



RELIGIOUS EMBLEM PROGRAM

Cub Scout Promise:

I promise to do my best, *To do my duty to God* and my country, To help other people, and To obey the Law of the pack.

One way that Cub Scouts can show their Duty to God is to earn the religious emblem of their faith and to wear the emblem on their uniform.

Religious emblems are very special. When a Cub Scout wears his religious emblem on his uniform, it tells who he is and what he believes. It shows his Duty to God.

When a Scout earns his religious emblem, he also earns the right to wear the universal religious square knot. This knot is special because it can always be worn on a scout uniform, even after the scout progresses to a Boy Scout uniform.

Parents and religious leaders are responsible for helping the scout earn their religious emblem. This is not a badge we earn together as a Cub Scout Pack. This is done on an individual basis because the scouts are of different faiths and religious backgrounds.

The Religious Emblem is earned from your faith organization, based on the program it institutes, creates, develops and administers. Your Religious Emblem should be presented by clergy, usually in a worship service in the recipient's congregation. Whereas, the religious square knot is given by the BSA for successful completion of your Religious Emblem program and is presented by your scout leader to recognize the scout's accomplishment in a special ceremony at a Pack Meeting or the Blue & Gold Banquet in February.

Most Religious Emblems programs have more than one level. After earning your Religious Emblem and receiving the religious square knot, as a Cub Scout, it does not mean that you are through. Check to see if your religious program offers an emblem for Webelos Scouts, Boy Scouts, etc. When you earn more than one Religious Emblem, you may pin a special device in your square knot to show that you have earned your Religious Emblem at different levels.

Why Complete the Program?

The religious emblems programs are key spiritual components of Scouting. These programs have been created by the national religious organizations/committees. They help young people to become more active members of their own faith and encourage spiritual development by providing specific religious instruction. These programs are overseen by and/or taught by religious leaders and administered by religious organizations, not by the Boy Scouts of America.

Religious emblems can play a vital role in the overall development of young people. Besides providing specific religious instruction, the religious emblems programs share many of the values that are integral to the Scouting program, e.g., service to the community, intergenerational relationships, friendship-making skills, and positive self-esteem. The religious emblems programs provide opportunities for young people to reinforce and internalize the values they have learned in Scouting and to relate them to their faith.

Research has shown that when young people are involved in both a religious organization and a civic youth organization, the number of positive assets increases while their at-risk behaviors decrease.

“Duty to God” has been a fundamental precept of the Scouting movement, for 90 years. Religious emblems help introduce and reinforce this spiritual component. Religious emblems also promote many of the same values that are the basis of the Cub Scout program. They help develop wholesome lifestyles in youth members.

How do you get started?

Participating in the religious emblems programs will involve four basic steps for youth members and their families.

First, youth members must obtain the specific booklet for their religion. (*See appendix “A” for the faiths that have religious awards available*). This booklet contains information on all the lessons and service projects that they will need to complete. Each youth member needs a personal booklet to document progress. Some religious emblems programs also offer adult manuals for counselors and mentors.

Second, parents must review the specific guidelines for their particular program. Some programs require that the young person be an official “member” of the local religious institution; other programs may not. Age/grade requirements also vary from program to program. In addition, each program sets its own guidelines as to who may serve as a counselor. Some programs require clergy to serve as counselors, other programs allow parents or other family members to serve as counselors.

Parents must check the specific guidelines for their particular program.

Third, families should talk to their religious leaders and, if possible, show them the booklet before beginning a program. Many of the programs require that they be completed under the auspices of that religious organization, and require the signature of the local religious leader.

Fourth, youth members need to complete the requirements, obtain the proper signatures, and follow the instructions to order the emblem. These emblems are not available in the local council store. The emblem should be presented in a meaningful ceremony, preferably in the young person's religious institution. The emblems can be presented at any time of the year. Scout Sunday/Sabbath, in February, is a perfect time to recognize youth members who have earned their religious emblems during the past year. In Pack 350, the Scout is recognized for completion of the program at a Pack Meeting or the Blue and Gold Banquet in February.)

