

Religious Emblems Programs Available to Members of the Boy Scouts of America

A Scout is reverent. He is reverent toward God. He is faithful in his religious duties and respects the convictions of others in matters of custom and religion.

To encourage members to grow stronger in their faith, religious groups have developed the following religious emblems programs. The Boy Scouts of America has approved of these programs and allows the emblems to be worn on the official uniform. The various religious groups administer the programs. Check with your local council service center or contact the religious organization directly to obtain the curriculum booklets.

	Cub Scout	Webelos Scout	Boy Scout and Varsity Scout	Venturer ¹ , Older Boy Scout, Varsity Scout	Adult Recognition
African Methodist Episcopal Church Local council service center or P.R.A.Y., 8520 Mackenzie Road, Suite 3, St. Louis, MO 63123-3413; 800-933-7729; e-mail: info@praypub.org; Web site: www.praypub.org	God and Me (grades 1-3) S, No. 33604A; C, No. 33603B; M, No. 33606A	God and Family S, No. 33597A; C, No. 33598B; M, No. 33595A	God and Church S, No. 33599A; C, No. 33600A; M, No. 33596A	God and Life S, No. 33609; C, No. 33610; M, No. 33605	God and Service Nomination
African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church Local council service center or P.R.A.Y., 8520 Mackenzie Road, Suite 3, St. Louis, MO 63123-3413; 800-933-7729; e-mail: info@praypub.org; Web site: www.praypub.org	God and Me (grades 1-3) S, No. 33604A; C, No. 33603B; M, No. 33606A	God and Family S, No. 33597A; C, No. 33598B; M, No. 33595A	God and Church S, No. 33599A; C, No. 33600A; M, No. 33596A	God and Life S, No. 33609; C, No. 33610; M, No. 33605	God and Service Nomination
Armenian Apostolic Church of America (Western Prelacy) 6252 Honolulu Ave., Suite 100, Los Angeles, CA 91214; 818-248-7737	None	None	Saint Mesrob	Saint Mesrob	None
Armenian Church of America (Eastern Diocese) Department of Youth and Education, Diocese of the Armenian Church of America, 630 Second Ave., New York, NY 10018; 212-686-0710	Saint Gregory	Saint Gregory	Ararat	Ararat	None
Baha'i Baha'i Committee on Scouting, Baha'i National Center, Education and Schools Office, 1233 Central Street, Evanston, IL 60201-1611; 847-733-3492; Web site: www.education.usbnc.org/child_spir_ed/scoutn.htm	Unity of Mankind	Unity of Mankind	Unity of Mankind	Unity of Mankind	Service to Humanity
Baptist Local council service center or P.R.A.Y., 8520 Mackenzie Road, Suite 3, St. Louis, MO 63123-3413; 800-933-7729; e-mail: info@praypub.org; Web site: www.praypub.org	God and Me (grades 1-3) S, No. 33604A; C, No. 33603B; M, No. 33606A	God and Family S, No. 33597A; C, No. 33598B; M, No. 33595A	God and Church S, No. 33599A; C, No. 33600A; M, No. 33596A	God and Life S, No. 33609; C, No. 33610; M, No. 33605	Good Shepherd Nomination No. 77-062 ²
Buddhist National Buddhist Committee on Scouting, 415 42nd Ave., San Mateo, CA 94403; 650-574-4527; fax: 408-756-3288; e-mail: victor.lwamura@lmco.com	Metta	Metta	Sangha	Sangha	Bodhi
Catholic, Eastern Local council service center, diocesan Scout office, or National Catholic Committee on Scouting, 1325 West Walnut Hill Lane, P.O. Box 152079, Irving, TX 75015-2079; 972-580-2114; Web site: www.nccs-bsa.org	Parvuli Dei S, No. 33085A First- and second-graders may earn Light of Christ, No. 33074A	Parvuli Dei S, No. 33085A	Light Is Life S, No. 16-3011; C, No. 16-106	Pope Pius XII S, No. 33076A; C, No. 34733A	Saint George Catholic Nomination No. 16-132 ²
