

Organization	Troops of St. George
Abbreviation	TSG
Year Founded	2013, by interested Catholic parents, Keller, TX
Organization Type	All volunteer not for profit charity, 501(c)3
Min Age	6
Age Range	6 to 18
Uniforms	Yes
What is expected of parents?	<p>Fathers: Full participation and attendance with and alongside their child or children.</p> <p>Troops of Saint George ("TSG") is a father/son organization and requires that a father (or uncle, grandfather or otherwise designated parental "agent") accompany their child to all TSG Troop activities.</p>
Programs Lead by:	Catholic dads (or designated parental agent) and troop leadership team. The men comprising the leadership team must be Catholic.
Program Participation Tiers	<p>(2) male-gender only program levels:</p> <p>Boys ages 6-10 are in the junior section of the local Troop (Junior Cadets). Young men ages 11-18 are in the senior section of the local Troop (Senior Cadets).</p> <p>The youth cadets are divided in the Junior and Senior cadets. The Junior cadets, grades 1 - 5, are divided into the St. Matthew, St. Mark, St. Luke, St. John and St. George patrols by grade. The senior cadets, grades 6 - 12, are divided into patrols of mixed ages and named after a Catholic blessed or saint.</p>
Organizational Leadership Structure	<p>Grass Roots: Loosely defined organizational program structure where each group can tailor monthly and annual events specific to that troop (e.g., due to local climate or other factors).</p> <p>There is an officers manual. Each officer must adhere closely to the requirements and conduct guidelines established for officers.</p> <p>The Saint George Field Manual is currently being written and collected. It will be released for print soon.</p>
Encourages father/son bonding.	Yes. This is a mandatory component and feature. Every child must have father participation (or other Catholic male, adult role model, 18yrs or older, designated in the program as agent to the parents).

Closely follows Baden-Powell's original scouting program formula?	No. We are not an alternative scouting organization. TSG is chiefly a Catholic catechetical apostolate. Our primary goal is to help men and young men grow in the theological and cardinal virtues and strengthen their love for Christ in the Catholic Church. Camping isn't the goal—it's the context.
Frequency of Camping Out	Bi-Monthly or 6 times per year, depending on a given troop's local climate.
Advancement / Progression Program and Highest Rank (e.g., Eagle Scout)	<p>The youth cadets will complete a series of spiritual, patriotic and manly skill requirements by grade level to advance within the troop. The Senior Cadets can complete Achievement Courses to gain AC Stars and become eligible for the highest honor within TSG, the Tribunes of Saint George for our Supreme Pontiff.</p> <p>Highest Rank: Tribune of Saint George</p>
Mission statement Or Scouts Oath	<p>Mission Statement: The Troops of Saint George apostolate aims to use the outdoors as our canvas and the sacraments as our path to light the way for the formation of Holy Catholic men and boys. Whether called to the vocation of the priesthood, the religious life, or that of Holy fatherhood, our fathers and sons will take a prayerful pilgrimage together to fulfill Christ's desire for them to grow in virtue and in their Holy Catholic faith as they journey toward heaven. - Saint George, Pray for us.</p> <p>TSG Law: The TSG Law was written by Saint Peter, our first Pope: - "Honor all men. - Love the brotherhood. - Fear God. - Honor the king." (1 Peter 2:17)</p> <p>TSG Oath: The TSG Oath was written by the Apostle Paul (1 Timothy 4:12), and defines the five traits of the man who seeks to be a disciple of Our Lord Jesus Christ by patterning his life after Saint George of Lydda.</p> <p>"Set an example for those who believe:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. in speech (in verbo),</li> <li>2. conduct (conversazione),</li> <li>3. love (caritate),</li> <li>4. faith (fide),</li> <li>5. and purity (castitate)."</li> </ol> <p>(1 Timothy 4:12)</p>

<p>Who can join?</p>	<p>Catholic male youth together with their fathers (or, uncles, grandfathers, or acting parental agent).</p> <p>We are a 100% Catholic organization, because our activities include things like Mass, Rosary, prayers to Mary and the Saints, confession, and other practices that might make non-Catholic boys feel uncomfortable or excluded.</p> <p>Non-Catholic fathers, uncles, or grandfathers are able to participate if they conform to the safe-environment standards of the diocese, but non-Catholic men are not allowed to hold leadership positions. We do this to protect our priests and to galvanize our Catholic identity and direction.</p>
<p>How does the Catholic Church view the organization?</p>	<p>All of our boys and all of our adult leaders (officers) are Catholics in good standing with full fidelity to the Catholic magisterium, the Holy Father, and the local bishop.</p> <p>As of May 2018, the Troops of St. George are officially endorsed as a Catholic apostolate by Most Rev. Michael F. Olson, bishop of the Diocese of Fort Worth, Texas.</p>
<p>What sort of specifically Catholic things do you do?</p>	<p>At TSG, we:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● experience reverent and beautiful Masses on mountaintop vistas</li> <li>● pray the Rosary with other men around fire pits in the freezing cold</li> <li>● catch a Fish Friday meal by fly fishing for trout</li> <li>● go to confession with our priests while kneeling on moss in the woods</li> <li>● teach our sons archery, rockclimbing, marksmanship, fishing, survival skills...and Catholic virtues</li> <li>● foster a love for the priesthood and a reverence for the sacrament of Matrimony</li> <li>● support our local parish, our priests, our bishops, and community by being available for works of mercy and service</li> </ul> <p>Saint George Trinitarian Salute: The Troops of Saint George salute their officers, the flag, banners of the saints and Our Lady, and crucifixes with the “Trinitarian Salute” – three fingers of the right hand (index, middle, ring) out, and with the pinky and thumb joined signifying that the divine nature of Christ is joined to His human nature: fully God and fully man as taught at the Catholic Council of Chalcedon in AD 431.</p> <p>Prayer Customs: ad orientem The cadets usually carry a compass with them. Even when they do not, they should be able to find East. Like the early Christians, the Troops of Saint George pray facing the East in response to Gospel according to Saint Matthew 24:27:</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>

“For as lightning cometh out of the east, and appears even into the west: so shall the coming of the Son of man be.”

The Church believed that Christ’s Second Coming would be revealed “from the east to the west.” The rising sun was an image of the Resurrected Christ.

So at times of prayer (for example, at the Angelus at noon), the Captain or one of the boys should shout “ad orientem” and the men and boys should turn to face East, unless there is already a suitable image or crucifix erected nearby.