Appendix “A”

The following faiths or denominations have religious awards for Tiger Cubs, Cub Scouts, and/or Webelos Scouts:

- [*African Methodist Episcopal Church*](#)
- [*African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church*](#)
- [*Armenian Church of America \(Eastern Diocese\)*](#)
- [*Baha'i*](#)
- [*Baptist*](#)
- [*Buddhist*](#)
- [*Christian Church \(Disciples of Christ\)*](#)
- [*Christian Methodist Episcopal Church*](#)
- [*Church of Christ, Scientist \(Christian Scientist\)*](#)
- [*Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints \(Mormon\)*](#)
- [*Churches of Christ*](#)
- [*Community of Christ*](#)
(formerly the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints)
- [*Eastern Catholic*](#)
- [*Eastern Orthodox*](#)
- [*Episcopal*](#)
- [*General Church of the New Jerusalem \(The New Church\)*](#)
- [*Hindu*](#)
- [*Islamic*](#)
- [*Jewish*](#)
- [*Lutheran*](#)
- [*Meher Baba*](#)
- [*Polish National Catholic*](#)
- [*Presbyterian Church in America*](#)
- [*Presbyterian Church \(U.S.A.\)*](#)
- [*Protestant and Independent Christian Churches*](#)
(Available to any Christian denomination)
- [*Religious Society of Friends \(Quakers\)*](#)
- [*Roman Catholic*](#)
- [*The Salvation Army*](#)
- [*Unitarian-Universalist -*](#)
Currently not authorized for wear on the BSA uniform
- [*United Church of Christ*](#)
- [*United Methodist*](#)
- [*United Pentecostal Church International*](#)
- [*Unity Churches*](#)

National Contacts

African Methodist Episcopal Church
GOD AND ME (Tiger Cub and Cub Scout)
GOD AND FAMILY (Webelos Scout)

Local council service center, or
[PRAY](#)
8520 Mackenzie Road, Suite 3
St. Louis, MO 63123-3413
800-933-7729

African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church
GOD AND ME (Tiger Cub and Cub Scout)
GOD AND FAMILY (Webelos Scout)

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[PRAY](#)
8520 Mackenzie Road, Suite 3
St. Louis, MO 63123-3413
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Armenian Church of America (Eastern Diocese)
SAINT GREGORY

D.R.E
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America
630 Second Avenue
New York, NY 10016
212-686-0710

Baha'i
UNITY OF MANKIND

[Baha'i Committee on Scouting](#)
Baha'i National Center
Education and Schools Office
1233 Central Street
Evanston, IL 60201-1611
847-733-3495

Baptist

**GOD AND ME (Tiger Cub and Cub Scout)
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Local council service center, or

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8520 Mackenzie Road, Suite 3
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Buddhist

METTA

National Buddhist Committee on Scouting

415 42nd Ave

San Mateo, CA 94403

650-574-4527

FAX: 408-756-3288

e-mail: victor.iwamura@lmco.com

Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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Christian Methodist Episcopal Church

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Church of Christ, Scientist
GOD AND COUNTRY

Local council service center, or
[PRAY](#)
8520 Mackenzie Road, Suite 3
St. Louis, MO 63123-3413
800-933-7729

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormon)
FAITH IN GOD (Webelos Scout)

LDS Relationships
36 South State Street, Suite 1175
Salt Lake City, UT 84111-1401
801-530-0004

Churches of Christ
JOYFUL SERVANT

[Members of the Churches of Christ for Scouting](#)

ATTN: Kent Barnett
ACU Station
Box 27938
Abilene, Texas 79699-7938
915-674-3739

Community of Christ
(formerly the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints)
GOD AND ME (Cub Scouts - contact PRAY)
LIGHT OF THE WORLD (Webelos Scouts)

Scouting Liason
[Forefront Ministries](#)
1001 West Walnut
Independence, MO 64050
816-833-1000 or 800-825-2806, ext. 1374

