

NCCS AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE

**Diocese of Galveston-Houston
Catholic Committee on Scouting's**

2003 Boy Scout Catholic Retreat

October 3, 4 and 5, 2003

Submitted: December 2003

Section A:

Planning

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A. Planning

1. Origin and evolution of the idea:

The "Catholic Retreat" for the Boy Scouts (and Venture Scouts) has been an annual activity for the Diocese of Galveston Houston Catholic Committee on Scouting (DCCS) since as far back as 1962 (based on the oldest Retreat patch known). The retreat is traditionally held at Sam Houston Area Council's (SHAC) Camp Strake in Conroe, Texas on the first full weekend in October. The Catholic Retreat coincides with the DCCS Cub Scout Retreat called Puff-up which is held at Cub World at Camp Strake. Between the Boy Scout Retreat and the Cub Scout Puff-up, there are more than 1000 Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, adult leaders, parents and siblings attending Camp Strake under programs sponsored by the Diocesan Committee on Catholic Scouting.

Each year the previous year's retreat program is evaluated, modified as needed for content and theme and presented to the Diocese BSA Chaplain (Monsignor Bill Young) and the DCCS committee as a whole for approval. Once approved, the retreat activities are detailed, advertising is initiated, volunteers gathered and the Retreat is put on in October. The dates of the Catholic Retreat for 2003 were October 3, 4 and 5, 2003.

2. Approval or endorsement of the project

Approval of the Catholic Retreat program goes through a number of stages. Ideally a Retreat Chairman is designated right after the previous year's retreat. This is usually a person who is the Assistant Retreat Chairman for the previous Retreat or someone familiar with the most recently completed retreats. Our Retreat Chairman was designated a chairman in October of 2002 for the 2003 retreat. He was the Retreat Chairman also for the 2001 retreat.

In early June prior to the retreat, a Day of Prayer was held at St. Thomas More Parish (Monsignor Bill's Young's parish) for all the members of the DCCS committee. As a result of that Day of Prayer, a theme for the Catholic Retreat (and Puff-up) was determined. Monsignor Bill usually tries to tie the theme of the Catholic Retreat to one of the Pope's letters or a yearly Church theme. The theme for 2003 was "Behold Mary, Mother of Christ" and a sub-theme was "the year of the Rosary." The retreat program, especially for the Ad Altare Dei candidates, would reflect these themes.

A Retreat Committee is formed. Volunteers are requested and assignments are given out. A program is formulated, largely based on the previous year's retreat but modified based on suggestions from the overall DCCS committee. In previous year's there were two or three Retreat Committee meetings, usually throughout the summer, two of which were held one week before the general DCCS meetings. Results of the Retreat Committee meetings were submitted to the general DCCS meeting for approval. This year with the advantage of a similar program to

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2. Approval or endorsement of the project (Continued):

the 2002 retreat and E-mail correspondence, we had only one Retreat Committee meeting (in August of 2003) but had two general DCCS committee meetings to review the proposed Retreat program and get input.

The entire retreat program was reviewed and approved in the last overall DCCS committee meeting prior to the retreat. This year that meeting was in mid-August of 2003.

3. Concrete steps

a. Organization/ responsibilities

i. Communications

Communications were handled in a number of ways:

Correspondence for the most part was via E-mail. Phone calls were used but due to schedule conflicts, only for the most pressing issues.

A Retreat Committee meeting was used to plan the retreat program and to "get everyone on the same page" with regards to all the retreat activities.

Two overall DCCS committee meetings where the 2003 retreat program was discussed, adjusted and approved were also held.

Finally, the DCCS website was used to publish general information about the 2003 retreat and to collect the registrations for the retreat.

ii. Publicity

Publicity was also done in a number of ways:

In April 2003, notices were sent to the Catholic Herald and the "Scouter" newspapers about the retreat including registration forms and DCCS personnel's E-mail addresses, phone numbers as well as the DCCS website location. This advertising was continued in the "Scouter" through September 2003 as it is directed to all the scouts in the Sam Houston Area Council. We attempted to add retreat notices to the Bayshore Council paper (also in the Diocese of Galveston-Houston), but I did not see if any were published.

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ii. Publicity (Continued):

E-mails with the 2003 retreat program were sent out to all the Ad Altare Dei counselors, Pius XII counselors and members of the Diocese Catholic Committee on Scouting.

The DCCS website, starting in early July 2003, featured the Catholic Retreat (Boy Scouts) and Puff-up (Cub Scouts) on its cover page. This lasted through the end of the retreat in October 2003.

Word of mouth and historic attendance by Catholic Parish sponsored troops was also part of the retreat publicity plan.

iii. Registration

Registration was handled extremely efficiently by our Retreat Registrar, Mary Jones, in conjunction with our webmaster, Erich Wolz.

Registrations was done in one of three ways:

Mail in registration using forms from the "Scouter" newspaper or downloaded forms from the DCCS website.

On-line registration on the DCCS website. Completed forms were submitted electronically, registration fees were sent by mail to Mary Jones. (Registration was not complete until the registration fee was received.)

On-site registration at Camp Strake, Friday, October 3d or Saturday morning, October 4th.

The most effective method and the most efficient was the on-line registration. This gave us a running, up-to-date count of the expected attendance.

iv. Accommodations (site and facility)

The Diocese of Galveston-Houston Catholic Committee on Scouting has had a long and friendly relationship with the Sam Houston Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America. The Camp Strake facilities for the first full week of October have been available to the DCCS for the Catholic Retreat and Puff-up for many, many years.

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iv. Accommodations (site and facility)(Continued):

For the Catholic Retreat, SHAC allows the Boy Scouts almost all the sites in the Boy Scout side of Camp Strake including almost 30 campsites, good for 20 to 30 people each, rest room facilities, trading post facilities, showers, the Dining Hall and some associated indoor rooms, James West Field for Scouting events and games, three overhead or closed-in pavilions, a large arena setting for campfires and Saturday night Mass, sufficient parking, the registration building (for registration) on the way into Camp Strake and sufficient forested acreage for an attractive outdoor setting. There are also two lakes on site, but we try to limit the Scouts to the smaller lake for fishing. There are no water activities planned for the retreat.

v. Program

The retreat program is designed by the Retreat Committee based on input from the BSA Chaplain (Monsignor Bill Young) and the DCCS committee.

This year, 2003, the overall program was broken down into three separate sessions under the overall umbrella of the retreat. (See the retreat program in the Program Package document in the appendix.)

The overall retreat program started on Friday night with a campwide campfire at Eagle's Nest. The campfire was run by one of the volunteer Troops/Crews and included skits and songs and input from other troops. The religious part of the retreat started after breakfast (See the Retreat Schedule in the Appendix) with a homily by Monsignor Bill to all of the retreat attendees. Then he sent them to their various programs. Another homily (shorter) was given after lunch and Monsignor Bill again sent everyone to their afternoon programs. The major activity for all the programs was as a group celebrating Mass at Eagles Nest with Msgr. Bill as the celebrant. (As part of the group activities in the morning, afternoon and evening, Monsignor Bill led everyone in reciting individual decades of the Rosary.)

The first program was for the Ad Altare Dei candidates. There were two sessions of religious based instruction and discussion (50 to 55 minutes each) in the morning and in the afternoon. The discussions were based on the theme "Behold Mary, Mother of Christ" and the Mysteries of the Rosary. The scouts were broken up into four groups of roughly 35 to 40 boys in a group and sent to four different areas. We were fortunate that there were three seminarians from St. Thomas Seminary who volunteered to help instruct. These three gentlemen plus at least one of our AAD counselors taught each session (2 in the morning and 2 in the afternoon). The subject

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v. Program (Continued):

for instruction were the four sets of the Mysteries of the Rosary but also we requested that the Seminarians talk to the scouts about their vocations.

As a side bar, the National Catholic Committee on Scouting had a program to promote the Rosary. For 2003, Scouts and adults could earn a patch on the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary if they completed a questionnaire correctly and earned the patch. We incorporated the NCCS patch into the AAD program, initiating the discussions in the AAD sessions and allowing the Scouts to test for the patch in their free time. Over 100 NCCS Joyful Mystery patches were awarded.

The second program was the Pius XII Program for candidates for the Pius XII award. Monsignor Bill, Bill Barnes and a number of the Pius XII instructors took the Pius XII candidates (about 40) to Seton Lodge, a location away from the noise and activities of the scouts for discussion, lectures and contemplation on ethical issues and the like. This occurred for three hours in the morning and three hours in the afternoon. In addition, in the afternoon session, a panel discussion was set up of adults with different life choices was presented to the attendees (Married couple, a long term single person, Religious life (two Sisters)). The panel discussion is one of the requirements of the Pius XII award.

The third program was for scouts not in the AAD or Pius XII programs and had allowances for the scouts in the AAD program to participate after their AAD sessions. This third program concentrated on Camporee Style Scout Skills. Approximately 60 scouts plus some AAD candidates participated. Scout games such as firebuilding, flapjack flipping, orienteering, etc. were spread out in the morning and afternoon. In addition, one volunteer troop built a Three-Rope-Bridge and all were invited to cross.

vi. Hospitality and food services

Hospitality was provided initially at registration at the entrance to camp. Our registration staff met with each group as they checked in, gave them the details of their campsite and directions and answered all the questions asked.

Secondly, the Friday night campfire welcomed everyone who attended and was followed by a Cracker-Barrel (munchies and gator-aid) at the Dining Hall.

Thirdly, purposely, our DCCS Chairman, Charlie Raymond and DCCS past Chairman, John Sherman, were given no retreat duties other than to "meet and greet." This allowed Charlie and

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vi. Hospitality and food services (Continued):

John to be available to meet the adults and scouts attending the retreat and also be available for emergencies either at the BSA retreat or at Puff-up.

