

# Scouting Anniversary Month helpful hints:

It is important to recognize your chartered partner during Scouting's Anniversary month. Regardless of when it is celebrated, those institutions that are faith based should be engaged in a congregational celebration where the Pack, Troop, and or Crew plays an active role in the service.

Below are some helpful hints in preparation.

- Set a date in advance, try to do this as part of your annual planning calendar. It is difficult for many clergy to address this opportunity at the year's end with so much happening between holidays and end of the year celebrations.
- Prepare for your unit's role in the presentation
- Announce your event in advance, or as a thank you to the congregation for the support and history together

## **For congregation's newsletter or bulletin**

*The Scouting program at (name of congregation) is more than just an activity for our youth to learn about the outdoors. Scouting provides fun, fellowship, and training to our youth as well as youth in our community. It emphasizes honesty, self-reliance, and respect. Through a year-round program, it affects character, citizenship, and personal fitness. But the success of our Scouting depends on our volunteers, who serve in a variety of leadership roles so that our young people may benefit from our Scouting ministry. As the Boy Scouts of America celebrates its anniversary, we salute the splendid volunteers who serve as Cubmasters, Scoutmasters, and Venturing Advisors, and in other positions of leadership. Our Scout unit(s) would like to invite you and your family to be a part of their program. (Unit contact person/information)*

- Lead a portion of the service, including a report or readings, utilizing youth members wherever possible
- Serve as a greeter
- Present the religious emblems to youth and awards to adults

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- Commit to some act of service to the congregation in advance of the celebration

2021 will be different and Scout Sunday may not occur in February. It is still acceptable to celebrate when appropriate and convenient. Properly planned, and in accordance with local health practices, there is still much that can be done virtually.

- Pre-recorded message from unit(s) to congregation (report to the charter)
- Consider a special service for small groups like a Pack, Troop, or Crew
- Virtual choirs
- Record the presentation of religious emblems
- Prepare a pictorial presentation (PowerPoint) of Scouts in action or having fun and share it to the congregation electronically during worship and or gathering
- Have the Scouts and their leaders pre-record a video and stream it to the congregation
- Designate someone to respond to or make announcement during livestream (Facebook or YouTube)
- Incorporate into the virtual bulletin
- Invite youth to join
- Create opportunity for service to the congregation on Saturday or Sunday