Catholic, Roman Local council service center, diocesan Scout office, BSA Supply Division, 800-323-0732; Web sites: www.nccs-bsa.org or www.praypub.org	Parvuli Dei S, No. 33085A First- and second-graders may earn Light of Christ S, No. 33074A	Parvuli Dei S, No. 33085A	Ad Altare Dei S, No. 33094; C, No. 33072	Pope Pius XII S, No. 33076A; C, No. 34733A	Saint George Roman Catholic Nomination No. 16-132 ²
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Local council service center or P.R.A.Y., 8520 Mackenzie Road, Suite 3, St. Louis, MO 63123-3413; 800-933-7729; e-mail: info@praypub.org; Web site: www.praypub.org	God and Me (grades 1-3) S, No. 33604A; C, No. 33603B; M, No. 33606A	God and Family S, No. 33597A; C, No. 33598B; M, No. 33595A	God and Church S, No. 33599A; C, No. 33600A; M, No. 33596A	God and Life S, No. 33609; C, No. 33610; M, No. 33605	God and Service Nomination
Christian Methodist Episcopal Church Local council service center or P.R.A.Y., 8520 Mackenzie Road, Suite 3, St. Louis, MO 63123-3413; 800-933-7729; e-mail: info@praypub.org; Web site: www.praypub.org	God and Me (grades 1-3) S, No. 33604A; C, No. 33603B; M, No. 33606A	God and Family S, No. 33597A; C, No. 33598B; M, No. 33595A	God and Church S, No. 33599A; C, No. 33600A; M, No. 33596A	God and Life S, No. 33609; C, No. 33610; M, No. 33605	God and Service Nomination
Church of Christ, Scientist P.R.A.Y., 8520 Mackenzie Road, Suite 3, St. Louis, MO 63123-3413; 800-933-7729; e-mail: info@praypub.org; Web site: www.praypub.org	God and Country No. 3CSFB	God and Country No. 3CSFB	God and Country No. 3CSCB	God and Country No. 3CSCB	God and Service Nomination
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS) LDS Relationships, 36 South State Street, Suite 1175, Salt Lake City, UT 84111-1467; 801-530-0004	Faith in God	Faith in God	On My Honor	On My Honor	On My Honor
Churches of Christ Members of Churches of Christ for Scouting, ACU Box 27938, Abilene, TX 79699-7938; 325-674-3739; e-mail: mccc@acu.edu; Web site: www.acu.edu/mccc-scouting	Loving Servant Grades 1-3	Joyful Servant Grades 4-6	Good Servant	Good Servant	Faithful Servant Nomination
Community of Christ (World Community Program Series) Scouting Liaison, Forefront Ministries, 1001 West Walnut, Independence, MO 64050; 816-833-1000 or 800-825-2806, ext. 1374; Web site: www.forefrontministries.org	None (Use of God and Me—S, No. 33604A; C, No. 33603B; M, No. 33606A—is approved. Contact P.R.A.Y.)	Light of the World	Path of the Disciple	Exploring Community Together	International Youth Service Award Nomination
Eastern Orthodox P.R.A.Y., 8520 Mackenzie Road, Suite 3, St. Louis, MO 63123-3413; 800-933-7729; Web sites: www.praypub.org or www.eoccs.org	Saint George No. 3EOMB	Chi Rho No. 3EOFB	Alpha Omega No. 3EOCB	Alpha Omega No. 3EOCB	Prophet Elias Nomination ²
Episcopal Local council service center or P.R.A.Y., 8520 Mackenzie Road, Suite 3, St. Louis, MO 63123-3413; 800-933-7729; e-mail: info@praypub.org; Web site: www.praypub.org	God and Me (grades 1-3) S, No. 33604A; C, No. 33603B; M, No. 33606A	God and Family S, No. 33597A; C, No. 33598B; M, No. 33595A	God and Church S, No. 33599A; C, No. 33600A; M, No. 33596A	God and Life S, No. 33609; C, No. 33610; M, No. 33605	Saint George Episcopal Nomination
General Church of the New Jerusalem (The New Church) Chairman, Boy Scout Relations Committee, General Church of the New Jerusalem, P.O. Box 277, Bryn Athyn, PA 19009; 215-938-2542; fax: 215-938-2617	Ten Commandments Award	Ten Commandments Award	Open Word Award	Open Word Award	Open Word Award
Hindu North American Hindu Association, 847 East Angela Street, Pleasanton, CA 94566-7568; 925-846-3811 (voice/fax); e-mail: info@naha.us; Web site: www.naha.us	Dharma	Dharma	Dharma Karma	Karma	Saathi/Bhakta