Food was provided by the Camp Strake Dining Hall staff. Long ago, it was decided by past DCCS retreats, that it was most time effective for the Dining Hall Staff to cook rather than the scouts. This left the scouts available for the religious message.

The Dining Hall produced four meals: Saturday breakfast, Saturday lunch, Saturday dinner and Sunday breakfast. Breakfast is usually eggs and bacon and cereal and fruit for one breakfast and breakfast tacos and cereal for the other. Lunch is usually a hot sandwich such as a meatball sandwich or a Sloppy Joe. Dinner can be spaghetti or chicken fried steak (this year).

vii. Clean-up

Clean-up as well as the set-up work is done by volunteer Troops, Crews. Adults and individual scouts.

Set-up of the Dining Hall tables and chairs was done by some of the retreat staff and also members of Troop 928.

Clean-up of the tables after the meals was done by the individual scouts and/or adults. The retreat staff removed the bags of trash from the garbage cans and replaced the plastic bags during and after each meal.

Individual scouts and adults helped to haul the filled garbage bags to the dumpster.

The final clean-up, table and bench re-stacking in storage and sweeping was by all the attendees on Sunday morning after breakfast and before any final awards.

Site clean-up was done by the individual Troops and/or Crews and checked by a member of the Retreat Committee before the Troop/Crew was allowed to pick up their patches and leave.

A final sweep was made by the senior members of the DCCS and the Retreat Committee once everyone else had left Camp Strake.

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3. Concrete steps (Continued):

b. Timetables, schedules

The actual timetable for the 2003 Catholic Retreat was as follows:

Bill O'Reilly designated (volunteered) as Retreat Chairman, October 2002.

Day of Prayer and retreat theme designation, June 2003

Designation of a tentative Retreat Program and preliminary list of volunteers, October 2002 through July/August 2003.

Presentation of tentative Retreat Program to overall DCCS meeting, mid-June 2003

Retreat 2003 Planning Meeting, August 6, 2003

Presentation of proposed Retreat Program to overall DCCS committee for approval, August 20, 2003

Start of the 2003 Catholic Retreat, October 3, 2003, 5:00 PM

Completion of the 2003 Catholic Retreat, October 5, 2003, 11:30 AM

Preliminary report to the overall DCCS committee on the 2003 Catholic Retreat, October 15, 2003

Submittal of the Summary Report on the 2003 Catholic Retreat, October 30, 2003.

The 2003 DCCS Retreat Schedule is located in the Appendix, either in the Retreat Program Package or shown separately.

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3. Concrete steps (Continued):

c. Meetings

i. Dates and minutes (attach meeting minutes as Appendix)

Diocese Catholic Committee on Scouting June 2003 Minutes of Meeting, June 18, 2003.

Retreat 2003 Planning Meeting, Minutes of Meeting, August 6, 2003.

Diocese Catholic Committee on Scouting August 2003 Minutes of Meeting, August 20, 2003.

Diocese Catholic Committee on Scouting October 2003 Minutes of Meeting, October 15, 2003

d. Correspondence

See the Correspondence section of the Appendix. (Most correspondence is in the form of E-mails)

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4. Itemized list of costs

Retreat Costs:

| | <u>Per Person</u> | <u>Total</u> | |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| Meals, per person, | \$16.20 | \$5,103.00 | (Count of 315) |
| Retreat 2003 Patch: | \$1.28 | \$ 532.00 | (400 patches & shipping) |
| Rosary Rings: | \$0.72 (avg) | \$143.02 | (198 new Rosary Rings) |
| Rosary Pamphlets: | \$0.71 | \$178.00 | (250 books & shipping) |
| Cracker Barrel Food, per person: | \$0.22 | \$67.66 | (Total munchies) |
| Scout Compass Game | \$0.04 | \$13.44 | (Scout Skills Program) |
| Copying for Mass Pamphlets | \$0.20 | \$60.00 | (300 pamphlets) |
| Copies for Distribution | \$0.13 | \$48.38 | (Schedule, program, etc.) |
| Staff name Tags | \$0.05 | \$14.44 | (72 pinned name tags) |
| Bibles: | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | (None Needed in 2003) |
| Awards: | <u>\$0.32</u> | <u>\$100.00</u> | (Cost for wood) |
| | Total cost/person \$19.87 | \$6,259.94 | Total Expenditures |

Separately from the Retreat:

NCCS Patch "Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary": Cost \$3:50 per patch. Sold to successful applicants at \$4:00 per patch,

Ordered 300 patches at \$3.50 per patch for \$1,050. Sold 105 NCCS patches at \$4.00 for \$420.00

Have 195 NCCS 2003 Rosary patches available for Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Venturer and Adult applicants.

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5. Financing

a. Subsidies

Knights of Columbus (three different Councils): \$400.00 (To support the handouts of Rosary Rings, Bibles and Rosary Instruction booklets.

The DCCS committee would make up the difference between the intake and the expenses for the retreat within the yearly DCCS budget. This year the retreat should have broken even.

b. Fees:

Cost of Registration per person: \$20.00 Total for 315 paid attendees = \$6,300.00

Cost of the NCCS Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary patch per person: \$4:00



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Annual Catholic Scout Retreat
2003**

Recessional: City of God

1. Awake from your slumber! Arise from your sleep!
A new day is dawning for all those who weep.
The people in darkness have seen a great light.
The Lord of our longing has conquered the night.

Let us build the city of God. May our tears be turned into dancing!
For the Lord, our light and our love, has turned the night into day!

2. We are sons of the morning; we are daughters of day.
The One who has loved us has brightened our way.
The Lord of all kindness has called us to be
a light for his people to set their hearts free.

3. God is light; in him there is no darkness.
Let us walk in his light, his children one and all.
O comfort my people; make gentle your words.
Proclaim to my city the day of her birth.

4. O city of gladness, now lift up your voice!
Proclaim the good tidings that all may rejoice!

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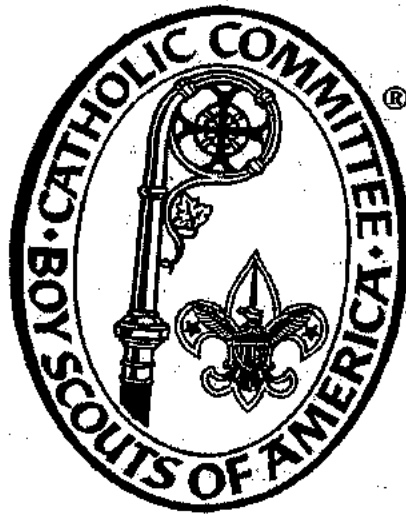
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THE MASS NEVER ENDS, YOU MUST LIVE IT!



**O LORD, you have given everything its place in
the world, no one can make it otherwise. For it is
your creation, the heavens and earth and the stars:
you are the LORD of all.**

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Section B: Implementation

2. Forms, information

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Registration Forms

**2003 Catholic Scout Retreat
October 3-5, 2003
Camp Strake**

Unit registration Form/Maverick Scout Registration

This form must be received no later than September 22, 2003 to have meals provided by the dining hall. If received after September 22, 2003, the fee will be raised to \$25. Camperships are available.

Unit Number _____ Sponsor: _____

Unit Leader's Name: _____

Address: _____

Address (Continued): _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: Home: (_____

Work: (_____

Number of Youth Attending: _____ x \$20.00 = _____

Number of Adults Attending: _____ x \$20.00 = _____

Total Remittance: \$ _____

Make Checks payable to: Diocese Catholic Committee on Scouting

Return this form and bring a copy of a current Class 1 or higher medical form to the event Registrar:
Mail or Email this form to:

Mary Jones @ SHAC
P.O. Box 924528
Houston, TX 77292-4528
(713) 865- 9124 (Days)
(281) 858- 6013 (Evenings)

This form is also available on the DCCS website: <http://www.dccs-dgh.org>

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Request to Invite Maverick Scouts to Camp With Your Troop or Patrol

We anticipate a number of scouts registering who are not attending with their home troop or patrol. Would you be able to invite any maverick scouts into your camp and to make them a part of your troop or patrol for the weekend? Yes No If yes, how many? _____

Leader to contact _____

Do you or any of your scouts or adults have any special needs or requirements? If so tell us about them _____

