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Worcester, MA

Goals:

1. To improve relationships with existing charter organizations using emblems as a means of discussion.
2. To improve awareness of the religious emblems programs
3. To formalize a Religious Relationships Committee
4. To organize new Scouting units in underserved markets (both low density areas and diverse populations)

Actions:

1. Meet with District Executives and District commissioner's to orient them to the benefits/opportunities of religious emblems and sponsors to partners emphasis
2. Conduct Round Table program on emblems, handout new brochures, show Duty to God DVD, post information on the council website, and promote puzzle patch program.
3. Write an article on religious emblems for the newsletter.
4. Identify (prospect and recruit) a council chaplain and candidates for Protestant-based chaplain (we have Catholic)
5. Make a religious emblems display board for use at University of Scouting. Run a program on religious emblems at University of Scouting. Consider promotions at College of Commissioner Science.
6. Talk about faith services at day camp.
7. Recruit 5-7 individuals to form a Religious Relationships Committee
8. New unit key targets:
 - Troubled units
 - AME
 - Alhuda Academy (Islamic)
 - Nativity School
 - Brazilian population
 - Asian / Buddhist
 - Hindu
 - LDS
9. Spring 2009 – host impact luncheon / faith walk program

Al Thomas
Patriot's Path
Florham Park, New Jersey

Evaluate current Charter Organizations that are religious

Those that are "sponsors" only:

- Visit and encourage full partnership
- Help achieve THEIR aims
- Evaluate CR's – need a true representative
- Incorporate Scouting in their program
- Promote religious emblems

Ask my pastor to offer to Troops and Packs, those that are true partners

- Do they have full family of Scouting
- Remind them of their authority and THEIR aims
- Promote religious emblems
- Strong CR's

Learn if we have a Relationships Committee

Learn how the Catholic Committee works

Encourage each Troop to have a Chaplain's aide

Scout Sunday in November – compare list of all churches with list of Chartering organizations, who needs a unit(s)?

Religious emblems display

Learn if we have chaplains at summer camp and camporees / any ministerial associations / my own pastor

10 Commandment Hike

Gerald Hodgson
Greater Niagara Frontier
Buffalo, NY

Issue 1: 10 Commandment Hike

- Review route
- Contact churches
- Contact police, mayor, NFTA
- Status of promotion, Girl Scouts

Issue 2: Council Relationships & Committee Advisor

- Request meeting with Scout Exec
- Presentation to Exec Board
- Decision on how to distribute new DTG handout to leaders
- How to raise the level of interest
- Involve in training; possible Commissioner Role (presentation to them)

Issue 3: Membership in Protestant Committee

- Contact church scouting associations for local members
- How to involve ministers

Issue 4: Plan for committee

- Share info at picnic
- Share more detailed plan and prepare agenda
- Present plan to Committee in September
- RED Team review – takeaway, also to ministers

Issue 5: Promotion of Awards to Clergy

- Contact retired minister who has done many awards – request help
- Contact ministerial association – invite through minister who knows God and Country concept
- Bishop's dinner? – promotion of God and Country by new Bishop via mail; issue at conference
- Who is the Scouting representative at conference?

Issue 6: Promotion of awards to boys

- God and Country awards at summer camp; promote on Wed
- Prepare award case
- RED team – with takeaway handout
- Review how we promote at Pow Wow, Camporee, etc.
- Use of Chaplain Aide at Summer Camp
- Use awardees to promote

Issue 7: Recognition of Adults

- Who has done work as chaplains at camp?
- Methodist awards

Issue 8: Promotion of boys to be Chaplain Aides

- Scout camp – each unit – require at leader's meeting
- Involve in Wed service
- Training of leaders

Issue 9: Recognition of Boys

- Meeting with head of network for Religious organizations
- Newsletter

Issue 10: Use of network for Religious Organization

- Presentation to director
- How can they help
- Newsletter item?