	Cub Scout	Webeles Scout	Boy Scout and Varsity Scout	Venturer ¹ , Older Boy Scout, Varsity Scout	Adult Recognition
Islamic Mr. Aunali Khalfan, 80-08 51st Ave., Elmhurst, NY 11373; 718-446-6472; fax: 718-446-4370	Bismillah	Bismillah	In the Name of God	In the Name of God	Allaho Akber
Jewish Local council service center or P.R.A.Y., 8520 Mackenzie Road, Suite 3, St. Louis, MO 63123-3413; 800-933-7729; e-mail: info@praypub.org; Web sites: www.praypub.org or www.scouting.org	Aleph S, No. 33185 Tiger Cubs may earn Maccabee S, No. 7165	Aleph S, No. 33185	Ner Tamid S, No. 33181	Etz Chaim S, No. 33186	Shofar Nomination No. 15-102 ²
Lutheran Local council service center or P.R.A.Y., 8520 Mackenzie Road, Suite 3, St. Louis, MO 63123-3413; 800-933-7729; e-mail: info@praypub.org; Web sites: www.praypub.org or www.nlas.org	God and Me (grades 1-3) S, No. 33604A; C, No. 33603B; M, No. 33606A	God and Family S, No. 33597A; C, No. 33598B; M, No. 33595A	God and Church S, No. 33599A; C, No. 33600A; M, No. 33596A	God and Life S, No. 33609; C, No. 33610; M, No. 33605	Lamb Nomination; Servant of Youth Nomination
Meher Baba Committee for Meher Baba and Scouting, 912 Ninth Ave. S, North Myrtle Beach, SC 29582; 843-272-3498	Love for God	Love for God	Compassionate Father	Compassionate Father	The Ancient One
Moravian The Moravian Church, Drawer Y, Winston-Salem, NC 27108; 336-722-8126	None	None	God and Country	God and Country	The Order of David Zeisberger
Polish National Catholic Church Mr. Arthur Wyglon, 115 Heather Hill Drive, Buffalo, NY 14224; 716-674-2394	Love of God (Milosc Boga)	Love of God (Milosc Boga)	God and Country (Bog i Ojczyzna)	God and Country (Bog i Ojczyzna)	Bishop Thaddeus F. Zielinski
Presbyterian Church in America Local council service center or P.R.A.Y., 8520 Mackenzie Road, Suite 3, St. Louis, MO 63123-3413; 800-933-7729; e-mail: info@praypub.org; Web site: www.praypub.org	God and Me (grades 1-3) S, No. 33604A; C, No. 33603B; M, No. 33606A	God and Family S, No. 33597A; C, No. 33598B; M, No. 33595A	God and Church S, No. 33599A; C, No. 33600A; M, No. 33596A	God and Life S, No. 33609; C, No. 33610; M, No. 33605	God and Service Nomination
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Local council service center or P.R.A.Y., 8520 Mackenzie Road, Suite 3, St. Louis, MO 63123-3413; 800-933-7729; e-mail: info@praypub.org; Web sites: www.praypub.org or www.presbyterian-scouters.org	God and Me (grades 1-3) S, No. 33604A; C, No. 33603B; M, No. 33606A	God and Family S, No. 33597A; C, No. 33598B; M, No. 33595A	God and Church S, No. 33599A; C, No. 33600A; M, No. 33596A	God and Life S, No. 33609; C, No. 33610; M, No. 33605	God and Service Nomination; Celtic Cross
Protestant and Independent Christian Churches Local council service center or P.R.A.Y., 8520 Mackenzie Road, Suite 3, St. Louis, MO 63123-3413; 800-933-7729; e-mail: info@praypub.org; Web site: www.praypub.org	God and Me (grades 1-3) S, No. 33604A; C, No. 33603B; M, No. 33606A	God and Family S, No. 33597A; C, No. 33598B; M, No. 33595A	God and Church S, No. 33599A; C, No. 33600A; M, No. 33596A	God and Life S, No. 33609; C, No. 33610; M, No. 33605	God and Service Nomination
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) P.R.A.Y., 8520 Mackenzie Road, Suite 3, St. Louis, MO 63123-3413; 800-933-7729; e-mail: info@praypub.org; Web sites: www.praypub.org or scouting.quaker.org	That of God No. 3QOFB	That of God No. 3QOFB	Spirit of Truth No. 3QOCB	Spirit of Truth No. 3QOCB	Friends Nomination
The Salvation Army P.O. Box 269, Alexandria, VA 22313; Eastern Territory, 914-620-7427; Central Territory, 847-294-2112; Southern Territory, 404-728-1363; Western Territory, 310-544-6434	God and Me S, No. 33604A; C, No. 33603B; M, No. 33606A	Silver Crest God and Family S, No. 33597A; C, No. 33598B; M, No. 33595A	God and Church S, No. 33599A; C, No. 33600A; M, No. 33596A	God and Life S, No. 33609; C, No. 33610; M, No. 33605	Scouter's Award Nomination
United Church of Christ Local council service center or P.R.A.Y., 8520 Mackenzie Road, Suite 3, St. Louis, MO 63123-3413; 800-933-7729; e-mail: info@praypub.org; Web site: www.praypub.org	God and Me (grades 1-3) S, No. 33604A; C, No. 33603B; M, No. 33606A	God and Family S, No. 33597A; C, No. 33598B; M, No. 33595A	God and Church S, No. 33599A; C, No. 33600A; M, No. 33596A	God and Life S, No. 33609; C, No. 33610; M, No. 33605	God and Service Nomination
United Methodist Local council service center or P.R.A.Y., 8520 Mackenzie Road, Suite 3, St. Louis, MO 63123-3413; 800-933-7729; e-mail: info@praypub.org; Web sites: www.praypub.org or www.umscouting.org	God and Me (grades 1-3) S, No. 33604A; C, No. 33603B; M, No. 33606A	God and Family S, No. 33597A; C, No. 33598B; M, No. 33595A	God and Church S, No. 33599A; C, No. 33600A; M, No. 33596A	God and Life S, No. 33609; C, No. 33610; M, No. 33605	God and Service Nomination; Cross and Flame Nomination; Torch Nomination
United Pentecostal Church International Local council service center or P.R.A.Y., 8520 Mackenzie Road, Suite 3, St. Louis, MO 63123-3413; 800-933-7729; e-mail: info@praypub.org; Web site: www.praypub.org	God and Me (grades 1-3) S, No. 33604A; C, No. 33603B; M, No. 33606A	God and Family S, No. 33597A; C, No. 33598B; M, No. 33595A	God and Church S, No. 33599A; C, No. 33600A; M, No. 33596A	God and Life S, No. 33609; C, No. 33610; M, No. 33605	God and Service Nomination
Unity Churches P.O. Box 610, Lee's Summit, MO 64063; 816-524-7414	None	God in Me	Light of God Award Nomination	None	Distinguished Youth Service
Zoroastrian The Zoroastrian Association of Greater New York, c/o Ms. Temilyn Ghadially, National Coordinator, The Good Life Program, 12 Rockwell Circle, Marlboro, NJ 07746; 732-972-6527; e-mail: tghad@hotmail.com	None	None	Good Life	Good Life (To age 21)	None