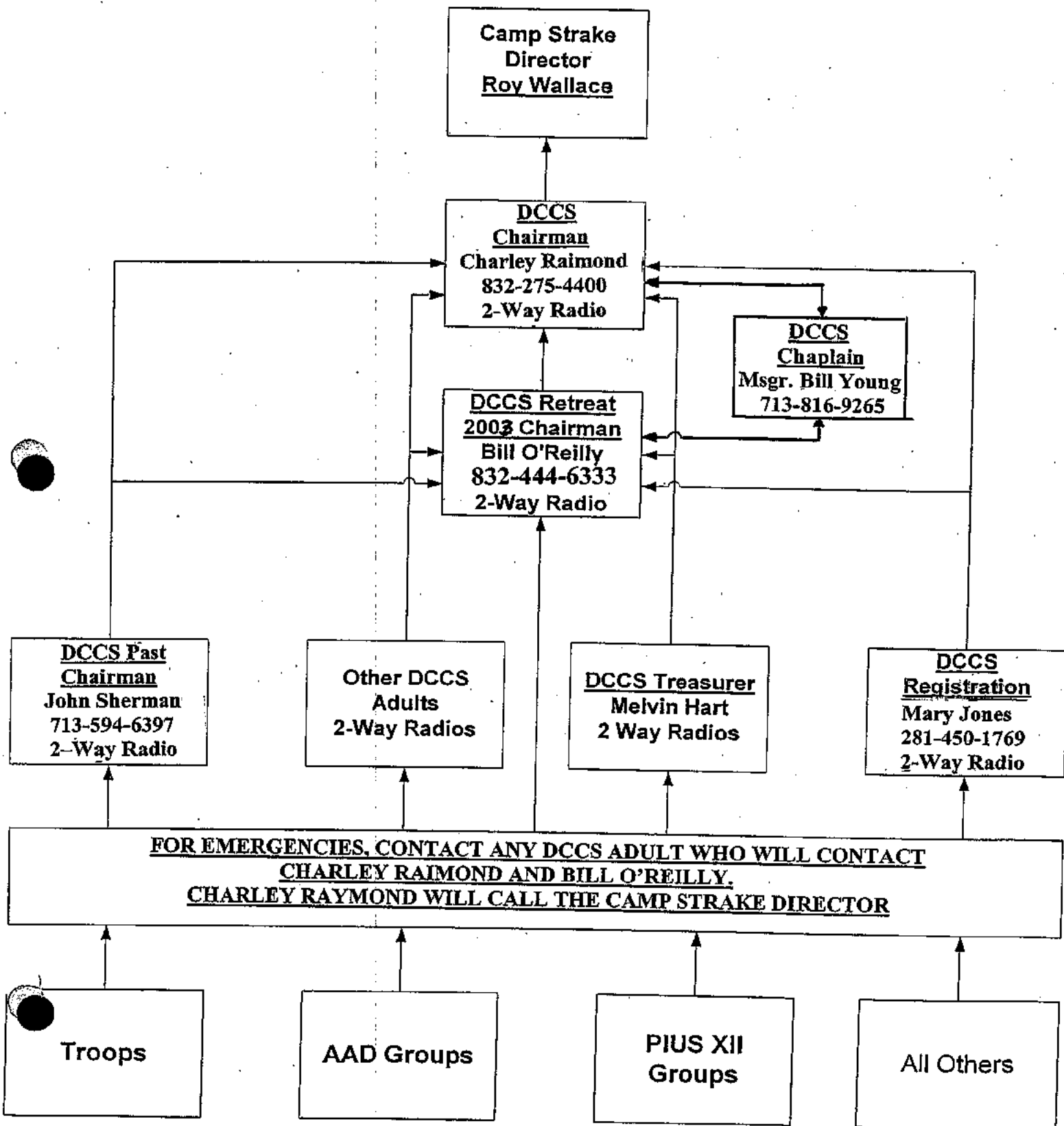
Send or Give to: Mary Jones, Registrar, or Bill O'Reilly, Chairman

**Music Program
For
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**Emergency Plan
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Safety Guidelines**

DCCS RETREAT 2003

EMERGENCY CONTACT PLAN



DCCS CATHOLIC RETREAT 2002

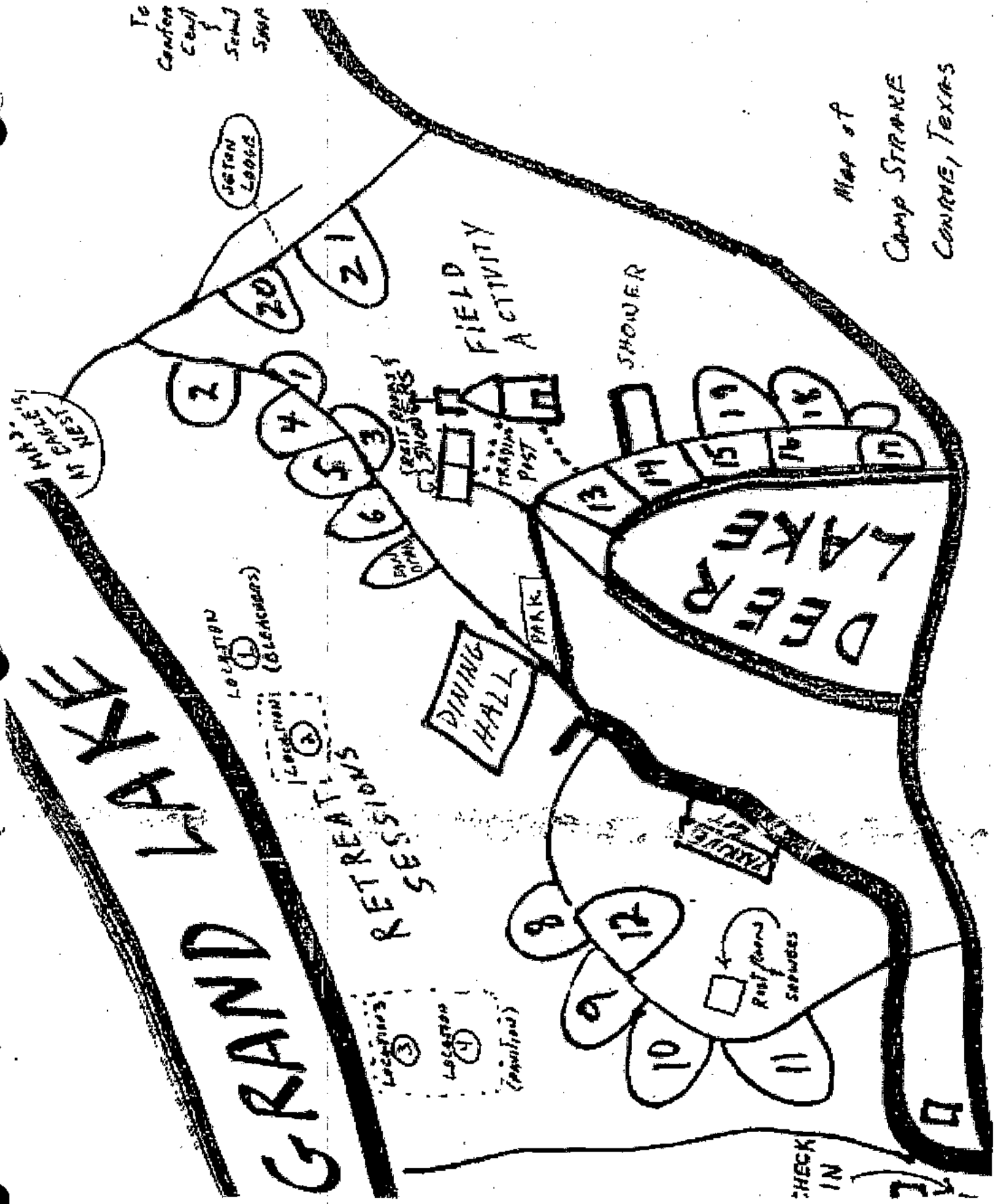
SAFETY GUIDELINES

1. For Emergencies contact a DCCS Committee Member or John Sherman (713-594-6397) or Bill O'Reilly (832-444-4370).
2. The First Aid Station is in the office up the hill directly behind the Trading Post. It is staffed by Mrs. Janet Pepperday. If the injury is movable (scrapes, cut, etc.), bring the affected party up to the First Aid Station. If the injury is more severe, contact a DCCS Committee Member and we will bring Janet to your location.
3. Watch while running for trees, tree roots and rocks that will trip you up.
4. If you see a snake, leave it alone! Report its location to a DCCS Committee Member.
5. If you see any other Camp Strake animals or birds, leave them alone. They live here. If there is a problem, report it to a DCCS Committee Member.
6. Wear mosquito repellent! Deet based preferred. Refresh as needed, especially at dusk.
7. Knife safety is to be observed. Be careful while using your knife around people. Remember the rules on your Tote & Chip card!
8. There is no swimming at the Retreat in either lake. Please report anyone who appears to be swimming to a DCCS Committee Member.
9. Minimize horseplay. Have fun but we don't need to practice first aid. Be careful!
10. Use the buddy system. We do not need to lose anyone this week end.

**Camp Plan
And
Guidelines**

Map of
Camp STRAKE
CONROE, TEXAS

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CAMP GUIDELINES

All Council Properties

QUIET TIME

Between the hours of 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. Campers are to be in their campsites and respect others.



TRUCKS & VANS

Passengers are not to be transported in the back of any open truck, suburban, station wagon or in a van with the doors open. Camp is for hiking. Please leave your car parked except in case of emergency.



SPEED LIMIT

Speed limit is 20 miles per hour on black - top roads, 5 miles per hour on dirt roads or as posted in other areas.



LIQUID FUEL POLICY

The use of KEROSENE, GASOLINE, GULF LITE, LIQUID CHARCOAL STARTER and COLEMAN FUEL is PROHIBITED. This prohibits the use of all equipment that uses liquid fuel, Coleman stoves, chain saws, gas generators, etc.



ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Alcoholic Beverages are not allowed on any Council Properties



FIREARM/ARCHERY EQUIPMENT/FIREWORKS

Fireworks, Personally owned firearms (including air rifles) and archery equipment ARE NOT ALLOWED on Council Properties. Slingshots or any type of equipment that propels objects are also not allowed.

FIRES

All fires must be built in campsites at designated area if available, ATTENDED AT ALL TIMES and extinguished before leaving.



TRASH - GARBAGE

DO NOT BURY ANY TRASH OR GARBAGE. All trash is to be placed in the dumpsters.

DAMAGE TO EQUIPMENT & FACILITIES

Please report all lost or broken equipment as well as any damage to structures to the Campmaster or Ranger.



PETS

Pets are not allowed in camp for any reason!!!



BIKES

Bikes are not allowed in camp for any reason!!!