Randal L. Craig
Buffalo Trace Council
Evansville, IN

30 Day

- Work with Relationship Committee on Faith Walk
- Conduct district religious emblems training
- Meet with Shiloh UMC on God and Country for Sunday School

60 Day

- Work on adding different faiths to council Relationships Committee
- Build committee to promote religious emblems
- Make a religious emblems display board

3-6 month

- Hold training to District Key 3's on religious emblems
- Contact "sponsors" and discuss with them the religious emblems programs; convert to "chartered partners"
- Increase membership through use of religious emblems
- Increase units through use of religious emblems
- Create awareness of religious emblems at all Round Tables
- Discuss possibility of Duty to God at Day Camps

1 year

- Have an effective Relationships Committee

Bob Walker
Westchester-Putnam Council, BSA
Hawthorne, NY

- Get committee formed with Jewish coordinator
- Meet with the other members and district members
- Start presenting at District Roundtables
- Write article for council newsletters
- Add more medals to our display
- Talk with my pastor to get his input and cooperation
- Make display for council kickoff

Phil Gingras
San Gabriel District
Capitol Area Council
Austin, TX

- Find out where/who/what Relationships in council and district
- Make presentations at Round Tables
- Offer Chaplain Aide Training

Jayhawk Area Council, BSA
Topeka, KS

1. Strengthen ties to faith communities: Methodist, Disciples of Christ, Church of Christ, Baptist
2. Use of religious emblems to develop units in Spanish community
3. 10 Commandment Hike / Faith Walk
4. Duty to God Devotions @ Summer Camp
5. Promote adult recognitions
6. meet with professional staff re: membership/unit potential through the use of religious emblems
7. Presentation to council committees on the potential from using religious emblems.

Continue:

- Make religious emblems promotions @ units as requested, roundtables, university of Scouting, Training sessions.
- Promote unit level award that requires participation in religious emblems
- Chaplains Aide training
- Collaborate with CCOS for interfaith retreat
- Training religious emblems counselors
- Worship services @ council and district events
- Promote worship services @ unit level

Recruit more members for RED team (Council RED and District RED teams) eventually
Religious Relationships Committee

Expand Display Boards: one for council and one for each district

Recruit and form denominational committees for Scouting

Offer Scout Sunday/Sabbath service for those unable to attend own congregation

Sandy Strohmeier
Trails West
Wood River, IL

First, acquire statistics

Immediate Plan:

- Discuss the value of an active Relationships Committee
- Determine availability of emblems program in Scout shop
- University of Scouting and Pow Wow – emblems programs and Chaplain's Aide training

Intermediate Plan:

- Identify and recruit potential committee members
- Schedule into R/T's

General Goals:

- Relationships Committee of Executive Board (long range)
- Increase number of emblems earned by youth and adults (mid range)
- Increase knowledge of programs among units (short range)
- Convince Executive Staff of utility of emblems programs in new unit recruitment, especially among churches
- Establish a display of medals and awards and place in Scout shop.
- Promote presence of a chaplain at council and district activities
- Faith Walk – perhaps in Spring 2010

Granville Ott
Austin, TX

1. Brief minister – COR, Cub, religious emblems Christian Education, religious emblems retreat
2. Brief new COR
3. Brief Christian Ed teachers with COR
4. Start plan for religious emblems retreat
5. Visit seminary with minister
6. Start Cub Pack
7. Start Venture Crew

Candice & Gael Cooper
Action Plan for implementing religious emblems programs
Buffalo Trace Council
Relationships Committee

1. Pray about what we learned this past week at Philmont
2. Share information from sessions with newly formed relationships committee
 - a. Discuss need for adding faith groups not currently represented.
 - b. Recommend a council-wide activity to highlight religious emblems, i.e. a religious emblems recognition ceremony in which all recipients from previous year be recognized (to happen during Scout week Feb 2009)
3. Set up a liaison with Protestant denominations to offer religious emblems programs for Scouts who do not have church affiliation and encourage those churches to offer religious emblems programs to their own units by talking with the pastors, SS teachers, VBS staffs, and boards in those identified Chartered partners.
4. Encourage district chairs to open all meetings with prayer.
5. Develop a Roundtable presentation for Cubs, Scouts, and Venturing Crews.
6. Develop a religious emblem display to be shown on such occasions as merit badge universities, summer camps, day camps, camporees, OA meetings, council and district meetings, recognition ceremonies and other occasions.
7. Make chartering partners, especially religious institutions, aware of the opportunities associated with their ownership of the program.
8. Volunteer ourselves to lead classes in our own church and find the kid-friendly people to help teach.
9. Develop a chaplaincy program for the council.
10. Participate in the council Faith Walk (Sept 2008) and make it an annual event.

