

Troop 526/810 Ad Altare Dei program for 2008

Welcome to the AAD Boy Scout religious award training for 2008. To be eligible for this program you must have completed the sixth grade, have been active in a troop/crew for six months and be a Boy Scout of Catholic faith. The purpose of Ad Altare Dei ("To The Altar of God") program is to help Catholic Scouts of the Roman Rite develop a fully Christian way of life in the faith community. The program culminates with a formal court of honor held at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist.

The AAD program is organized in chapters based on the seven Sacraments. The course includes a combination of classroom work, homework, and service work as well as field trips. Students need to purchase a workbook for the course and parents are encouraged to purchase the instructors guide to help with homework (approx. \$10 for both). Books will be available from the counselors on the first day of class. We required that students wear their tan uniform shirt and bring a notebook and pencil to class. We will begin the program on **Sunday, August 24th 2008** and will be meeting at the Lower Old Church Hall at Assumption in Broadview Hts. Class is from 4:00 pm until 5:30 pm unless otherwise stated below. Our schedule is as follows:

08/24 - First class, Parent meeting to follow class.	11/16 - Regular meeting
08/31 - No meeting Labor Day Wkd	11/23 - Regular meeting
09/07 - Regular meeting	11/30 - Regular meeting
09/14 - Attend Baptism St. Albert's after 12:30 mass) Regular class in Scout Building will follow and end at 3:00 pm.	12/07 - Regular meeting
09/21 - Regular meeting	12/14 - Regular meeting
09/28 - Regular meeting	12/21 - Regular meeting
10/05 - Regular meeting	12/28 - No meeting
10/12 - Regular meeting	01/04 - Tentative Make-Up mtg.
10/19 - Attend Anointing of the Sick at Columbkilles. Not sure of time.	01/11 - Cub Holy Trails. St. Albert the Great small church hall.
TBD - St. Andrew's Abby tour	01/18 - Regular Meeting
	01/25 - Regular Meeting
	02/01 - Regular Meeting
	02/08 - Regular Meeting
	02/10 - <u>Tentative</u> Day of Recollection. Location being determined (Most likely Cady Rd)
11/02 - Regular meeting	
11/08 - Regular meeting	04/26/09 - COH @ St. John's

The AAD program requires a significant commitment by both the scout and parent. Our program runs for about 22 weeks. Other counselors have put together programs lasting as long as 16 months to accomplish this award. While we understand that it may be necessary to miss one or two classes, it will be very difficult to complete the course if further classes are missed. Please notify one of the counselors if a class or event will be missed. We request all parents plan to stay for 15 minutes after the first class to discuss the level of commitment needed and to answer any questions.

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