FOOTWEAR

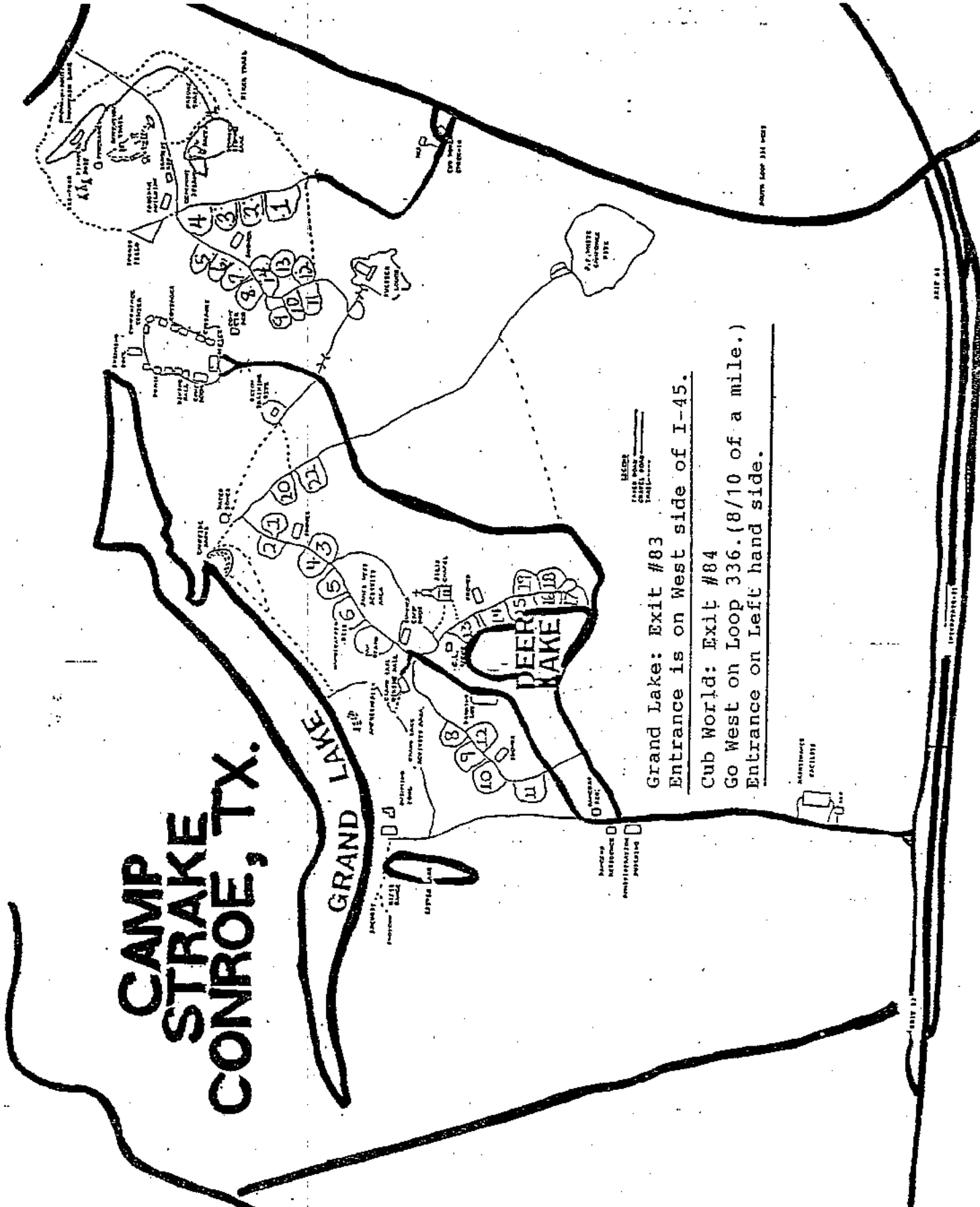
Shoes must be worn in camp at all times; we recommend closed - toe footwear.



CHECK IN & CHECK OUT TIMES

Check in is after 3:00 p.m. on Friday and Check out is before 2:00 p.m. on Sunday.

CAMP STRAKE CONROE, TX.



Grand Lake: Exit #83
Entrance is on West side of I-45.

Cub World: Exit #84
Go West on Loop 336. (8/10 of a mile.)
Entrance on Left hand side.

Evaluations

DCCS CATHOLIC RETREAT 2003

ADULT EVALUATION

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| 2. | How did you find the Ad Altare Dei Program? | N/A | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 3. | How did you find the Pius XII Program? | N/A | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 4. | How did you find the Camporee Style Scout Skills Program? | N/A | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 5. | Was sufficient time allotted for your particular Religious Emblems Program (AAD or Pius XII)? | N/A | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6. | How did you find the spirituality theme of The AAD Program ("Behold Mary, Mother of Christ" (Including the Mysteries of the Rosary)? | N/A | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 7. | How did you find the Panel Discussion at The Pius XII Program? | N/A | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 8. | Were the Scout Skills Fun and Challenging for the Scouts? | N/A | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 9. | How did you find the Celebration of the Mass at Eagle's Nest? | N/A | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 10. | How were the camping accommodations? | N/A | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 11. | How was the food? | N/A | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 12. | Was there enough information available on the Retreat prior to October 3 rd ? | N/A | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 13. | Were the directions clear enough during the Retreat to allow you to follow the scheduled activities? | N/A | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 14. | Do you think that the Retreat helped the Scouts (and The Adults) to better understand our Faith? | N/A | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

General Comments: _____

DCCS CATHOLIC RETREAT 2003

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| 8. | Were the Scout Skills Fun and Challenging? | N/A | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
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| 10. | How were the camping accommodations? | N/A | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 11. | How was the food? | N/A | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 12. | How was the Campfire? | N/A | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 13. | Were the directions clear enough during the Retreat to allow you to follow the scheduled activities? | N/A | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 14. | Has your attendance at the Retreat helped you to Better understand your Faith? | N/A | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

General Comments: _____

DCCS CATHOLIC RETREAT 2003

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| 1. | What is your overall rating for this Retreat? | 3.6 | 4 |
| 2. | How did you find the Ad Altare Dei Program? | 3.2 | 4 |
| 3. | How did you find the Pius XII Program? | 3.7 | 3/5 |
| 4. | How did you find the Camporee Style Scout Skills Program? | 3.6 | 4 |
| 5. | Was sufficient time allotted for your particular Religious Emblems Program (AAD or Pius XII)? | 3.8 | 5 |
| 6. | How did you find the spirituality theme of The AAD Program: "Behold Mary, Mother of Christ" (Including The Mysteries of the Rosary)? | 4.0 | 5 |
| 7. | How did you find the Panel Discussion at The Pius XII Program? (Pius XII Candidates) | 4.0 | 4 |
| 8. | Were the Scout Skills Fun and Challenging? | 3.9 | 5 |
| 9. | How did you find the Celebration of the Mass at Eagle's Nest? | 4.1 | 5 |
| 10. | How were the camping accommodations? | 3.6 | 4 |
| 11. | How was the food? | 3.3 | 3 |
| 12. | How was the Campfire? | 3.8 | 4 |
| 13. | Were the directions clear enough during the Retreat to allow you to follow the scheduled activities? | 3.7 | 5 |
| 14. | Has your attendance at the Retreat helped you to Better understand your Faith? | 3.8 | 5 |

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RESULTS

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| 2. | How did you find the Ad Altare Dei Program? | 3.8 | 5 |
| 3. | How did you find the Pius XII Program? | 4.2 | 5 |
| 4. | How did you find the Camporee Style Scout Skills Program? | 4.3 | 4 |
| 5. | Was sufficient time allotted for your particular Religious Emblems Program (AAD or Pius XII)? | 3.7 | 3 |
| 6. | How did you find the spirituality theme of The AAD Program ("Behold Mary, Mother of Christ" (Including the Mysteries of the Rosary)? | 4.2 | 5 |
| 7. | How did you find the Panel Discussion at The Pius XII Program? | 4.3 | 4/5 |
| 8. | Were the Scout Skills Fun and Challenging for the Scouts? | 4.2 | 4 |
| 9. | How did you find the Celebration of the Mass at Eagle's Nest? | 4.4 | 5 |
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**Retreat Planning:
Minutes of Meetings**

Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting
JUNE 2003 MINUTES

The meeting was held at St. Thomas More Church Hall and was called to order by Chairman, Charles Raimond on Wednesday, June 18, 2003 at 7:45 pm. Ernest Espinosa was asked to open the meeting with a prayer.

ATTENDANCE: There were 21 Scouters present. See list at the end of minutes for those present at the meeting.

CHAIRMEN REPORT:

John Sherman, Past Chairman announced that Charley Raimond and Fr. Bill Young, our chaplain would be going to the Philmont Training providing us with continuous outstanding leadership.

February and the April minutes were approved as printed. Minutes were also being posted on the web site. Web address is www.dccs_dgh.org.

TREASURER REPORT:

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| Beginning Balance, as of March 26, 2003 | \$ 26,950.17 |
| Total Deposits / Credits | 193.14 |
| Total Debits | <u>(1,222.74)</u> |
| Ending Balance, as of May 27, 2003 | <u>\$ 25,920.57</u> |

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

RELIGIOUS EMBLEMS – Chairman **Phil Rynn** reports 12 in attendance at the Scouter Development training at St. Vincent de Paul on June 14, 2003. Group was divided into 2 sessions, which resulted in a successful training.

Chairman's Comment: With two Scouter Development trainings on the 19th and 26th of July, and the Emblems training tentative scheduled on August 9, there should not be scheduled any additional trainings until after the Catholic Scout Retreat in October.

SCOUTER DEVELOPMENT - **Bill Barnes** reported that 8 were in attendance on June 7th in Lake Jackson. Plans are for training to be held at St. Martha's in Kingwood on July 19th, and at Prince of Peace on July 26th. Can get group together and request for a Scouter Development.

Chairman's Comment: Scouter Development gives focus on what a Religious Award counselor needs.

MEMBERSHIP – **Roger Morris** reported that the Membership roster would be updated and posted on the web site. Materials are available on the table. Latest NCCS material has changed. Log in to DCCS membership is "fr tom" (all lower case).