Linda Grady
Occoneechee Council
Raleigh, NC

August 2008

- Contact Roundup chairs. Explain effort in tying on the religious emblems program with roundup efforts.
- Have letter composed from SE to all sponsors and COR's. Outline the religious emblems program and its benefits to membership. Note importance of connection between BSA and their organization. Include Duty to God poster. Solicit help at September Roundups.

September

- Have displays at Roundup locations on religious emblems programs. Invite youth ministers/pastors
- Have district Commissioners/DE contact each sponsor/COR in district and invite to Fall Camporee. Have an area for promoting religious emblems.

October – Fall Camporee

2009 – Before spring Roundup sponsor a breakfast for sponsors/COR offer a challenge each start new units

February

- Council to sponsor Scout Sunday. Develop patch and flag streamer. Request time with each congregation to explain the religious emblems programs.
- Recognitions banquet

March/April – offer retreats at district camporees

May

- Develop literature for Council Program Preview
- Work on Chaplaincy program for summertime programs, i.e. Day camp, Summer camp, Resident camp (Cubs)

September

- Prepare for Fall roundup
- Redistribute religious emblems program out to units

October

- University of Scouting
- Solicit support from as many denominations as possible

November

- “Ride the Dozen” Event
- Contact churches/synagogues for support

December – continue to have DE work with committee in contacting units and give presentations

Ongoing:

- Increase membership activity in district/council sponsored events supporting the religious emblems programs
- Task the relationships committee to become more involved with this effort

Long term

- Work with human resources to develop training workshops
- Work in individual district, then have a council-sponsored event

5 years old

- Have a list of churches/contacts that would work with Relations Committee to “get out” the word on the religious emblems programs

Margaret Collins
Coronado Area
Salina, KS

- Where is our council at? Relationships committee?
- Check with DE: Do they want me to share at Roundtable? University of Scouting? Display booths
- Get numbers of how many in the area and in the council who have received their emblems? Per unit?
- Challenge: set goal for numbers we would like to receive
- Does the district offer COR training?
- What denominations are present in our Pack/Troop/Girl Scouts
- At August Pack Committee meeting, check COR training, make and bring up religious emblems program
- Check if we're all chartered
- Arrange meeting with COR and see if they know who to approach about the God and Country program being taught in the church; do they have Sunday school and teachers available
- Get with Catholic church, do they know the whole program? Do they have teachers?
- Start approaching each religious group we have kids from and introduce the emblems program; do they have teachers available?
- Get God and Church started in our church
- Can I approach parents at registration? Den meeting with family?
- Award/recognize @ Scout Sunday those who earned their religious emblems
- Troop is looking into Chaplain Aide

Blue Grass Council
Lexington, KY

- Continue development of Relationships Committee
 - Finish recruiting of initial constituency (all 7 districts, all major denominations, at least some of the smaller denominations)
 - Continue development of chaplaincy programs at summer camp, events, and chaplains and chaplain aides in units
 - Improve “multi-faith hike”
 - Do a promotion of Scout Sunday participation
 - Develop use of District web page and newsletter
 - Suggest religious award promotion as a primary committee function
 - Encourage/facilitate adult recognitions
- Possible retreat to initiate religious awards programs, with education/training for chaplains and chaplain aides, COR, Workshops on multi faith worship services, etc.
- Develop ways to reach/educate charter organizations – repeat a “pastor’s breakfast”?
- From District Training Committee
 - COR Training
 - Encourage chaplain aide trainings by denomination

Personal:

- Revise classes at University of Scouting – submit class descriptions ASAP
- Do religious awards promotion presentation
- Work with Baptist churches in SE Lexington as target area to encourage religious awards promotions and courses
- Improve display used at University of Scouting – increase use at events, trainings, Round table, Merit badge trainings, meetings, summer camp, etc.
- Do presentation on religious emblems at Round tables 9BS & CS)
- Inventory and order relationships bin materials
- Investigate religious award presentations; look at district level recognitions
- Recommend to relationships committee (and find ways) to education charter organizations
- Recommend religious awards promotion as a primary committee function, form a sub-committee with that purpose
- Encourage/facilitate adult recognitions
- Continue to inject Duty to God elements in training, e.g. how to prepare a worship service
- Encourage participation in future Relationships Week at Philmont
- Encourage UMC Bishop’s dinner

