TO SERVE GOD...

RECOMMENDED DATES FOR THE SEASONS OF THE YEAR

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- **January 6:** Epiphany Day
- **March 12:** Lent begins
- **April 17:** Easter Day
- **May 21:** Memorial Day
- **June 27:** Independence Day
- **August 15:** Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- **September 8:** Labor Day
- **October 1:** All Saints' Day
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The following national organizations have created religious recognitions to encourage girls to grow stronger in their faith. The Girl Scouts of the United States of America has approved of these programs and allows the recognition insignia to be worn on the official uniform, but each religious organization develops and administers its own program. Check with your council store or contact the religious organization directly to obtain the curriculum booklets.

**Christian Science**
PR.A.Y., 11123 S. Towne Square, Ste. B
St. Louis, MO 63123
(314) 728-1313 / e-mail: cs@cs.org
www.cs.org

**Churches of Christ**
Members of Churches of Christ for Scouting
PR. Box 1984, Oklahoma City, OK 73106
(800) 933-7729 / e-mail: info@praypub.org
www.praypub.org

**Church of the Nazarene**
PR.A.Y., 11123 S. Towne Square, Ste. B
St. Louis, MO 63123
(1-800-933-7729)

**Community of Christ**
Worldwide Community Program Series
1001 W. Walnut, Independence, MO 64050-3562
(800) 825-2806 / e-mail: info@cocfchrist.org
www.cocfchrist.org/world-wide-community

**Eastern Orthodox**
PR.A.Y., 11123 S. Towne Square, Ste. B
St. Louis, MO 63123
(1-800-933-7729)

**Episcopal**
PR.A.Y., 11123 S. Towne Square, Ste. B
St. Louis, MO 63123
(1-800-933-7729)

**Hindu**
North American Hindu Association
9803 Goldfinch Ct., Saline, MI 48176-9191
(734) 470-6242 / e-mail: info@nahaa.us
www.nahaa.us

**Islamic**
Islamic Committee on Girl Scouting
31 Marian St, Stamford, CT 06907
(203) 359-3593 / www.nicgs.com

**Jewish**
National Jewish Committee on Girl Scouting
5 Midtown Terrace, New City, NY 10956
(843) 638-4518 / e-mail: njcgs.com@gmail.com
www.njcgs.org

**Lutheran**
PR.A.Y., 11123 S. Towne Square, Ste. B
St. Louis, MO 63123
(1-800-933-7729)

**Mormon**
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
Young Women's and Primary Organizations
76 N Main St, Salt Lake City, UT 84150
(800) 325-2013

**Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)**
PR.A.Y., 11123 S. Towne Square, Ste. B
St. Louis, MO 63123
(1-800-933-7729)

**Protestant and Independent Christian Churches**
PR.A.Y., 11123 S. Towne Square, Ste. B
St. Louis, MO 63123
(1-800-933-7729)

**Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)**
Friends World Committee for Consultation
1500 15th St. NW, Washington, DC 20005
(202) 588-2800 / e-mail: info@fwcc.org
www.fwcc.org/scouting

**United Church of Christ**
PR.A.Y., 11123 S. Towne Square, Ste. B
St. Louis, MO 63123
(1-800-933-7729)

**United Methodist Church**
PR.A.Y., 11123 S. Towne Square, Ste. B
St. Louis, MO 63123
(1-800-933-7729)

**Unity Worldwide Ministries**
PO Box 610, Lee's Summit, MO 64063
(816) 524-7414 / e-mail: unity@unity.org
www.unity.org/unityworldwide

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**How do we get started on these programs?**

1. **Girls must obtain the specific booklet for their religion.**
   - Check with your council store or contact the religious organization directly (see list above).
   - Each girl needs her own booklet to document progress.
   - Some religions offer adult manuals for counselors and mentors.

2. **Parents should review the program guidelines.**
   - Some programs require that girls 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 counselor, other programs allow parents or other family members to serve as counselor.

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 a religious leader’s signature.

4. **Girls must complete the requirements, obtain the proper signatures, and follow the instructions to order the recognition or pin.**
   - These recognitions or pins are not available in your Girl Scout store (follow the instructions in your booklet).
   - The award should be presented in a meaningful ceremony, preferably in the girl’s religious institution.
   - The award can be presented at anytime of the year. (Don’t forget: Girl Scout Sunday/Sabbath is in March.)

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**Need help in making a presentation on religious awards? Find resources at www.praypub.org/gsusa.**

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_Preamble, Constitution of Girl Scouts of the United States of America_