE
P.O. BOX 29260
WASHINGTON DC 20017-0260



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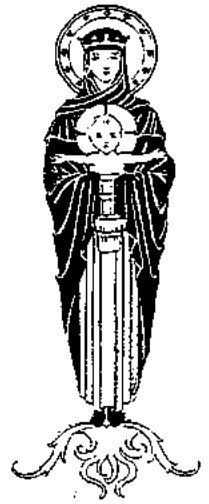
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1412 WATERFORD DR
FORESTVILLE MD 20747-1737



OUR LADY OF MATTAPONI

YOUTH RETREAT & CONFERENCE CENTER



September 2001

Dear Friends of Our Lady of Mattaponi,

So much of the news about kids this year so far has been both harrowing and perplexing. We all know the facts. We all have to struggle for understanding and solutions. I will not repeat those facts here, nor create a litany of explanations and analyses.

The truth is, the public image of today's youth is terribly skewed in favor of the troubled and malcontent few, who cast a long dark shadow over the reality of the situation. Our nation abounds with countless young people who live ordinary lives of goodness, contentment and deep faith.

Any adult who could see, as I do on a regular basis, the virtue and character of today's youth, would come to the easy conclusion that most kids are basically good. We are so blessed to witness the endless stream of young people who come here to participate in retreat and recollection programs. For me, the transformation that takes place between arrival and departure is nothing short of a miracle of grace. They may come here full of doubts and reservations, some complaining and moaning, some digging in their heels. Yet they always leave as persons changed in myriad ways for the better. Now the whining has a different sound: "Do we have to leave? Can we stay longer? Can we come back soon?"

How does this happen? The hard work of dedicated people and the grace and gifts of the Holy Spirit conspire to touch hearts and minds and souls. Kids on retreat learn a lot about themselves, their worth, their uniqueness, their potential. They learn about others, that the problems, doubts, fears and aloneness they feel are common to all their peers. And they learn about a God who is real and loving and involved. About a Jesus who loves them enough to die for them. Through prayer and sharing and liturgy and penance services and witness talks, they come to see faith and religion as worthwhile realities and values to cling to. What greater gift can we as adults give to our children?

We are grateful to God for this good work and for the people who make it happen, the people who support Mattaponi. Each year we appeal to Catholic people that we know or with whom we work to ask for their financial support through our Annual Raffle.

So much energy, discussion, resources and worry are expended on troubled youth today. Yet, how much more effective it is to support preventive measures rather than remedial action.

The support we ask is \$12.00 for twelve chances. For those who can do more our hope is that there will be sufficient inspiration in this letter to encourage a larger donation. Our needs are great, our resources are limited. The more funds we raise, the more we can do.

Please help. Help our Catholic kids. This is our combined investment in the church of tomorrow. And may God bless you for your concern and generosity.

Gratefully in Our Lady of Mattaponi,

Rev. Robert F. Mordino
Director