Walker Hall, the 1845 Enterprise, and the Board of Directors have developed a series of question and answers about various programs and activities. These questions cover topics such as eligibility, requirements, and how to participate in various programs. The answers are designed to provide clear and concise information to help participants make informed decisions about their involvement in religious activities and programs.

Questions

What are the religious emblems programs? The religious emblems programs are created by various faith communities to recognize the faith and service of their members. These programs are designed to be inclusive and allow members of different faith traditions to participate. The programs are administered by the Boy Scouts of America, and they are designed to be inclusive and allow members of different faith traditions to participate.

How long does it take to complete a program? Each religious program has its own emblem. The time required to complete a program varies depending on the specific requirements of the program. Some programs may require several weeks or months of preparation and service, while others may be completed more quickly.

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How does one order the emblem? Emblems are available through local council offices or online. Participants should check the requirements and procedures for ordering emblems and ensuring that they are presented in a meaningful ceremony.

What is the religious emblems Coordinator (REC) position? The Religious Emblems Coordinator (REC) position is held at the council level. These coordinators are responsible for overseeing the religious emblems programs and ensuring that they are presented in a meaningful ceremony. REC positions exist at the council, district, and national level.

Frequently Asked Questions

What is R.E.C.? Religious Emblems Coordinator (REC) positions exist at the council, district, and national level. The REC’s are responsible for educating, motivating, evaluating, and expanding the usage of the religious emblem programs.

Purpose of R.E.C.:
• Encourage all youth to earn the emblem of their faith
• Promote religious emblems usage like B.S.A. promotes other youth advancement
• Establish goals and track the number of religious emblems to be completed every year

Get More Information about the Religious Emblems Coordinator position at www.praypub.org/rec. This is an official B.S.A. Position with a registration code and position patch.

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Duty to God

Religious Emblems Created by Faith Communities for Their Members, Recognized by the B.S.A.

Faith Group names are listed alphabetically. Many of our Protestant faith groups offer youth emblems through P.R.A.Y. These are listed at the bottom of page 1. Any emblems offered in addition to the P.R.A.Y. emblems for a specific Protestant faith group will be listed in the alphabetical section.

Which religious emblem square knot should I wear?

Catholic, purple on silver No. 5014, may be worn by youth or adult members who received the knot as a youth, above left pocket. Cloth, purple on silver, No. 5014, may be worn by adult members presented with the recognition, above left pocket. Adults may wear both knots if they satisfy dignity and style.

Only one youth and one adult knot is worn, but any combination of devices representing the program in which a religious emblem was received may be worn on the same lapel. (See Cub Scout device, No. 5026, Webelos Scout device, No. 5022, Boy Scout device, No. 2077, and Venture device, No. 653.)

Religious Emblem medals are pinned to the top of the left uniform pocket (directly below any square knot) for formal occasions.
Religious Emblems
Click on the Faith Name to Visit Their Website for Earning the Emblems & Ordering Items

Friends Religious Society of Quakers

General Church of the New Jerusalem

Hindu

Jain

Jesuits

Karma Yogi

Buddhists

Religious Emblems Programs
Available to Members of the Boy Scouts of America

God and Country Distinguished Scouter's Award

A Scout is reverent. They are reverent toward God.

They are faithful in their religious duties and respects the convictions of others in matters of custom and religion.

To encourage members to grow stronger in their faith, religious groups have developed the following religious emblems programs. The Boy Scouts of America has approved these programs and allows the emblems to be worn on the official uniform. The various religious groups administer the programs. Check with your local council service center or contact the religious committee to obtain the curricular information.

For additional information about religious emblems and materials, please contact your religious organization or check on the faith name on page 1/2.

Some faiths have materials available from your local council service center or from the BSA National Distribution Center toll-free at 800-323-0732. See the contact information listed below.