COMMUNICATION – **Mary Jones** distributed lists of Scout units sponsored by Catholic churches or organizations. Forms for Puff-Up and Retreat are available in Scout office, Scout Shop, and on the web site. There will be no *Scouter* in July. Program Preview will be in August.

WEBMASTER – **Erich Wolz** is still searching for patches from Retreat. Randy Reininger has provided several of the missing patches. Still missing three patches from the 80's. Sending out E-mail on patch search got positive responses.

REGION 10 – Chairman **Ray Broussard** announced Galveston-Houston DCCS received from NCCS the Quality Diocese Award (similar to a Quality District award). Others receiving the award were Tulsa and San Antonio. The Quality Diocese Certificate was presented to Chairman Charley Raimond, and each member present received a patch. Chairman Broussard also recommended that the Galveston-Houston Diocese host a Region 10 meeting on a Friday-Saturday weekend. This will include Beaumont, Austin and Houston. Will need a date and location. The committee agreed to host an area meeting. The South Texas councils of Laredo, Corpus Christi, and San Antonio will be hosting a meeting on July 19th. Tulsa is also going to host an area meeting. A suggested agenda was handed out.

Chairman's Comment: There needs to be better programs in each diocese whether it is to get one started or restarted, such as there is no committee in Little Rock AR. In the Vocation Committee handbook improvements are suggested. The five (5) major problems are empathy, training, guidelines, turf wars, and lack of accountability.

BSA ADVISOR – **Ernest Espinosa** announced that he was glad he could be present.

OTHER REPORTS:

NCCS ANNUAL MEETING REVIEW – John Sherman reported Irene Herring received the Silver St. George Award from NCCS. Interested in getting the St. George recipients more involved by going in groups of two on visits. John and Marvin Smith will put packets of information together as a St. George initiative for visits to increase and encourage new units with Catholic churches and organizations i.e. Knights of Columbus, Men's club. Suggestions are welcomed.

Chairman Raimond reported a new program on the Rosary would have a national patch available. It is a 4-year ongoing program, but it takes only one year to get the patch. The 2000 millennium patch is still available and will not be re-ordered. He asked if anyone knows of a Scout interested in the 2004 St. George Trek sponsored by DCCS.

BAY AREA COUNCIL BOOTH STAFFING – On August 7 there will be Program Preview for the five (5) districts in the Bay Area Council. They are in need of volunteers to help staff the tables. It was suggested that a table showing the Emblems to go also go into their publication, *Coastliner*. A sign-up sheet was passed around for volunteers.

DAY OF REFLECTION – Charley Raimond reported there were twenty (20) Scouters, which included two from the Girl Scouts participating in the Day of Reflection. It was learned that the Girl Scouts develop their own program. It was suggested that the Scouts who received the Pius XII be involved in planning of the Retreat.

PACK COORDINATOR TRAINING – Chairman Raimond suggested this training be part of Puff-Up. Action deferred.

CUB SCOUT PUFF-UP – Chairman Jim Buechele was not present to report.

SCOUT RETREAT – Bill O'Reilly reported that the patch design ideas were being circulated. Any suggestions are welcome. Mary Jones volunteered to be the registrant. A limited number of patches will be purchased. Currently the cost of the patch is not included in the \$20 Registration fee, however, if the fee is increased, then the attendees must be informed before they register. The theme is "*Behold Mary, Mother of Christ*".

CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE – Bill Barnes reported that there was no further information. Reminder that July 1 was the deadline for submitting representatives. Conference is to target youths between 18 and 35 years old. For the Scouts there were sixteen (16) slots; of which twelve are still open.

YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING – Ed Herrera reporting for Fr. Bill explained that the new training is a Virtue Program basically. Met with Christina de John, legal counsel at the Diocese. Idea is to post a summary and a Q & A on the web site. Plan to form a committee to meet for more information and report at the next DCCS meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Next committee meeting will be on August 20, 2003 at 7:30 PM.
- Need a Hispanic Scouting Movement chair because Neil Calnan is retiring.
- To date there has been \$800 pledged for the Rockwell painting, "A Scout is Reverent" that the Catholic Committee is donating for the new Scout Office. Painting will be a memorial to Fr. Tom Wendland. Checks are to be made payable to DCCS and sent to Melvin Hart, treasurer.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m. with a closing prayer given by Chairman-Elect Ed Herrera.

Judith L Joe, Secretary

NOTE: To be approved at DCCS meeting - Wednesday, August 20, 2003 at 7:30 PM at St. Thomas More.

ATTENDANCE - From the Sign In Sheet:

Roger Morris
Erich W Wolz
Phil Rynn
Bill O'Reilly
Joe Jones
Mary Jones

Charles Raimond
Edward Herrera
John E. Sherman
Judith Joe
John Pepperday

Melvin Hart
Zetta Hart
Ray Broussard
Lou Broussard
Bruce C Davis

Bill Barnes
Luis Santiago
Jeff D Sposato
Tim Hartnett
Jackie Brown

Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting (DCCS)
Retreat 2003 Planning Meeting
Minutes of Meeting

Date of Meeting: August 6, 2003

Date of Report: August 8, 2003

Location: St. Thomas More Parish Conference Room, Houston, TX

Reported by: Bill O'Reilly

Attendees: Mary Jones Robert VanVickle
 Tim Hartnett Peggy Spangler
 Msgr. Bill Young Charley Raimond
 Bill O'Reilly

A meeting was held to plan the 2003 DCCS Boy Scout Catholic Retreat. The following items were discussed:

1. Bill O'Reilly gave an overview of the Program Schedule including the general schedule for the AAD and the Pius XII programs. It is similar to the 2002 program except that there is now a third program for the non-AAD, non-Pius XII candidate program scouts. The third program will be based on Camporee style Scout Skill events and will run from 8:45 AM until Noon and then from 1:15 pm until 4:15 pm. A special feature for the AAD program scouts is that they will be able to do the Scout Skill events between 10:50 AM and noon and again between 3:15 PM and 4:15 PM.
2. A review of the religious teaching portion of the AAD program was done. The proposed program, based on the theme: Behold Mary, Mother of Christ, envisioned three stations for teaching/discussion of the Luminous, Sorrowful and Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary. The fourth session was to be a discussion on "How can we as Scouts improve our devotion to God through Mary?" In addition, somewhat separately to the four AAD sessions, Scouts could work on receiving the NCCS patch for the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary by answering a number of questions on the Joyful Mysteries and paying for the patch (\$4). It was recommended that the four sessions should cover the four sets of the Mysteries of the Rosary and the question on How the Scouts improve their devotion could be addressed in each session. This will allow for some teaching on the Joyful Mysteries before the Scout tries to answer NCCS questions on the Joyful Mysteries for the NCCS patch. Tim Hartnett will work with Phil Rynn to finalize the AAD program.
3. Presently a split of the AAD Candidates into four groups is envisioned with two of the four groups listening to the Session I topic and two groups listening to the Session II topics (Similar to 2002). This would be repeated in the afternoon with Sessions III and IV. The AAD Sessions would be held on the bleachers near Long Lake, in the Nature lodge and two in the covered area near the swimming pool. If rain becomes a factor, the AAD Candidates may be broken down into three (or two) groups and the Sessions would be held in the Nature Loge and in the covered area near the pool.

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4. The Scouting portion of the Retreat program was reviewed along with the indication of the Troops/Crews that volunteered to help. Troop/Crew 1003, Helen Soto agreed to help run the Friday night campfire and the Saturday Camporee type activities. Fabian Guerra and Troop 1283 agreed to help run the Camporee style program. And Mike Kasper and Troop 928 have agreed to assist with the running of the Retreat (Flag Ceremonies, Meals, set-up, etc.), run the set-up and operation of the three-rope bridge and help with the Scout skill activities. The tentative schedule and brief description of the Camporee style Scout skills are attached to these minutes. The current plan is to have the Camporee style activities in the field across from the James West area (other side of Trading Post). If it rains, the Camporee activities will be held inside the Dining Hall.
5. Mary Jones, Retreat Registration, and Erich Wolz, DCCS Webmaster, will need to get together to go over the electronic Retreat registration procedures, etc., from the DCCS website. A recommendation was made to keep a record of which Scouts in the AAD and the Pius XII program attended the Retreat. This was suggested so that the organizers of the January Lock-in would know how many AAD and Pius XII attendees to prepare for (pizzas, etc.). Also it was suggested that the AAD and Pius XII indicate how many Scouts were missing from the Retreat who would be at the Lock-in. (Note: We might want to make lists for AAD and Pius XII Candidates at
6. There was agreement that 100 NCCS Rosary patches will be ordered at \$3.50 per patch. If the demand is greater than 100 patches, the Scouts name and address will be taken and the patch would be sent to him.
7. It was agreed that the same style of ring rosary from last year would be used. The price is \$0.70 per ring rosary w/o tax. WFOR currently has about 100 from last year and will get another 125 for this year.
8. The Pius XII program will have two cases (24 each) of Bibles. It was assumed that this was enough for this year. Robert Van Vickle agreed to again bring the sound system for Mass. In addition, Robert will try to bring a bullhorn.
9. The following tasks need to be done:
 - a. Final check on Camp Strake facilities with Roy Wallace – John Sherman
 - b. Purchase additional Rosary Rings – Bill O'Reilly
 - c. Purchase 100 NCCS Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary patch – Bill and Melvin Hart
 - d. Request mowing of the grass at Eagle's Nest close to weekend of the Retreat, also the field at James West area and the area near the swimming pool – John & Bill
 - e. Make contact with Seminarians through Father Cahill – John, Bill, Charley Raimond

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9. The following tasks need to be done (Continued):
 - f. Make an alternate AAD teaching plan is Seminarians are not available - Tim Hartnett and Phil Rynn
 - g. Set up emergency call list - Bill
 - h. Get Walkie-Talkies from Andre - Bill
 - i. Borrow water containers from Camp Strake - Robert Van Vickle
 - j. Campfire program review - Helen Soto and Bill O'Reilly
 - k. Scout activities review - Bill, Fabian Guerra and Mike Kasper
 - l. Request donations from Knights of Columbus - Bill with Melvin Hart
 - m. Award discussion - Bill with John Pepperday

10. Attachments:
 - a. Meeting Agenda
 - a. List of Retreat Volunteers (with contact information)
 - b. Retreat Program Package
 - c. Details of the Camporee Style Scout Skills

Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting

AUGUST 2003 MINUTES

Chairman, Charles Raimond on Wednesday, August 20, 2003 at 7:35 pm, called the regular meeting held at St. Thomas More Church Hall to order. Roger Morris opened the meeting with a prayer.

