

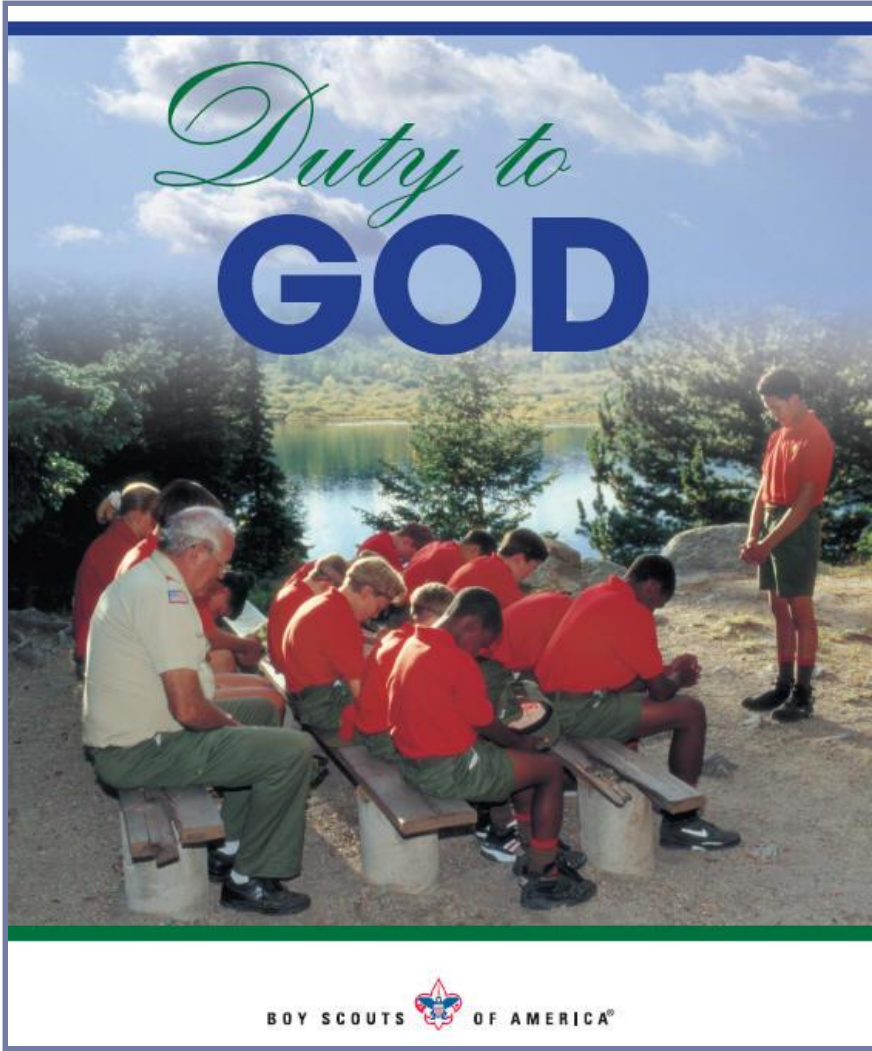
RELIGIOUS EMBLEMS

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What Are Religious Emblems?

- ▶ Developed by the individual faith groups
- ▶ Approved by BSA to be worn on the official uniform
- ▶ Think of these as “elective” programs that help teach Scouts the Reverent aspect of Scouting
- ▶ The delivery of these programs and awards are managed by the individual faith groups



Universal Religious Square Knot



“Devices”

- ▶ Religious Emblems Square Knot with 1, 2, or 3 devices



Earn the Emblem of YOUR Faith

- ▶ Parents and religious leaders will help you earn your religious emblem.
- ▶ These emblems are fun opportunities for you and your family to work on something together and get to know your clergy better.



How to Get Started: Step 1

- ▶ Step 1: Youth members must obtain the specific booklet for their religion.
 - ▶ Use the “Duty to God” brochure to identify the program for your faith.
 - ▶ Check with your Council store or contact the religious organization directly.
 - ▶ Each Scout needs his or her own booklet to document progress.
 - ▶ Some religions offer adult manuals for counselors and mentors.



How to Get Started: Step 2

- ▶ Step 2: Parents must review the program guidelines.
 - ▶ Some programs require participants to be official “members” of the religious institution.
 - ▶ Age/grade requirements vary from program to program.
 - ▶ Each program sets its own guidelines as to who may serve as counselor. Some programs require clergy to serve as counselors; other programs allow parents or other family members to serve as counselors.



How to Get Started: Step 3

- ▶ Step 3: Families should talk to their religious leaders and show them the booklet before beginning any program.
- ▶ Most programs require that they be completed under the auspices of that religious organization.
- ▶ Many programs require the signature of the local religious leader.



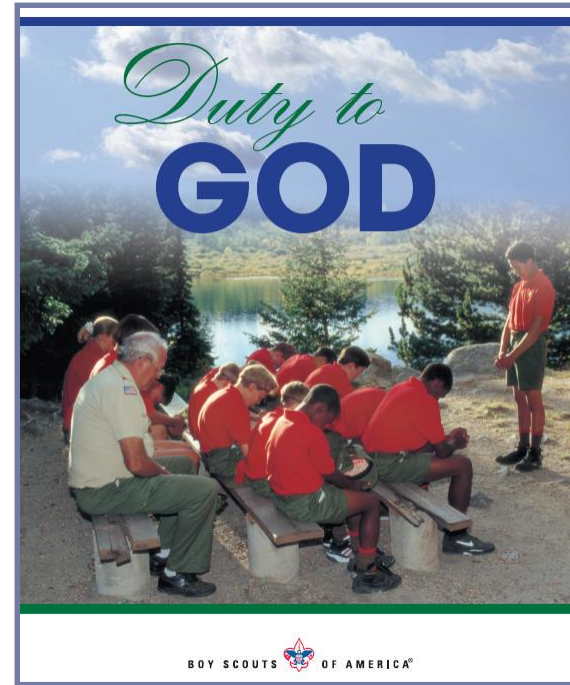
How to Get Started: Step 4

- ▶ Step 4: The youth member needs to complete the requirements, obtain the proper signatures, and follow the instructions to order the emblem.
- ▶ These emblems are not available from your local council store (follow instructions in your booklet).
- ▶ The emblem should be presented in a meaningful ceremony, preferably in the member's religious institution.
- ▶ The award can be presented at anytime of the year. Scout Sunday/Scout Sabbath/Scout Jumuah in February is a perfect time to recognize recipients.



Handouts

- ▶ Duty to God Brochure
- ▶ Email with important links



Our Goals

- ▶ Talk to your parents and clergy
- ▶ Obtain booklet
- ▶ Set a schedule to earn award



Key Dates in 2022

Scout Jumuah (February 3, 2022)

Scout Sunday (February 5, 2023)

Scout Sabbath (February 10, 2023)

Scouting Anniversary Day (February 8, 2023)

Scouting Anniversary Week Ends (February 11, 2023)



For More Information

BSA Religious Emblem Award Programs

- ▶ www.scouting.org/awards/religious-awards/

Catholic Scouting

- ▶ [Religious Emblems and Activities - Catholic Scouting](#)

Protestant and Independent Christian Scouting

- ▶ www.praypub.org

Jewish Scouting

- ▶ www.jewishscouting.org/awards-and-emblems/

Muslim Scouting

- ▶ www.muslimscouting.org/religious-emblems/

