

# Camp retreat rates high with diocesan Scouts

## Event associates faith, recreation

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NAPLES — Had the Mass been held inside a church, this gathering might have shattered the stained-glass windows with its spirited shouts of "Amen."

The boisterous atmosphere at this Saturday-evening service reflected the weekend-long enthusiasm at the J. Warren Cutler Boy Scout Reservation, where 100 youths and adults gathered for the annual Diocesan Scouting Retreat from Sept. 24-26.

According to Jim Gill, who served as administrative chairman, the Scouts and adult leaders — mostly affiliated with diocesan parish-based troops — were unusually fortunate with the weekend's balmy weather.

"Historically, we've always had rain. It's rained at least four or five years," remarked Gill, part of Troop 260 at St. Joseph's Church in Penfield.

Saturday served as the retreat's most action-packed day. During the morning and afternoon, Scouts visited various educational "stations."

Among the activities: story-telling and parable-telling; religious-based quiz sessions; an emergency-procedure seminar conducted by an emergency medical technician; and an informational session on a religious emblems program, in which scouts are awarded medals for performing duties such as service projects.

In addition, program director John Lenhard supervised the construction of a rosary, built by stones lying on the ground.

Also during the weekend, Lenhard noted, Scouts picked up various skills such as fire building, compass usage and meal preparation.

"We try to give them a variety. Everybody's got a different idea of what's interesting or what's fun," acknowledged Lenhard.

Just after the sun set on Saturday, all gathered for an outdoor Mass conducted by Father David Mura, a longtime participant in these retreats. Father Mura's humorous approach was effective in maintaining the younger Scouts' attention and enthusiasm.

Yet Father Mura turned serious during his homily, imploring the Scouts not to turn their backs on sinners — much in the same way that Jesus Christ was an ally to the tax collectors, prostitutes and lepers.



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Duane Pancoast (far right), vice president of the Finger Lakes Scouting Council, reads a parable to campers participating in a Diocesan Scouting Retreat held at J. Warren Cutler Boy Scout Reservation Sept. 25.

"Isn't a part of Scouting to use our talents and skills to get people away from their badness?" asked Father Mura, who currently serves as pastor at Rochester's Holy Apostles Church.

Following Mass, the scouts gathered 'round the campfire and completed the evening with a series of songs, skits and cheers.

This marked the first year the retreat was held at Camp Cutler, after nearly a decade at Kamp Koininia in Yates County.

The 32-year-old Lenhard's retreat experiences date back even further. He remembers attending his first Catholic Scouting Retreat as an 11-year-old at the annual event's original site, the former St. Bernard's Seminary in Rochester.

"The seminary grounds were an ideal location. The seminarians put on an outstanding program," recalled Lenhard, who now serves as assistant scoutmaster for Troop 155 at St. Cecilia Church in Irondequoit.

Another longtime participant is 19-year-old Ken Coniglio, also an assistant scoutmaster from Troop 155. He's attended the retreat every year since 1985.

Coniglio describes each retreat as a good balance of recreation and religion.

"It stays the same. It's fun — a lot of fun," noted Coniglio. "It also strengthened my faith."



Gary Wagner (left) of Rochester's St. Cecilia Church gives Bobby Huether tips on how to make a Turk's-head knot, which is used to hold neckties together.

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