ATTENDANCE: There were 31 Scouters present. See list at the end of minutes for those present at the meeting.

CHAIRMEN REPORT:

John Sherman, Past Chairman clarified Marvin Smith, member of the DCCS committee has not passed away. Eagle certificates inquiry has been taken care of by the treasurer

June minutes were approved as printed. Minutes are also posted on the web site. Web address is www.dccs-dgh.org.

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| TREASURER REPORT: | Beginning Balance, as of May 27, 2003 | \$ 25,920.57 |
| | Total Deposits / Credits | 388.99 |
| | Total Debits | (2,366.21) |
| | Ending Balance, as of July 30, 2003 | <u>\$ 23,934.35</u> |

Ed Herrera asked if the request for the DCCS grant been submitted. The grant not been received by the treasurer to date.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

SCOUTER DEVELOPMENT - **Bill Barnes** reported on two Scouter Developments have been given. St. Martha's in Kingwood on July 19th had ten in attendance, and at Prince of Peace on July 26th six were in attendance. Billy Mayo, COR at St. James the Apostle will coordinate the next Scouter Development, to be scheduled sometime in October.

Chairman's Comment: Get a group together and submit your request for scheduling. Currently there are seven on the Scouter Development committee. Francine Riley of Christ the Redeemer (Unit 9 and 24) will be added to the committee.

RELIGIOUS EMBLEMS - Chairman **Phil Rynn** reports three from Prince of Peace in attendance at the Emblems Training, and one from St. Martha. **Chairman's Comment:** No Emblems Training scheduled at this time.

MEMBERSHIP - **Roger Morris** reported the Membership roster would be forwarded to the Webmaster to be on the web site. New user name and password will be 'DCCS' and 'msgrbill' (lower case). Changed from the previous 'fritom'. **Chairman's Comment:** He and his son had the opportunity to camp with a troop that went to Cork and Dublin, Ireland. Roger expressed a wonderful experience learning about Catholic Scouting in Ireland.

COMMUNICATION - **Mary Jones** reminded everyone that forms for Puff-Up and Retreat are available at the Scout Shop. Information has been sent to the Bay Area Council, and trying to get DCCS information into the *Catholic Herald*.

REGION 10 - Since Chairman **Ray Broussard** was not present, Charley Raimond commented that he was pleased to announce that Austin, Fort Worth, Dallas, Corpus Christi, and Oklahoma dioceses were represented at Philmont. Some were committed to going back and getting their committees going again.

Chairman Charley Raimond announced that Ernest Espinosa former BSA Advisor for DCCS is resigning, and will be moving to Ecuador for one year. Juan Hernandez, DE from Aldine Pathfinder will be the new advisor. Previous experience was in Hispanic Scouting. Chairman Raimond announced Irene Herring is a recipient of the Silver St. George Award from the National Catholic Committee on Scouting. This was a great honor, and Irene was congratulated by all present. Irene reported on correspondence received from Faith Strickland. Anyone who would like to get in touch with Faith can at the following e-mail address - fstrickland2690@aol.com.

OTHER REPORTS:

deal with the COR. Member Jay Gause reported that he also went to Philmont on COR Training. He highly encourages all COR to be trained.

BAY AREA COUNCIL BOOTH STAFFING – Chairman Raimond admitted to his neglect in follow up with staffing a table at their Program preview. However, he will make contact and do a presentation at one of their roundtables.

CUB SCOUT PUFF-UP – Chairman Jim Buechele announced that there would be seven sessions at Puff-Up. (Handouts were passed out.) Design of the patch was circulated, and he reported that 700 patches were ordered versus 600-ordered last year. Wristbands were purchased from Med Tech to identify those who have paid. Dealing also with health and safety issues. Jack Drapela, last year Chairman is helping with Puff-Up. Registration forms have been distributed, and camp registration at Puff-Up will be at the front gate. There will also be available trainings on parent instruction regarding Religious Awards, and the role of the Pack Coordinator. Mass will be held at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday.

SCOUT RETREAT – Bill O'Reilly reported the AAD program would be the same as last year; in addition there will be a Camporee-like program and games for Scouts not in the AAD program. Volunteers from troops will conduct the campfire and flapjack flipping. To receive the Rosary patch, answers to five of 10 questions must be met. Cost is an additional \$4. A limited 100 patches are purchased. Rosary rings will be given out, as a decade will be recited throughout the day until full rosary has been recited. There will also be a Pius XII group. On Saturday afternoon a committed single is needed. Chairman O'Reilly recommended that a 48 pp. Rosary booklet be used. Cost is 77¢ per 100, or 71¢ for 200, taking 3-5 business days for ordering. Copies for "How to Recite the Rosary" will be handed out, and cost of copies will be donated. **Motion was made by Bill Barnes that DCCS approves the purchase of however many Rosary booklets the Retreat chair needs for distribution. Motion carried.** Camp inspection will conduct on Friday morning.

WEBMASTER – Erich Wolz made apologies that Scout camp, family vacation, and a grandmother dying at 99 years of age has taken much of his time.

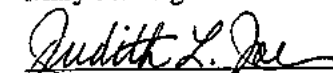
CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE – Bill Barnes reported the conference would be on November 13-16. They still need help for hosting at the various hotels and functions. Bill asked for members to volunteer for the conference.

ROCKWELL PAINTING – To date, \$870.00 have been collected. Hopefully the sponsored painting will be in the main lobby of the Scout Office. The treasurer, Melvin Hart was instructed by Chairman Raimond to send the money to SHAC from DCCS for the painting with additional donations being welcome.

Chairman Charley Raimond thanked everyone for coming and welcomed all who are attending for the first time. He asked that each introduced themselves to the committee, and in return the committee introduced themselves to the new members. He also reported that Hispanic Scouting should not be overlooked, and the program needs to be extended to units who do not have a religious program. We must serve the youth.

ANNOUNCEMENT: Next committee meeting will be on October 15, 2003 at 7:30 PM.

Mary Jones gave the closing prayer. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.


Judith L. Joe, Secretary

NOTE: To be approved at DCCS meeting - Wednesday, October 15, 2003 at 7:30 PM at St. Thomas More.

ATTENDANCE - From the Sign In Sheet:

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| Charles Raimond Edward Herrera John E. Sherman Judith Joe Melvin Hart Zetta Hart Bill Barnes Phil Rynn | Mary Jones Erich W. Wolz Roger Morris Bill O'Reilly Jim Buechele Jack Drapela John Pepperday Bruce C Davis | Irene Herring Tim Hartnett Jeff D Sposato Luis Santiago Robert Van Vickie George Rocker Andre Marté Jay Gause | Joe Jones Billy Mayo Martin Ng James Smith Earl Hughes Francine Riley Dat Hoang |
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DCCS Meeting

OCTOBER 15, 2003
ST. THOMAS MORE

Agenda

Call to Order and Opening at 7:30 PM.....Charley Raimond

Prayer.....Fr. Bill Young

Comments from the Chairmen.....Charley/John/Ed

General Business Reports:

- Minutes of August 13, 2003 Meeting..... Judith Joe
- Treasurers Report.....Melvin Hart
- Scouter Development Chairman.....Bill Barnes
- Religious Emblems Chairman..... Phil Rynn
- Membership Chairman..... Roger Morris
- Communications Chairman.....Mary Jones
- Webmaster.....Erich Wolz
- Region 10 Chairman..... Ray Broussard
- SHAC Liaison.....Juan Hernandez

Catholic Youth Conference *Nov. 13-16th, 2003*

Review of Retreat and Puff-Up

Lock-In Board of Review

Scout Sunday

Adult Awards Banquet

Closing Prayer (Join Hands and say the Lords Prayer)..... Lead by Tim Hartnett

Scout Sunday - Feb 8th

Scout Skill Activities

A Description

**EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR CAMPOREE STYLE
ACTIVITIES**

Saturday Morning

I. Firebuilding: Four Setups 2 to 4 Supervisors

1. Eight (8) 4 foot tall wooden stakes (1" x 1" or so)
2. Cotton or Inexpensive Hemp String (Plenty)
3. Firewood (Normally ten 1" x 1" by 8 inch blocks), 40 times
4. Four Pocket knives
5. Two Boxes of Stick Matches
6. 3 Boxes of Extra Heavy Tinfoil or 3 steel plates 3' x 3'
7. 2 large buckets of fire water
8. One large metal trash can for cooling hot coals.

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2. Four Flippers, Teflon
3. Four Frying Pans- Teflon coated
4. 10 Plastic containers of Pan Cake Mix
5. 40 Small plastic bags
6. Four eight foot wooden stakes
7. String (Enough to cover two, two lane runways (flipways))
8. Two plastic Tarps (to catch missed flapjacks)

Directions: The Scouts are given a package of pancake mix, a flipper, a cold frying pan and access to one of the Coleman stoves. A string is run across the area ten feet from the kitchen. The string is 7 to 8 feet high. The Scouts are to mix the pancake mix with water in the plastic bag, cook one (4 inch or better) pancake until flip-able, then run to the string and flip the pancake over the string. Then return to the kitchen and all members of the group eat the pancake. If the pancake hits the ground, the scouts are to cook another until they complete the task. First one wins.