Eastern Catholic

LIGHT OF CHRIST (Tiger Cubs and Wolf Cub Scouts)
PARVULI DEI (Cub Scouts and Webelos Scouts)

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

Eastern Orthodox

SAINT GEORGE (Tiger Cubs and Cub Scouts)
CHI RHO (Webelos Scouts)

Local council service center,
[Eastern Orthodox Committee on Scouting](#), or
[PRAY](#)
8520 Mackenzie Road, Suite 3
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800-933-7729

Episcopal

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GOD AND FAMILY (Webelos Scouts)

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General Church of the New Jerusalem (The New Church)

TEN COMMANDMENTS AWARD

Chairman
Boy Scouts Relations Committee
General Church of the New Jerusalem
P.O. Box 277
Bryn Athyn PA 19009
215-938-2542

Hindu
DHARMA

[North American Hindu Association](#)

847 E. Angela St
Pleasanton, CA 94566
925-846-3811

Islamic
BISMILLAH

Syed Ehtesham Haider Naqvi
P. O. Box 857
Edison, NJ 08818
732-801-1283
islamicbsa@aol.com

Jewish
MACCABEE (Tiger Cubs and Cub Scouts)
[\(Download the pamphlet\)](#)
[\(Counselor's Guide\)](#)
ALEPH (Bear Cub Scouts and Webelos Scouts)
[\(Download the pamphlet\)](#)

Local council service center,
[National Jewish Committee on Scouting](#), or
[PRAY](#)
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Lutheran
GOD AND ME (Tiger Cubs and Cub Scouts)
GOD AND FAMILY (Webelos Scouts)

Local council service center,
[National Lutheran Association of Scouters](#), or
[PRAY](#)
8520 Mackenzie Road, Suite 3
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800-933-7729

Meher Baba

LOVE FOR GOD (Tiger Cubs, Cub Scouts and Webelos Scouts)

Committee for Meher Baba and Scouting
912 Ninth Avenue South
North Myrtle Beach, SC 29582
843-272-3498

Polish National Catholic

LOVE OF GOD (MILOSC BOGA)

Mr. Arthur Wyglon
115 Heather Hill Drive
Buffalo, NY 14224
716-674-2394

Presbyterian Church in America

GOD AND ME (Tiger Cubs and Cub Scouts)

GOD AND FAMILY (Webelos Scouts)

Local council service center

[PRAY](#)

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Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

GOD AND ME (Tiger Cubs and Cub Scouts)

GOD AND FAMILY (Webelos Scouts)

Local council service center,

[National Association of Presbyterian Scouters](#), or

[PRAY](#)

8520 Mackenzie Road, Suite 3
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Protestant and Independent Christian Churches
(Available to any Christian denomination)
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GOD AND FAMILY (Webelos Scouts)

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Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)
THAT OF GOD

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[PRAY](#)
8520 Mackenzie Road, Suite 3
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800-933-7729

Roman Catholic
LIGHT OF CHRIST (Tiger Cubs and Wolf Cub Scouts)
PARVULI DEI (Cub Scouts and Webelos Scouts)

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[National Catholic Committee on Scouting](#)
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P.O. Box 152079
Irving, TX 75015-2079
972-580-2114

The Salvation Army
GOD AND ME (Cub Scouts - contact PRAY)
SILVER CREST and GOD AND FAMILY (Webelos Scouts)

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

**Unitarian-Universalist
(Cub Scout award in development)**

[Unitarian-Universalist Scouters Organization, Inc.](#)

847 Washington Street
Holliston MA 01746

United Church of Christ
GOD AND ME (Tiger Cubs and Cub Scouts)
GOD AND FAMILY (Webelos Scouts)

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United Methodist
GOD AND ME (Tiger Cubs and Cub Scouts)
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[National Association of United Methodist Scouters](#), or

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United Pentecostal Church International
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Unity Churches
GOD IN ME (Webelos Scout)

The Association of Unity Churches
P.O. Box 610
Lee's Summit, MO 64063
816-524-7414