The Venturing TRUST Award is part of the Venturing awards program. This youth award is not part of the BSA religious emblems programs. For additional information, refer to the TRUST Award Handbook, available from your local council service centers or the BSA National Distribution Center.

How Do We Get Started on These Programs?

1. Youth members or their parents obtain the specific information for their religious programs.
2. Parents review the program guidelines.
3. Families talk with their religious leaders or emblem counselors and show them the requirements before beginning the program.
4. The youth member completes the requirements and the family obtains the proper signatures and orders the emblem.

Interested in making a presentation on the religious emblems?

Promotional resources (including a DVD and scripts) are available from the BSA (www.scout.org/rewards/religiousawards) and P R.A.Y. (www.praypub.org).

Faiths Ordered through P R.A.Y. Website

Available contact information includes the following:

- For Bahá’í, the Bahá’í World Center, 49200 Dubai, United Arab Emirates, www.bahai.org
- For Baha’i, Bahá’í Information Office, 1233 Central St., Evanston, IL 60211
- For Buddhist, National Buddhist Committee on Scouting, 1110 Osceola St., Santa Clara, CA 95050; email: bhsca@bhsca.org; website: www.bhsca.org
- For Catholic, National Catholic Committee on Scouting, 20000 Counselors Dr., Neosho, MO 64850; email: info@ncchsc.org; website: www.ncchsc.org
- For Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 100 West Temple St., Salt Lake City, UT 84111; email: scouting@slchsc.org; website: www.slchsc.org
- For Eastern Orthodox, the Orthodox Center at少林寺, 12000 St. Joseph St., Skokie, IL 60077; email: info@orthodox.org; website: www.orthodox.org
- For Hindu, North American Hindu Association, 847 East Angela St., Pleasanton, CA 94566; email: in info@nahd.org; website: www.naha.us
- For Islamic, Islamic Center of Southern California, 6221 Saticoy St., Canoga Park, CA 91303; email: info@icsc.org; website: www.icsc.org
- For Jewish, Congregation Beth Shalom, 1850 Northcoast Hwy., Vista, CA 92084; email: info@bethshalom.org; website: www.bethshalom.org
- For Lutheran, the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, 7777 West College Dr., St. Louis, MO 63141; email: info@lcms.org; website: www.lcms.org
- For Multi-faith, P.O. Box 622, Lake Geneva, WI 53147-0622; email: info@multifaith.org; website: www.multifaith.org
- For Native American, the National Congress of American Indians, 101 Constitution Ave. NW, 20006; email: info@ncai.org; website: www.ncai.org
- For Sikh, Western Region Council of Sikh Organizations, 2625 Westview Dr., Rancho Cordova, CA 95670; email: info@wsrco.org; website: www.wsro.org
- For United Church of Christ, 2750 First Ave., Grand Rapids, MI 49503; email: info@ucc.org; website: www.ucc.org
- For Universalist, North American Universalist Conference of Churches, 797 East Angela St., Pleasanton, CA 94566; email: info@nauc.org; website: www.nauc.org
- For Unitarian Universalists, via the Universalist Unitarian Church, 1100 Ridge Rd., Skokie, IL 60076; email: info@uu.org; website: www.uu.org
- For Venturing Trust, via the National Venturing Committee, 30-32-34th St., Yardley, PA 19067; email: info@venturing.org; website: www.venturing.org
- For West Coast Council of Buddhist Organizations, 1422 S. Figueroa St., Los Angeles, CA 90015; email: info@wccbo.org; website: www.wccbo.org
- For Zoroastrian, the Zoroastrian Association of Greater New York, c/o Ms. Temilyn Mehta, 375 3rd Ave., 10017; email: zoroastrian.org; website: www.zoroastrian.org

Planning a Scouting Event?

Did you know the BSA has a calendar that lists all the major faith observations for our 4 religious partners? Avoid scheduling on major observances by viewing the calendars at https://www.scouting.org/resources/relationships/religious-observances.