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Directions: Run the two longer segments of rope parallel to each other between the trees or posts. The lower rope should be 1 to 1 ½ feet off the ground. The upper rope should be about 4 to 5 feet off the ground. Tie the smaller ropes to the larger ropes and to each other forming demarcated openings between the ropes of different sizes and at different elevations. The goal of this activity is to pass each member of an 8 Scout group through an opening without touching it. Once someone has passed through, the opening is ruled closed and marked with a piece of tape. If the rope is touched by someone going through, the person has to start again, but that opening is marked closed. The event is completed when each member of the group has successfully gone through the trap without touching the rope.

VII. Radio-Isotope Removal: (Two Set-ups) Two Supervisors

1. Two 5 pound coffee cans
2. Six (6) Bungee Cords
 1. 12 Eight (8) foot long ropes (hemp, cotton, or manila)
 2. Plastic Cups (1 Each glued to inside bottom of the coffee can)
 3. 5 Gallons of Water

Directions: Scouts need to move the radioactive isotope (water in the cup) for a distance of 25 feet and minimize the amount of water spilled. Scouts can not get closer than 5 feet from radioactive isotope (in the coffee can)

**EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR CAMPOREE STYLE
ACTIVITIES**

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Directions: The 36 tennis balls are mixed up and scattered in a circle about 50 feet in diameter. The Scouts are timed to pick up all 12 points of the Scout Law.

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1. Two Army Blankets
2. Two Strong Poles Grip-able by 11-13 Year Old Scouts
3. Two Paper Cups (Have spares)
4. Quart of Water

Directions: The Scouts form a stretcher with two poles and a blanket. One of their members volunteers to be a victim and carries a $\frac{3}{4}$ full cup of water on his chest. The litter is carried for 25 yards in one direction and the victim is switched out and the team returns. The object is to finish with the most water remaining in the cup. The winning group is the one judged to have the most water left in the cup.

Alternate for Fire Building in Wet Weather or Indoors:

Lashing Ladder: (Two Set-ups): Two Supervisors

1. For each set-up, seven lash-able poles/sticks 4 to 5 foot long
2. Rope sufficient for 14 to 16 lashings for each set-up

Directions: Scouts lash together two A-frames then connect them with three poles or sticks forming a ladder. When one scout can climb to the top of the third step (with support for balance from his group) without caving in the steps, the event is completed. The group with the shortest time to completion wins.

NCCS AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE

Diocese of Galveston-Houston Catholic Committee on Scouting's

2003 Boy Scout Catholic Retreat

Section B: Implementation

3. *Programs*

a. Schedules provided

DCCS CATHOLIC RETREAT 2003: "Behold Mary, Mother of Christ"
(Tentative Schedule, Currently Under Development)

AD ALTARE PROGRAM - THE MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY

The topics for the Scouts to consider are related to the saying of the rosary and devotion to God through Mary and how to take joy, sorrow and glory with light into Scouting.

We will discuss three of the Mysteries of the Rosary: 1) Luminescence Mysteries, 2) the Sorrowful Mysteries. 3) The Glorious Mysteries and then discuss in Session 4: How can we as Scouts better show devotion to God through the Blessed Virgin Mary?

MORNING SESSION I: The Luminescence Mysteries

1. The Baptism in the Jordan
2. The Wedding at Cana
3. The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God
4. The Transfiguration
5. The Institution of the Eucharist

MORNING SESSION II: The Glorious Mysteries:

1. Resurrection of Our Lord
2. The Ascent of Our Lord
3. The Decent of the Holy Ghost Upon the Apostles
4. The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven
5. The Coronation of Our Lady as the Queen of Heaven and Earth

AFTERNOON SESSION I: The Sorrowful Mysteries:

1. The Agony in the Garden
2. The Scourging at the Pillar
3. The Crowing With Thorns
4. The Carrying of the Cross
5. The Crucifixion and the Death of Our Lord on the Cross

AFTERNOON SESSION II: How Can We As Scouts Better Show Devotion to God through the Blessed Virgin Mary?

Separately all Scouts will be able to qualify for the National Catholic Committee on Scouting's 2003 Joyous Mysteries Patch by answering a few age appropriate questions on the Joyous Mysteries of the Rosary. The cost of the patch is \$4.00 after meeting the qualifications (answering the questions).

Rosary Patch Program 2003: The Joyful Mysteries

1. The Annunciation to Mary of Our lord
2. The Visitation to Mary
3. The Nativity of Our Lord
4. The Presentation of the Child Jesus In the Temple
5. The Finding of Our Lord in the Temple

(Cost of the Patch, After Successful Completion is \$4.00)

Scout Skill Activities

A Description

DCCS CATHOLIC RETREAT 2003

**LISTING OF PROPOSED CAMPOREE TYPE SCOUTING
EVENTS**

MORNING ACTIVITIES:

8:40 to 11:00 AM

(Scouts not in AAD Program)

1. Firebuilding *
2. Flap Jack Flipping

11:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

(AAD Candidates)

1. Firebuilding *
2. Flap Jack Flipping

8:40 to 12:00 Noon

(All Scouts)

1. Bandage Relay (First Aid)
2. Orienteering Game
3. Knots Relay Race

* Replaced by Lashing Ladder if held indoors

AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES:

1:15 PM to 3:15 PM

(Scouts not in AAD Program)

1. Tarantula Trap
2. Radio-Isotope Removal

3:15 PM to 4:15 PM

(AAD Candidates)

1. Tarantula Trap
2. Radio-Isotope Removal

1:15 PM to 4:15 PM

(All Scouts)

1. Tennis Ball Mania - Scout Law
2. Shipwrecked! ("Island of the Few")
3. Stretcher Carry

Three Rope Bridge - All Scouts, All Afternoon (Weather Permitting)

GENERAL SCOUT ACTIVITIES:

1. Camp Inspection on Saturday Afternoon (Competitive)
2. Campfire on Friday Night (Fun Activity for All)
3. Camp Inspection on Sunday Morning (Required for Check-out)

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Saturday Morning

I. Firebuilding: Four Setups **2 to 4 Supervisors**

1. Eight (8) 4 foot tall wooden stakes (1" x 1" or so)
2. Cotton or Inexpensive Hemp String (Plenty)
3. Firewood (Normally ten 1" x 1" by 8 inch blocks), 40 times
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Retreat 2003 Flyer

DIOCESAN CATHOLIC COMMITTEE ON SCOUTING
2003 Catholic Retreat

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October 3, 4 and 5, 2003

WHERE: BSA CAMP STRAKE, CONROE, TEXAS **COST:** \$20 each

Adult Leaders: Two Deep Leadership

WHAT TO BRING: TENT, SLEEPING BAG, GROUND CLOTH, SLEEPING MAT,
DRINKING CUP, FLASHLIGHT, BUG SPRAY, SUNTAN LOTION,
MEDICINES (IF NECESSARY), DRY CHANGE OF CLOTHES,
RAINGEAR, WARM JACKET, HAT.
THE SCOUT UNIFORM WILL BE WORN THE ENTIRE WEEKEND.
(Scouts on the Camporee Trek may want to bring a Class A Uniform also.)

FOOD PROVIDED BY DCCS: CRACKER BARREL FRIDAY AND SATURDAY NIGHTS,
BREAKFAST, LUNCH AND DINNER ON SATURDAY, BREAKFAST
ON SUNDAY.

ACTIVITIES: **AAD:** SEMINARS AND DISCUSSIONS WITH SEMINARIANS AND
CATHOLIC ADULTS. SOME REFLECTION TIME AND SOME GAME
TIME PLUS TIME TO DO CAMPOREE STYLE SCOUTING
ACTIVITIES
PIUS XII: DISCUSSIONS WITH FATHER BILL YOUNG AND
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SCOUTS NOT IN AAD OR PIUS XII PROGRAMS: CAMPOREE
STYLE SCOUTING ACTIVITIES (FIREBUILDING, COMPASS, ETC.)
ALL: ACHIEVE NCCS JOYFUL MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY
PATCH (PATCH PRICE \$4, ADDITIONAL TO REGISTRATION FEE.)
ALL: SATURDAY EVENING MASS SAID BY FATHER BILL YOUNG,
CATHOLIC CHAPLAIN TO THE BOY SCOUTS.

NOTE: **ALL SCOUTS WILL NEED TO BRING THEIR CLASS 1 OR CLASS
2 PHYSICALS. ADULTS: CLASS 1 OR CLASS 2; ADULTS OVER
40: CLASS 3 PHYSICALS (BSA POLICY)**

REGISTER: **BY E-MAIL:** www.dccs-dgh.org
BY REGULAR MAIL: Mary Jones @ SHAC
DCCS Retreat Registrar
P.O. Box 924528
Houston, TX 77292-4528
713-865-9124 (w); 281-858-6013 (h)

Please keep the top portion for your information. Please return the completed bottom portion to your
Troop or group leader .
(Cutting Line)

PERMISSION SLIP:

Scout _____ has my permission to and will attend this function.

