

Duty to God

Religious Emblems Created by Faith Communities for Their Members, Recognized by the B.S.A.

Faith Group names are listed alphabetically. Many of our Protestant faith groups offer youth emblems through P.R.A.Y. These are listed at the bottom of page 1. Any emblems offered in addition to the P.R.A.Y. emblems for a specific Protestant faith group will be listed in the alphabetical section.

Anglican Catholic Church



Anglican Church in North America



Armenian Apostolic Church of America



Armenian Church of America (Eastern Diocese)



Baha'i



Baptist



Buddhist



Catholic, Roman & Eastern

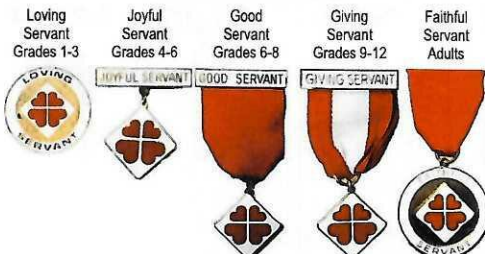


Church of Christ, Scientist (Christian Scientist)



The Church of Jesus Christ of Later-day Saints (see Vanguard on Page 2)

Churches of Christ



Community of Christ



Eastern Orthodox



Episcopal



Programs of Religious Activities for Youth (P.R.A.Y.)



Protestant God and Service Award



Adult Recognition For:
African Methodist Episcopal Church (A.M.E.)
African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church
Baptist
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
Christian Methodist Episcopal Church
Church of Christ, Scientist (Christian Scientist)
National Association of Anglican and ...
...Traditional Catholic Scouters
Nazarene
Presbyterian Church in America
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
Protestant and Independent Christian Churches
United Church of Christ
United Methodist Church
United Pentecostal Church International

Which religious emblem square knot should I wear?

Cloth, silver knot on purple, No. 5007, may be worn by youth or adult members who received the knot as a youth, above left pocket. Cloth, purple on silver, No. 5014, may be worn by adult members presented with the recognition, above left pocket. Adults may wear both knots if they satisfy qualifying criteria.

Only one youth and one adult knot is worn, but any combination of devices representing the program in which a religious emblem was received may be worn on the same knot. (See *Cub Scout device*, No. 926; *Webelos Scout device*, No. 932; *Boy Scout device*, No. 927; and *Venturer device*, No. 930.)

Religious Emblem medals are pinned to the top of the left uniform pocket (directly below any square knots) for formal occasions.



- [African Methodist Episcopal Church \(A.M.E.\)](#)
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BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®

*Senior Scouts: Venturing, Sea Scouting, Exploring

Religious Emblems

Click on the Faith Name to Visit Their Website for Earning the Emblems & Ordering Items

Friends, Religious Society of (Quakers)



General Church of the New Jerusalem



Hindu

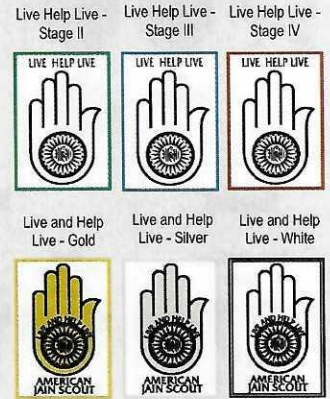


Jain

Cub Scouts Webelos (all stages can be earned)



Scouts BSA Senior Scouts (all stages can be earned)



Islamic



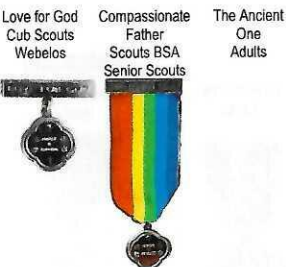
Jewish



Lutheran



Meher Baba



Moravian



Presbyterian (P.C.U.S.A., P.C.A.)



The Salvation Army



Sikh



Unitarian Universalist



United Methodist Church



Unity Worldwide Ministries



Vanguard International Scouting Association (LDS)



Zoroastrian



Venturing TRUST Award



*Senior Scouts are participants of the Venturing, Sea Scouting, and Exploring Programs

Religious Emblems Programs

Available to Members of the Boy Scouts of America

A Scout is reverent. They are reverent toward God.

They are faithful in their 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 committee to obtain the curriculum information.

For additional information about religious emblems and materials, please contact your religious organization or click on the faith name on pages 1/2.

Some faiths have materials available from your local council service center or from the BSA National Distribution Center toll-free at 800-323-0732. www.scoutstuff.org as well as at the contact information listed below.

The Venturing TRUST Award is part of the Venturing awards program. This youth award is not part of the BSA religious emblems programs. For additional information, refer to the TRUST Award Handbook, available from your local council service centers or the BSA National Distribution Center.

How Do We Get Started on These Programs?

1. Youth members or their parents obtain the specific information for their religious emblems.
2. Parents review the program guidelines.
3. Families talk with their religious leaders or emblem counselors and show them the requirements before beginning the program.
4. The youth member completes the requirements and the family obtains the proper signatures and orders the emblem.

Interested in making a presentation on the religious emblems?

