

2026 BISHOP FLAGET TRAIL

The Bishop Flaget Trail is sponsored by the Catholic Committee on Scouting and the Lincoln Heritage Council. The Trail includes a short hike and camping for Scouts. The 2026 Flaget Trail is the 80th anniversary of the event. On the weekend of August 14, 15, 16, 2026, we will visit a site important in our Kentucky Catholic Heritage. The Sisters of Loretto operate a spiritual center for the broader Loretto Community, "which seeks to praise God and serve the near and farther neighbor by educating ourselves and others in the ways of peace and justice."

We do not have advance registration, however, to help with planning, we ask that you call one of the numbers below or email us at archlouccs@gmail.com, with your best "guesstimate" of the number of possible attendees from your unit.

After the trail, an afternoon of fun activities is planned for those who chose to participate. Adult Counselor Training will be offered for Ad Altare Dei, Pope Pius XII as well as Religious Emblems Coordinator at 2:00 p.m.

We are looking forward to seeing all participants. We especially invite all Cub Scout units and families to participate, as this will make an excellent summertime family activity. Girl Scouts, American Heritage Girls and families are welcome to participate in the trail on Saturday morning. Please take into consideration the time to travel to Loretto. It takes approximately 60 minutes from the Ky. Fair and Expo Center area to the Loretto. Day hikers should arrive by 8:15am and the trail will begin at 8:45am. (Please plan accordingly)

ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST REGISTER and all Scout Units MUST follow the "Guide to Safe Scouting". The Flaget Trail is not limited to Catholic units or boys; many units are represented that are sponsored by churches or institutions which are not Catholic, but wish to participate in a day visiting a special area of unusual interest. Nondenominational services are held at camp if desired. We welcome all Scouts, leaders, and families. For more information, please contact: Charlie Hulsman at (502) 361-9813. You can also check our website: <http://archlouccs.org> or email us at: archlouccs@gmail.com

GENERAL INFORMATION

LOCATION: Sisters of Loretto, 430 Academy Lane, Nerinx, KY. 40049

FACILITIES:

Water – Available, bring containers for transport. Please **bring YOUR CONTAINERS FULL**.

Fires – Charcoal or propane. Open fires only in containers, off the ground. **ABSOLUTELY NO GROUND FIRES.**

Trash – Take home. No receptacles provided.

Toilets – Port-O-Lets will be provided.

Parking – All vehicles must park in the designated parking areas. No vehicles will be allowed in campsites overnight. LIMITED EQUIPMENT VEHICLES allowed to unload in Campsites. Trailers to be parked along road only.

REGISTRATION FEE - Fee is \$7.00 per person and includes embroidered patch and unit ribbon. Attendance forms will be available at check-in or can be sent via email prior to the trail or downloaded from website.

AWARDS - A patch will be awarded to each registered participant and a ribbon to each unit.

PARTICIPATION - Units other than Catholic sponsored, and Scouts other than Catholic, are welcome to attend.

FOOD - All participants and units should bring their own food.

ELECTRICITY – There will be no electrical outlets in the camping area. Plan accordingly.

FISHING – Fishing will be permitted in Mary's Lake on a limited basis. "Buddy System" Dawn-dusk. **NO SWIMMING**

Fishing area has limited easy access to the lake. Bank of lake is approximately 2' drop off to water. Ky laws.

WEBELOS - Webelos may camp overnight if they camp with their leaders, fathers, and/or with their associated Scout Troops according to Cub Scout Guidelines in the "Guide to Safe Scouting".

CUB SCOUTS - Units may participate in the trail on Saturday or may camp out according to Cub Scout Safe Scouting Guidelines in the "Guide to Safe Scouting".

CAMPFIRE - There will be a special campfire program Saturday evening related to "a Scout is Reverent".

PATCH SALE - Patches from previous Bishop Flaget Trails will be on sale at Headquarters area.

SUNDAY MASS - Mass will be offered at 8:00AM Sunday in the Motherhouse Church, celebrated by Fr. Troy Overton, Chaplain for the Catholic Committee on Scouting.

REGULATIONS FOR CAMPING (AS REQUIRED BY Sisters of Loretto and 2026 Bishop Flaget Trail)

No ground fires at campsites No alcoholic beverages on premises.

No overnight parking in campsite area.

DIRECTIONS: From Louisville: Follow I-65 South to Exit #112, Highway 245. Follow Highway 245 for approximately 18 miles. Turn right onto US-150-Bardstown, Travel 1 mile and turn left onto KY49 (Loretto Rd) Follow KY49 for 11.1 miles (**DO NOT TURN LEFT ON GRAVEL ROAD** THAT YOUR GPS may suggest) and then turn left onto KY152E, follow KY152E for .6 miles to Sisters of Loretto property on left (see stone sign), follow Flaget Trail Signs to campsite.

OR follow US150W-US31E/Bardstown Road south from Louisville approximately 24 miles, turn left onto Highway 245. Then follow directions from HWY 245 above. From the South: Follow I-65 North to Exit #93, Bluegrass Pkwy. East/Bardstown/Lexington (Highway 9002). Follow 9002 Bluegrass Pkwy for 21 miles to Exit #25 US150E, turn left on US150 travel for 2 miles and turn left onto KY49(Loretto Rd) Follow KY49 for 11.1 miles and then turn left onto KY-152E, follow KY152E for .6 miles to Sisters of Loretto property on left, follow Flaget Trail Signs to campsite

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TENTATIVE SCHEDULE ALL TIMES EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME (LOUISVILLE TIME)

Friday, August 14, 2026

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Registration

9:30 pm Leader meeting for all Senior Patrol Leaders and Unit Leaders (Cracker Barrel immediately after)

11:00 pm TAPS (**All QUIET** and in campsites please)

Saturday, August 15, 2026

7:00 am Reveille

7:00 am - 8:30 am Breakfast and cleanup – on your own by Unit.

7:45 am Mass (Feast of the Assumption - Not an Obligatory Holy Day this year)

7:45 am Registration for day visitors begins

8:30 am Assembly (all units assemble at the flag poles prepared to leave, Senior Patrol Leader to report)

8:45 am TRAIL BEGINS PROMPTLY

Lunch – on your own by Unit.

2:00 pm Possible Service project for Sisters of Loretto, meet at Headquarters

2:00 pm Counselor Training - AAD & Pope Pius XII (meet at Headquarters)

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm - Sacrament of Reconciliation

3:00 pm Rosary making, meet at Headquarters Area

3:00 pm Afternoon games (optional) meet at Headquarters Area (Past years Flaget Trail patches for sale)

4:30 pm Rosary service, meet at Headquarters Area

5:00 pm - 6:40 pm Dinner and clean up – on your own by Unit.

7:00 pm Retreat (all units gather at Flag Poles, Senior Patrol Leaders to report)

8:45 pm A Scout is Reverent Campfire program

9:45 pm Cracker Barrel (all adult leaders invited at Headquarters area)

11:00 pm TAPS (**All QUIET** and in campsites please)

Sunday, August 16, 2026

7:00 am Reveille

7:00 am - 7:30 am Breakfast and cleanup – on your own by Unit.

8:00 am MASS – Motherhouse Chapel

9:15 am Final assembly (flag poles) (Senior Patrol Leaders to report, patches and ribbons distributed)

12:00 Noon All units MUST have cleared area

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