Jennifer Harnden
Troop 812
Las Vegas Council

August 5 – Troop Committee Meeting

- Overview of week at Philmont – Relationships Committee
 - Duty to God Patch
 - 10 Commandment Hike/Faith Hike
 - Religious Emblem Brochure
- Changes in Scouting
 - New uniform
 - Scout Parent coordinator position when rechartering
 - Fast track for scouting elimination
 - New registration form – get rid of old ones
- Stress importance of having TRAINED “kid-friendly” leadership
- Stress importance of recognition for Scouts and adults - ask about ordering patches

August 25 – Committee/Parent Retreat

- Get info out on www.scoutparent.org
- Share website www.praypub.org
- Share religious emblem brochure (get idea of denominations represented in the Troop, so I can begin research)

Future

- Presentations to Packs and Troops using Religious Emblems/Duty to God script and video – hand out first patch and assist with gathering materials & referring to resources
- Find out information on Council Religious Committee and Chaplains
- Talk to colleagues about religious emblems
- Check to see if NW region DE needs info or assistance
- See if emblem program can be implemented in CCD classes
- Meet with Fr. @ St. Anthony of Padua about possibility of starting pack, troop or venturer program

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1. Set up appointment with Bishop to talk about going to Deanery meeting
2. Attend 5 deanery meetings. Talk about emblems, BSA, and how BSA matches with church.
3. Be available with information for the priests and parish administrators.
4. Submit articles to Courier about the medals program (BSA too)
5. Resource for other religious emblems so that when asked about a tradition's medals, I can point them in the right direction.

Carl Baumann
Glacier's Edge
Madison, WI

1. Have informed chat with my DE and Scout Exec about this course and what I learned.
2. Contact our council religious coordinator and share the materials from the course. Discuss with him what churches and units that are currently active in the program.
3. Take advantage of the District Round tables that will take place soon after I return home from Philmont just to share this experience and make leaders aware of what is available and possibilities.
4. Since an active committee does not exist in our council, start working with the council professionals and interested/concerned volunteers to form working plans and persons to promote the Duty to God programs.
5. Work on collecting the necessary info/data on which units in the council are church related or that are already involved with this program.
6. Continue to work towards making this a permanent, active main council level committee with district level sub groups to maintain interest and involvement in the individual units.
7. meet with the organizers of our Council Pow Wow to make certain this program becomes a permanent course option in the annual Pow Wow. Do the same with the various councils that host the annual 5 Star University of Scouting. Also Day Camps, Camporees, summer camp, etc.
8. In the meantime, begin organizing meetings with the various clergy involved to introduce them to this program if they are not familiar with it. Continue with plans to make this effort an ongoing permanent item.
9. At the end of six months and again at the end of a year, evaluate the results of this effort, tabulate the data for future reference. Make changes and additions to improve the program or resolve problems.
10. Girl Scouts?

Robert Hightower
East Texas Area
Tyler, TX

Next week

- Check on progress of adult awards
- Talk to my pastor about starting new pack
- Do family-scout survey of our church members

1-3 months

- Secure leaders from church membership
- Organize cub pack leadership (only)
- Train leaders – set date for Round up, hold Round up at schools
- Contact Association president to put up booth at Association meeting to promote scouting
- Get in touch with other Association leaders about booths
- Set up religious emblems presentation at other 5 Round tables.

6-10 months

- Check on how camp chaplains are picked, discuss God and Country and Duty to God programs at camp

Long term

- Try and get Relationships Committee founded
- Set up second display, splitting council into 2 parts
- Improve current God and Country display
- Scout training at Baptist seminary. Inform new pastors about Scouting and religious emblems program.

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1. Discuss creation of RELIGIOUS Relationship Committee with Scout Executive
2. Training – University of Scouting
 - Need emphasis on Boy Scout session
 - Commissions – attendance (use application)
3. Last year I did a review of churches with and without schools and whether there was any pack, troop, crew chartered