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

Faiths Ordered through P.R.A.Y. Website

P.R.A.Y., 11123 S. Towne Square, Suite B, St. Louis, MO 63123
toll-free telephone 800-933-7729; fax 314-845-0038;
email: info@praypub.org; website: www.praypub.org

African Methodist Episcopal Church

website: <https://amescouts.org/>

African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church

Anglican Church in North America
website: <https://www.praypub.org/Data/Sites/1/media/resource-library/award-applications/saintgeorgecrossanqlcan2020.pdf>

Baptist

website: www.baptistscouters.org

Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

website: <https://www.discipleshomemissions.org/congregations/agencies-serving-youth/the-association-of-disciples-scouts-and-scouters/>

Christian Methodist Episcopal Church

Church of Christ, Scientist (Christian Scientist)
website: www.christianscience.com/youth

Community of Christ

Community of Christ, 1001 W. Walnut St., Independence, MO 64055;
816-833-1000; website: <https://cofchrist.org/world-community/>

Eastern Orthodox

website: www.eocs.org

Episcopal

website: www.brothersandrew.net/Ministries/scouting.html

Jewish

website: www.jewishscouting.org

Lutheran

website: www.nlas.org/fag

National Association of Anglican and Traditional Catholic Scouters

Nazarene

Presbyterian Church in America

website: www.presbyterianscouters.org

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

website: www.presbyterianscouters.org

Protestant and Independent Christian Churches

United Church of Christ

website: www.ucc.org/scouting_working_group/

United Methodist Church

website: www.methodistscouter.org

United Pentecostal Church International

Anglican Catholic Church

Anglican Parishes Association, 706-546-6910
800 Timothy Road, Athens, GA 30606

Armenian Apostolic Church of America (Western Prelacy)

6252 Honolulu Ave., Suite 100, Los Angeles, CA 91214; 818-248-7737

Armenian Church of America (Eastern Diocese)

Department of Youth and Education, Diocese of the Armenian Church of America, 630 Second Ave., New York, NY 10016; 212-686-0710

Baha'i

Baha'i Committee on Scouting, Baha'i National Center, Education and Schools Office, 1233 Central St., Evanston, IL 60211-1611; 847-733-3492; email: schools@usbnc.org; website: www.bahai.us/unlity-of-mankind-scouting-award-program

Buddhist

National Buddhist Committee on Scouting, 1710 Octavia St., San Francisco, CA 94109-4341; email: bcascoutinginfo@gmail.com; website: www.bcascouting.org

Catholic, Roman & Eastern

National Catholic Committee on Scouting, P.O. Box 949, Rociada, NM 87742; 214-714-6950; websites: www.pravpub.org and www.catholicscouting.com

Churches of Christ

Members of Churches of Christ for Scouting, 401 Cypress, Suite 406, Abilene, TX 79601; 325-370-1679; email: info@goodservant.org; website: www.goodservant.org

Friends, Religious Society of (Quakers)

email: clerk.quakerscouting@yahoo.com
website: <https://quakerscouting.org/youth-programs/the-american-program/>

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

Hindu

North American Hindu Association, 847 East Angela St., Pleasanton, CA 94566-7568; 925-846-3811; email: info@naha.us; website: www.naha.us

Islamic

National Islamic Committee on Scouting; 732-801-1283; email: islamicbsa@aol.com; website: www.islamicbsa.org

Jain

JAINA: Federation of Jain Associations in North America, Jaina HQ: 722 S. Main St., Milpitas, CA 95035; 510-730-0204; email: scouting@jaina.org; website: www.jaina.org

Meher Baba

Meher Spiritual Center; 10200 N. Kings Hwy., Myrtle Beach, SC 29572; 843-272-5777; website: <https://www.mehercenter.org/>

Moravian

The Moravian Church, Drawer Y, Winston-Salem, NC 27108; 336-722-8126

Polish National Catholic Church

Mr. Richard Daum, 11 Everette Place, Wayne, NJ 07470; 973-694-9457; email: rodaum@verizon.net

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; website: www.nhqcad.com/programs/scoutsbsa.html

Sikh

American Sikh Council, P.O. Box 932, Voorhees, NJ 08043; 607-269-7454; fax 856-235-6717; email: contact@americansikhcouncil.org or sikhscoutsusa@gmail.com

Unitarian Universalist

website: www.uua.org/children/scouting

Unity Worldwide Ministries

P.O. Box 610, Lee's Summit, MO 64063; 816-524-7414; email: kid@unity.org; website: www.unity.org/emblem

Vanguard International Scouting Association

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

website: www.vanguardscouting.org

Zoroastrian

The Zoroastrian Association of Greater New York, c/o Ms. Temilyn Mehta, National Coordinator, The Good Life Program, 12 Rockwell Circle, Marlboro, NJ 07746; 973-792-6527; email: tghad@hotmail.com

Planning a Scouting Event?

Did you know the B.S.A. has a calendar that lists all the major faith observations for our 42 religious partners? Avoid scheduling on major observations by viewing the calendars at <https://www.scouting.org/resources/relationships/religious-observances/>

Frequently Asked Questions

What are the religious emblems programs?

The religious emblems programs are programs created by the various religious organizations to encourage youth to grow stronger in their faith. The religious organizations—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 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 earn the emblems of younger age 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 uniform. Cloth badges and embroidered square knots are representative of the medal award. When a cloth badge is worn, the medal award is not worn.

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. All counselors must have either Youth Protection Training or a faith approved youth safety training.

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.

What is R.E.C.?

Religious Emblems Coordinator (REC) positions exist at the Council, District and Unit levels. The REC's are responsible for educating, motivating, evaluating, and expanding the usage of the religious emblems programs.

Purpose of R.E.C.:

- Encourage all youth to earn the emblem of their faith
- Promote religious emblems usage like B.S.A. promotes other youth advancement
- Establish goals and track the number of religious emblems to be completed every year

Get More Information about the Religious Emblems Coordinator positions at www.praypub.org/rec-info. This is an official B.S.A. Position with a registration code and position patch.



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