Materials with a Boy Scouts of America supply number are available from your local Scout council or from the BSA National Distribution Center toll-free at 800-323-0732.

S = student material. C = counselor material. M = adult mentor material.

¹The Venturing Religious Life Bronze Award is part of the Venturing advancement program. This youth award is not part of the BSA religious emblems programs. For additional information, refer to the *Venturer/Ranger Handbook*, No. 33494, available from local Scout councils or the BSA National Distribution Center.

²Also available from Boy Scouts of America, Religious Relationships, 5326, 1325 West Walnut Hill Lane, P.O. Box 152079, Irving, TX 75015-2079; telephone 972-580-2191.

How Do We Get Started on These Programs?

- Youth members must obtain the specific booklet for their religion.
- Parents must review the program guidelines.
- Families should talk to their religious leaders and show them the booklet before beginning any program.
- The youth member needs to complete the requirements, obtain the proper signatures, and order the emblem.

Interested in making a presentation on the religious emblems?

Promotional resources (including a video and scripts) are available from the BSA and P.R.A.Y.
www.scouting.org/awards/religious/awards/index.html or www.praypub.org

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Churches of Christ



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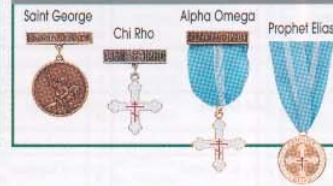
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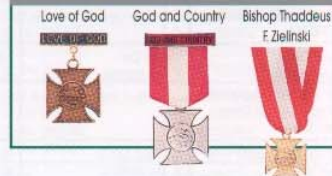
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Polish National Catholic Church



Presbyterian Church in America



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Protestant/United Church of Christ/Community Churches



Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)



Roman Catholic/Eastern Catholic



Salvation Army



United Methodist



United Pentecostal Church International



Unity Churches



Zoroastrian



Frequently Asked Questions

What are the religious emblems programs?

