

ANNUAL CATHOLIC SCOUT RETREAT XXXIV-2026

Friday-Sunday, October 9-11, 2026
Optional Camping Available: Friday and Saturday Night

Leader's Guide

Patron Saint: Our Lady of Fatima
Theme: Peace

Location: Valley Trails Camp
30910 Sloan Canyon Road, Castaic, CA 91384

(Coordinates to Registration Station: 34.481538, -118.650222)



CATHOLIC COMMITTEE ON SCOUTING ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES

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Note this Leader's Guide is subject to change as official health regulations are updated.

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Please read this Leader's Guide carefully, as it contains NEW important program information.

OVERVIEW OF THE PROGRAM

Our Scout Retreat is held at Valley Trails Camp in Castaic. It is a private camp in the foothills behind homes. If a unit plans to camp (optional) either Friday or Saturday night, each unit needs to bring their own camping gear, cooking gear, and food. The camping area is down the trail to the left of the camp. There are restrooms available, one each for Scouts (boys and girls) and one each for adults (men and women).

As a Scouting event, each unit (Troop, Crew, Pack, or family) is expected to adhere to Scouting America guidelines. Every youth in grades K-5 must be accompanied by an adult. Each unit is expected to complete registration for the retreat and complete the permission forms in this packet.

Below is the tentative Retreat Program schedule. (subject to change depending on availability, attendance, and weather). Attendees will be offered a morning & afternoon snack. Ample water stations will be available (bring a fillable water bottle).

Friday, October 9th

5:00 pm-8:00 pm	- Optional arrival and set-up day Registration Check-In (Lunch bracelets distributed) Including Participant Health Assessment	Registration
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Saturday, October 10th

7:00 am-7:30 am	Registration Retreat Staff Check-In, Lunch bracelets distributed, including Participant Health Assessment	Registration
7:30 am-8:00 am	Retreat Staff Meeting For all Retreat Station Facilitators, Retreat Staff, and Troop Guides	Headquarters
8:00 am-9:00 am	Registration Check-In, Lunch bracelets distributed, including Participant Health Assessment	Registration
9:30 am	Flag Ceremony and Announcements - All attendees gathering No one in the campsite areas during the program time. - All attendees divided into rotation groups	Gathering Area
	Morning Program	
	Only Included Meal: Lunch (must show bracelets)	
	Evening Program	
4:00 pm	Outdoor Mass and Benediction	Sporting Field
After Mass and Benediction ~5:30pm	Closing Announcements End of Program - ALL Units Must Check-Out (even if camping/staying until Sunday) Unit Leader turns-in paperwork to receive patches	Headquarters