Signature Parent/Guardian _____ Date: _____

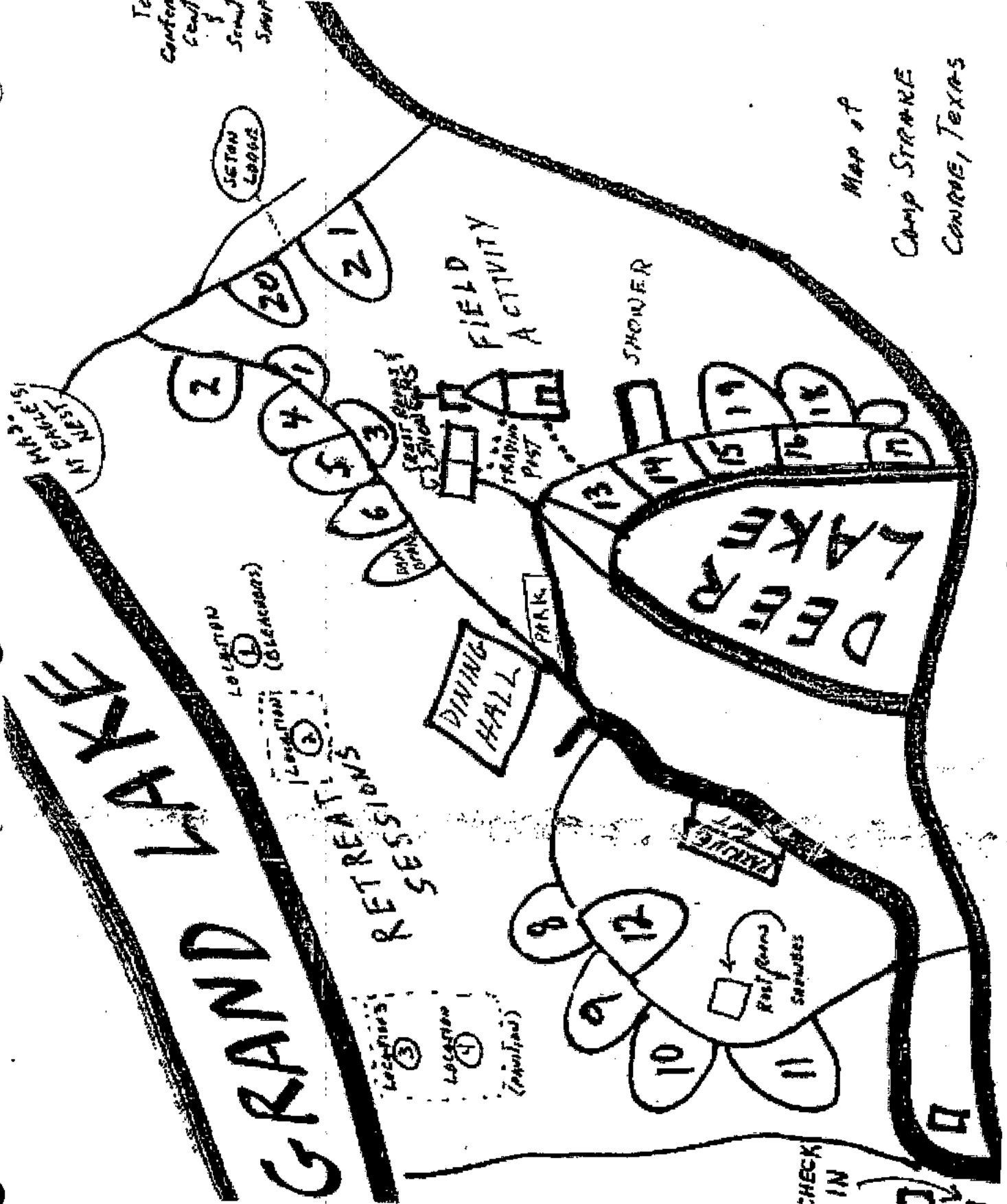
**Camp Plan
And
Guidelines**

Map of
CAMP STRANGE
CONROE, TEXAS

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Cotton
Crest
Semi
Swamp

NEW
SWAMP
MANSION

SETON
LAKE



GRAND LAKE

DEER LAKE

DINING HALL

FIELD ACTIVITY

SHOWER

REST ROOMS

TRAINING POST

RETIREMENTS

LOCATION 1 (BEACONS)

LOCATION 2

LOCATION 3

LOCATION 4 (TENTERS)

CHECK IN

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REST ROOMS

DRINK DRINK

WALKING

PARK

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CAMP GUIDELINES

All Council Properties

QUIET TIME

Between the hours of 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. Campers are to be in their campsite and respect others.



TRUCKS & VANS

Passengers are not to be transported in the back of any open truck, suburban, station wagon or in a van with the doors open. Camp is for hiking. Please leave your car parked except in case of emergency.



SPEED LIMIT

Speed limit is 20 miles per hour on black - top roads, 5 miles per hour on dirt roads or as posted in other areas.



LIQUID FUEL POLICY

The use of KEROSENE, GASOLINE, GULF LITE, LIQUID CHARCOAL STARTER and COLEMAN FUEL is PROHIBITED. This prohibits the use of all equipment that uses liquid fuel, Coleman stoves, chain saws, gas generators, etc.



ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Alcoholic Beverages are not allowed on any Council Properties

FIREARM/ARCHERY EQUIPMENT/FIREWORKS

Fireworks, Personally owned firearms (including air rifles) and archery equipment ARE NOT ALLOWED on Council Properties. Slingshots or any type of equipment that propels objects are also not allowed.



FIRES

All fires must be built in campsites at designed area if available, ATTENDED AT ALL TIMES and extinguished before leaving.



TRASH - GARBAGE

DO NOT BURY ANY TRASH OR GARBAGE. All trash is to be placed in the dumpsters.

DAMAGE TO EQUIPMENT & FACILITIES

Please report all lost or broken equipment as well as any damage to structures to the Campmaster or Ranger.



PETS

Pets are not allowed in camp for any reason!!!



BIKES

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FOOTWEAR

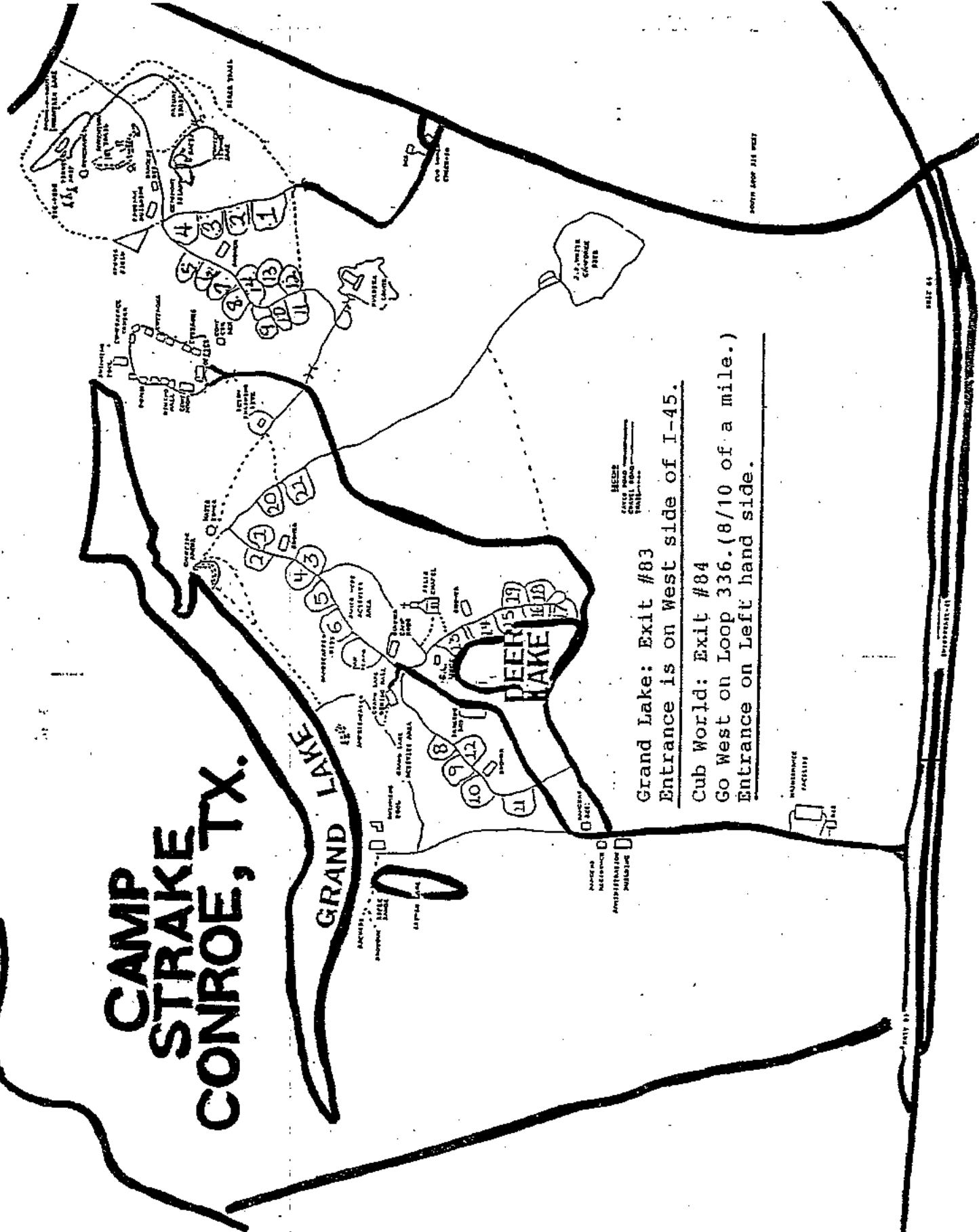
Shoes must be worn in camp at all times; we recommend closed - toe footwear.



CHECK IN & CHECK OUT TIMES

Check in is after 3:00 p.m. on Friday and Check out is before 2:00 p.m. on Sunday.

CAMP STRAKE CONROE, TX.



Grand Lake: Exit #83
 Entrance is on West side of I-45.

Cub World: Exit #84
 Go West on Loop 336. (8/10 of a mile.)
 Entrance on Left hand side.

Map 81
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