The religious emblems programs are programs created by the various religious groups to encourage youth to grow stronger in their faith. The religious groups—not the Boy Scouts of America—have created the religious emblems programs themselves.

The Boy Scouts of America has approved of these programs and allows the recognition to be worn on the official uniform, but each religious organization develops and administers its own program.

I have a unit with children of all different faiths. How can I include the religious emblems programs for my unit?

The religious emblems programs should be presented to youth members and their families as an optional program for them to complete through their religious organization. Religious instruction should always come from the religious organization, not from the unit leader. Parents need to be informed of these programs and told where to get the information for their particular faith. Interested in making a presentation on the religious awards? Find sample scripts at www.praypub.org.

Do boys and girls participate in the same program?

It depends on the religion. Some religions have created programs that are used by both boys and girls. Other religions have created programs for members of separate youth agencies (i.e., Boy Scouts of America, Girl Scouts of the U.S.A., and Camp Fire Boys and Girls). Please check the specific eligibility requirements for each religious emblems program.

Do the youth have to belong to a religious institution?

It depends on the religion. Please check the eligibility requirements for your particular religious program.

Why doesn't my religious institution know about the religious emblems programs?

Although the religious bodies at the national level created the religious emblems programs, the local religious institution may not be aware of these programs. It may be helpful to write for more information or even obtain a copy of the curriculum to give to your religious leader.

If the religious emblems program for my faith has more than one level (for the different grade levels), may my child earn all of these recognitions?

Yes. Members can earn all levels of their religious emblems program. However, they must be in the appropriate program guidelines when they start and complete each level (they may not go backward and earn younger programs).

How is the emblem presented?

The emblem should be presented in a meaningful ceremony, preferably in the youth member's religious institution. Some emblems come with a sample presentation ceremony.

How long does it take to complete a program?

It depends on the program. Some programs may take three or four months, others longer.

Where is the emblem worn on the uniform?

The universal religious square knot is worn over the left shirt pocket of the Scout uniform. The medallion is pinned over the square knot for full uniform occasions.

How do we get started on these programs?

First, youth members must obtain the specific booklet for their religion. This booklet will contain information on all the lessons and service projects that they will need to complete. Each member needs to have his or her own booklet to document progress. Some religions also provide adult manuals for counselors and mentors. Check with your local council to see if it stocks these booklets in its store, or contact the religious organization directly (addresses and phone numbers are listed in this brochure).

Second, parents must review the specific guidelines for their particular program; age/grade requirements vary from program to program. Some programs require that the youth be an official "member" of the local religious institution, others may not. Each program determines who may serve as counselor (some require clergy, others allow parents or other family members). Be sure to look at specific eligibility guidelines!

Third, families should talk to their religious leaders and show them the booklet before beginning any program. Most of the religious emblems programs require that they be completed under the auspices of that religious organization, and many require the signature of the local religious leader. Again, check the specific eligibility requirements for your religious program.

Fourth, the member needs to complete the requirements, obtain the proper signatures, and follow the instructions to order the emblem/award. (These emblems are not available in your local council.) The emblem can be presented at any time of the year and should be presented in a meaningful ceremony, preferably in the member's religious institution.

Who may serve as counselor?

It depends on the program. Some programs require clergy to serve as counselor, others allow a parent or family member. Please check the specific guidelines for your religious program.

How do I order the recognition items?

Each religious program has its own emblem. Follow the instructions in your recognition guidelines because the emblems come from different places and require submission of different information. These emblems will not be available in your local council!

What is the adult religious recognition program?

An adult religious recognition award is presented by nomination only. The recognition is presented to worthy adults for their outstanding service to youth both through their religious institution and one of the national youth agencies. Recipients of these awards are unaware that they are being nominated. They are nominated to receive an award by submitting the required application, letters of recommendation, and resume. Please check eligibility requirements for specific awards.

Which religious emblem square knot should I wear?

Cloth, silver knot on purple, No. 05007, may be worn by youth or adult members who earned the knot as a youth, above left pocket. Cloth, purple on silver, No. 05014, may be worn by adult members presented with the recognition, above left pocket. Adults may wear both knots if they satisfy qualifying criteria. (See the *Insignia Guide*, No. 33066D.)



Generally, only one knot is worn, but any combination of devices may be worn on the same knot. (See *Cub Scout device*, No. 00926; *Webelos Scout device*, No. 00932; *Boy Scout device*, No. 00927; and *Venturer device*, No. 00930.)