Sunday, October 11th

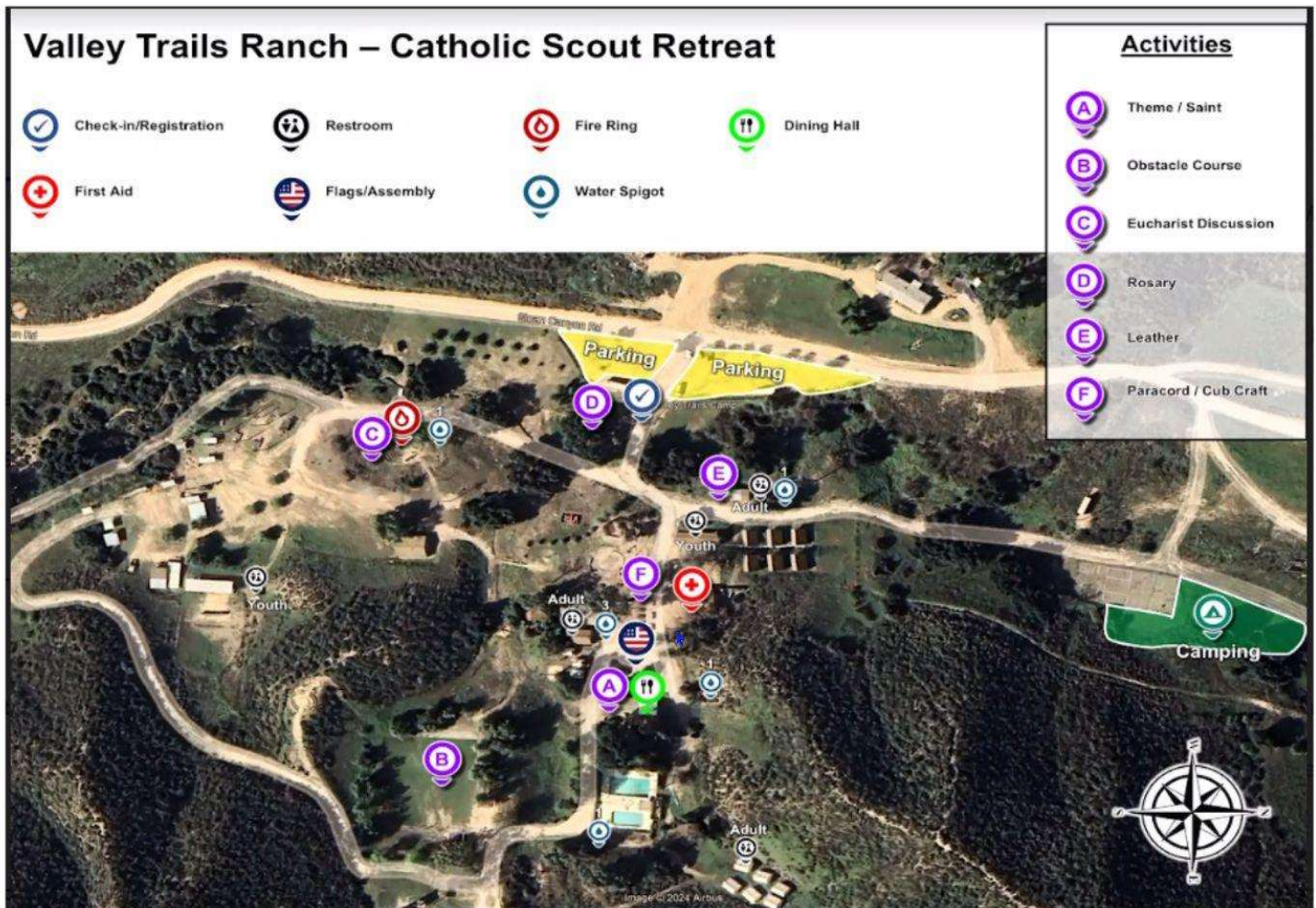
7:00 am-10:00 am	- Clean up and exit - No organized activities on Sunday All groups must leave by 10:00 am.	
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Retreat Stations



REGISTRATION, PERMISSION SLIP, TROOP TRIP APPLICATIONS

Upon arrival, present the following at Registration if Unit had not submitted early:

1. Unit Registration Forms(s) showing names and scouting status (school grade, registered scout or non-scout) of ALL members of your Unit(s): all youth and all adults. If registering as a family, please list Parent as Unit Leader.
2. Medical Release/Health History forms available for inspection. Please use the newest version of forms.
3. Parent's Permission Slip Form - Required for Youth (two signed forms per youth under 18 years of age)
 - a. Signed by the minor's parent or guardian
 - b. One copy (half-sheet) of the permission slip goes to the registrar and will be kept at Headquarters
 - c. One copy (half-sheet) of the permission slip is kept in the unit leader's possession at ALL times while in route to, present at, and returning from the Retreat.
4. Appropriate total payment to register everyone attending (reference Unit Registration Form for deadlines and costs). Please make checks payable to CCSALA and write Unit number and contact phone number on all checks.

This is not a BSA or Council-sponsored event. Insurance coverage (travel, accident, etc.) as in any non-Council or non-District sponsored event, is that carried by the Scout family, Unit, and Local Council.

