

Faith-Based Programs and the Girl Scouts of the U.S.A.

TO SERVE GOD

- All Girl Scouts promise “to serve God.”
- Girl Scouting encourages girls to grow in faith.
- Faith-based awards include:
 - My Promise, My Faith Pin
 - Individual Religious Recognitions

MY PROMISE, MY FAITH (MPMF) PIN

- The MPMF pin was created by the Girl Scouts of the U.S.A.
- The MPMF pin helps girls connect Girl Scouting with their faith.
- Girls will examine a line of the Girl Scout Law and consider how it ties to her faith.
- The requirements are found in each level of the Girl’s Guide to Girl Scouting.
- The MPMF pin complements the Religious Recognitions.
 - Requirement #5 is “Keep the Connection Strong.”
 - Girls are instructed to “Find out if your faith community offers a recognition program for Girl Scouts.”
 - The MPMF pin helps girls make the connection between their faith and the Girl Scout Law and then points them to the Religious Recognition of their own faith.
 - The Religious Recognitions will then help girls to grow in their specific faith.

RELIGIOUS RECOGNITIONS

- Are pictured on the “To Serve God Brochure” which also provides the contact information for each program (the brochure is available at the P.R.A.Y. website at www.praypub.org/gsususa).
- Are created by national religious organizations.
- Are designed to help girls grow in faith.
- Are taught by parents and religious leaders.
- Are worn on the official Girl Scout uniform.

HOW TO GET STARTED ON RELIGIOUS RECOGNITIONS

- Step 1: Girls must obtain the specific booklet for their religion.
- Step 2: Parents must review the program guidelines.
- Step 3: Families should talk to their religious leaders and show them the booklet before beginning any program.
- Step 4: Girls need to complete the requirements, obtain the proper signatures, and follow the instructions to order the recognition.



RELIGIOUS RECOGNITIONS

- Religious Recognitions may be presented to the girls by clergy in a worship service in the recipient's congregation.
- Recipients should also be recognized in a Girl Scout setting, such as an awards ceremony.
- Religious Recognitions may be worn on the front of the uniform.

TROOP LEADERS

- Leaders should encourage girls to fulfill their promise "to serve God" by promoting faith-based programs.
- As part of the MPMF requirements, leaders should help girls find out if their faith community offers a Religious Recognition.
- Resources to make presentations on Religious Recognitions can be found at **www.praypub.org/gsusa**

FOR MORE INFORMATION

- Contact your local Girl Scout council
- Visit the GSUSA web site: www.girlscouts.org
- Visit the P.R.A.Y. web site: www.praypub.org/gsusa
- Call P.R.A.Y. at 1-800-933-7729

THANK YOU FOR PROMOTING FAITH-BASED PROGRAMS FOR GIRL SCOUTS!

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

www.praypub.org/gsusa

1-800-933-7729