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PROGRAM NOTES

Uniforms: All Scouts and Scouters are requested to be in Field Uniforms (Class A) since the Retreat, Mass, Benediction, and assemblies are scattered throughout the day and the park location is open to the public. Jackets are optional according to the weather.

No one, including adults, are to be in the campsite areas during the program time. Everyone is expected to participate in the full day of program activities, incl Mass and Benediction. This is not a preparation for Camporee or other activities.

Adult Ratios: All Scout units have a minimum of two (2) deep adult leaders present on-site and at scheduled functions throughout the Retreat. Grades K-5 must have on-site one adult per youth per national guidelines (BSA).

- Grades K-1: An adult **MUST** accompany each youth (all day) in grades K-1.
- Grades 2-3: It is strongly recommended that an adult accompany each youth in grades 2-3.
- Grades 4-5: It is optional for adults to accompany youth in grades 4-5.

Retreat Patrols: Groups will primarily be composed of your unit with some add-ons if needed. Larger groups may be separated into multiple groups. Scouts in smaller units or attending without a unit will be assigned a patrol. Youth are expected to stay with their Patrols for the entire Retreat Program Day.

- Grades K-5: All grades K-5 must rotate with at least 2 Adults (or Retreat Troop Guides) from their designated area.
- Grades 6-12: Usually, would be formed into age groups and led by a Retreat Troop Guide.

Hopefully we will have enough youth volunteers to allow for Troop Guides. If not then, adults attending the retreat with their unit will become the Troop Guide for their patrol(s). This means they will be responsible for guiding/rotation their group from station to station. If you register separately, we'll assign one to you.

Early Release: If a parent needs to pick up a Scout during the program, they are to report to the Headquarters. The Unit Leader will be located and the Unit Leader along with Retreat Staff will locate the Scout. They will bring the Scout back to the Headquarters for release to the parent.

Rosary and Saint Patches: All small groups (Patrols), including any Adult groups, will cover the information necessary to earn the Rosary patch and/or the Saint Patch. Participants who successfully complete the requirements will be given a signed note that they have completed the requirements. The Unit Leader should collect these (signed notes) along with the money for the patches and submit one order form for the unit at the time of checkout. **Patches will only be sold on a Unit level with the order form and the signed notes indicating the requirements were completed.**

ADDITIONAL ITEMS AVAILABLE: The following patches may be available for purchase:

NCCS Rosary Patch _____	\$5.00
2026 Saint Patches _____	\$3.00
Additional 2026 Retreat XXXIV Patches _____	\$3.00
Vintage Retreat/Saint Patches _____	\$2.00

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CAMPING

All vehicles will park in the lot at the front of the camp, and proceed to registration. You will be directed to the camping areas. Boy Troops, Girl Troops, and Cub Packs will use different camping areas. Families registering individually, not part of a unit, will be determined on an individual basis based on Scout demographics such as age and gender.

Please cooperate with Retreat Staff as they direct you to the location to camp, unload, and park. Please move your vehicle to the parking lot BEFORE setting up your campsite.

At the end of the Retreat, clean up the campsites and bring back to car, check out then leave.

Take Garbage Home: Each unit camping overnight will be responsible for policing its own area as well as helping to clean the entire Retreat area and exiting the park by 10:00 am Sunday. You MUST provide your own garbage bags to collect whatever garbage and rubbish you generate and take it home with you. We are NOT allowed to use the park's trash containers. If they are used, we (you) may be charged.

No Fires, Propane Only: No fires whatsoever will be allowed during the Scout Retreat. This includes barbecues, hibachis, candles, etc. No charcoal or wood fires will be allowed. Cooking must be done with propane stove only! Please plan your meals accordingly.

Camping: This retreat will be held on a "camporee" style. Each unit camping overnight will provide their own food, tents, cooking equipment, utensils, garbage bags (and removal of garbage), and water containers.

Camp Water: Water is available at a limited number of outlets. Do not wash dishes or attend to personal hygiene at the faucets. Take the water back to your campsite. Bring a clean one-gallon plastic jug for each six (6) people in your Pack, Troop, or Crew.

MISCELLANEOUS

No Smoking, Alcohol, or Drugs: Because of the fire danger, there will be no smoking allowed. No alcoholic beverages or non-prescribed controlled drugs will be permitted.

Electronics: No electronics allowed including radios or portable televisions. No unauthorized musical instruments. Cell phones should only be used in case of emergency. Droids or other flying equipment are also prohibited by Park regulations.

Drinking Water: On Saturday, there will be containers of drinking water throughout the program area; each person should bring a fillable water bottle and drink plenty of water.

Camp Chairs: Portable chairs are recommended especially for adults rotating throughout the Program and for Mass.

"Lost and Found": Location is at Headquarters.

Injuries/First Aid: Location is at Headquarters. Report all injuries to the First Aid area whether or not the injury is treated by the Unit's first aid. In the unlikely event that one or more attendees begin to experience COVID-like issues, please report the symptoms to the First Aid area for next steps and tracking.

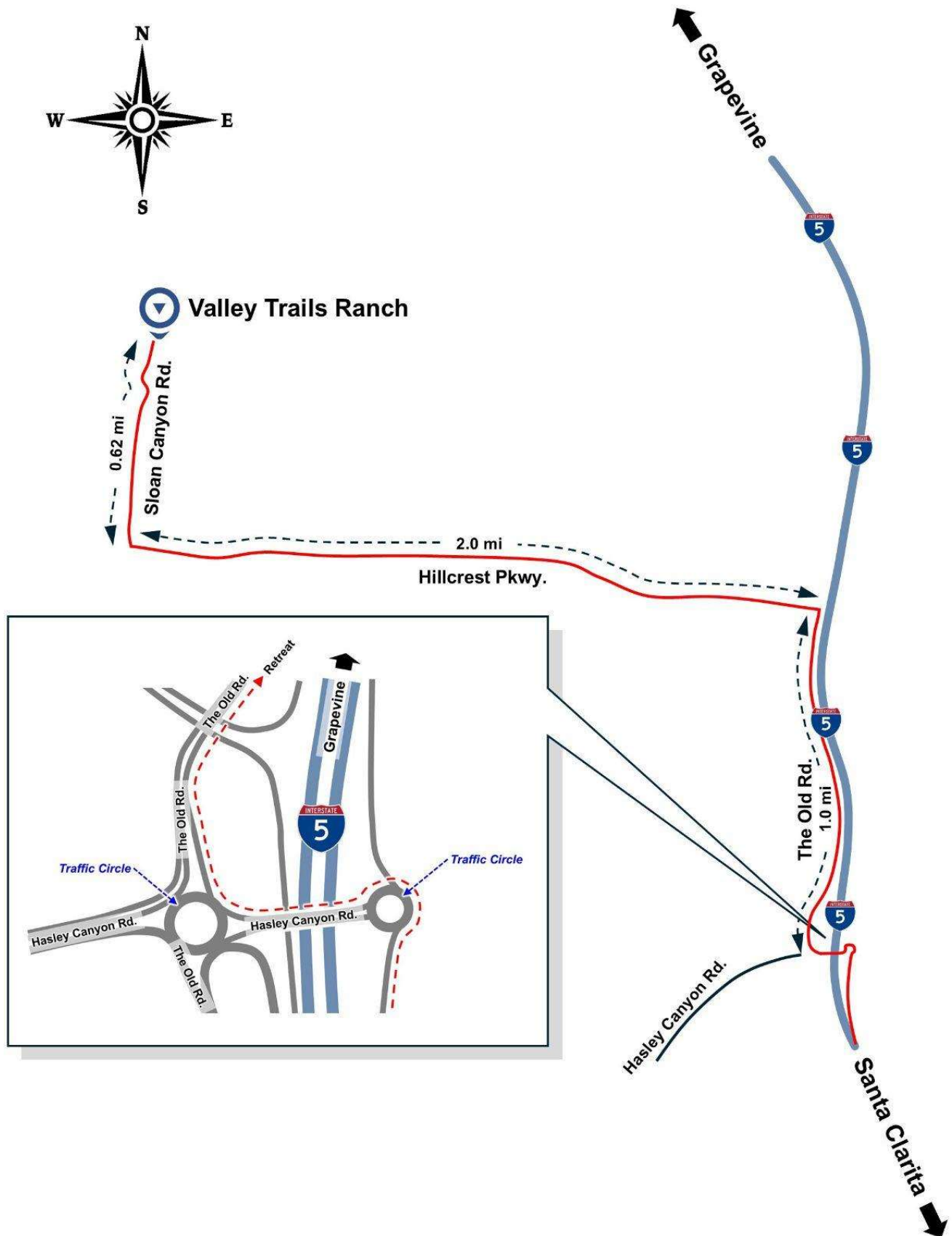
Special Needs: If you or your child(ren) need reasonable accommodation at this Retreat, please contact one of the Retreat Chairs as soon as possible or at a minimum 2 weeks before the Retreat. This includes but is not limited to gluten free hosts.

Please check the CCSALA website (<https://www.ccsala.org/>) prior to leaving for the Retreat for any last-minute changes caused by weather or other conditions.

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COMMITTEE ON SCOUTING ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES

Parent's Permission Slip Form

Required for All Youth (Two Signed Forms Per Youth) One each for Unit Leader and Retreat Registration

I request that my child _____ Grade _____ be permitted to attend the Catholic Committee on Scouting Archdiocese of Los Angeles (CCSALA) Retreat. My child is in good physical condition. Should any illness or accident occur to my child on the trip, I will not hold the Boy Scouts of America, CCSALA, Archdiocese of Los Angeles, its officers, leaders, agents, or members, and all municipal agencies whose property and/or personnel are used liable for medical or other expenses incurred in the care of my child.

I understand that photographs and videos taken at this event may be published on the CCSALA website (<https://www.ccsala.org/>) and used in future promotional event materials, and hereby grant permission for this use of any photo that may include the image of my child.

I give permission for my child to participate in an obstacle course.

My child may receive medical attention by a licensed physician. My child may be admitted to a hospital in case of emergency (Parents will be contacted immediately, if possible).

Medications my child is currently taking _____

Doctor's Name _____ Doctor's Phone # _____

Doctor's. Address _____

Parent's Phone _____ Emergency Phone _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

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Page _____ of _____ (If registering as a family, please list Parent as Unit Leader)

☐ Pack
☐ Troop _____ Council _____ Year **2026**
☐ Crew _____ Unit Number _____ Spell out please
Select one

PARTICIPANT'S NAME	Youth School Grade	Youth Scout (Y/N)	Adult Registered Scouter (Y/N)
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			
6			
7			
8			

Total number of early-registered participants (adults and children – Everyone attending must be registered including Volunteers) Paid & Pre-Registered - Received no later than 09/25/2026	# _____	X \$35.00	= \$ _____
Total number of after-deadline registered participants	# _____	X \$40.00	= \$ _____
Total number of children under 4 years old	# _____	No Cost	= \$0.00
Total	# _____		= \$ _____

Mail all completed form(s) and money to: Mary Ann Moore 277 Sunset Drive Oxnard, CA 93035; Cell: (805) 551-0978;
Checks payable to: "Catholic Committee on Scouting Archdiocese of Los Angeles". NO ABBREVIATIONS, FULL NAME AS SEEN. Thank you. See Flyer for Retreat Volunteer Zoom Training, we need help, please volunteer as retreat staff.

I certify that I have in my immediate possession a "Parent's Permission Slip" and Medical Release/Health History Form for each minor named above. I and all adults named above hereby release The Catholic Committee on Scouting, the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, its officers, leaders, agents or members, Boy Scouts of America, and all municipal agencies whose property and / or personnel are used from responsibility for any injuries or damages we may suffer as a result of our participation in or transportation to/from the Retreat.

Unit Leader Name _____ Position _____ Date _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Cell Number _____ Unit Leader Signature _____

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