Faith-Based Initiative: It Takes a Council

1. Scout Executive
   - Understand how the Scouting program emphasizes “Duty to God” and know the benefits to working with the religious community
   - Incorporate building relationships with the religious community into the annual plan
   - Review the Council Strategic Plan
   - Identify which goals in the strategic plan are most appropriate to develop objectives dealing with religious relationships
   - Assign responsibilities for these objectives to the appropriate groups

2. Membership/Marketing
   - Select religious institutions with which to work
   - Approach ministerial alliances, ecumenical groups, denominational clergy associations
   - Include religious emblems programs in the presentation to the religious institution
   - Recruit Religious Emblems Coordinators (R.E.C.) at the Council, District and Unit levels to promote religious emblems
   - Distribute “Duty to God” brochures to unit leaders
   - Promote religious emblems programs to faith community
   - Identify resources in the faith community to conduct religious emblems classes
   - Encourage faith community to recognize adult Scouters for their joint service to the Scouting program and the religious institution

3. Program Department
   - Promote interfaith events to recruit and retain youth members (Boy Scout Sunday/Sabbath, Ten Commandment hike, weekend retreats)
   - Submit articles in newsletter listing names of recipients
   - Provide letters or certificates congratulating religious emblems recipients
   - Sponsor council-wide recognition ceremony for religious emblems recipients
   - Include information on religious emblems in leaders program handbook
   - Outdoor program: religious retreats at camp
   - Eagle Projects: religious emblems promotions/workshop as Eagle projects

4. Adult Training
   - Include workshop on religious emblems programs in council-wide adult training event
   - Include information on adult recognitions
   - Include information on the Religious Emblems Coordinator positions
   - Display the “Duty to God” poster
   - Make the “Duty to God” brochure available to volunteers

5. Newsletter / Public Relations
   - Include articles on religious emblem recipients in news media
   - Publicize Interfaith events (Ten Commandment hikes, interfaith tours, Boy Scout Sunday/Sabbath Celebrations)
   - Promote Scouting (Duty to God) and the religious community
   - Establish links to P.R.A.Y. web page
   - Announce workshops

6. Volunteers
   - Serve as Religious Emblems Coordinators to promote religious emblems
   - Make presentations about religious emblems at district meetings, round tables, pow wows, pack meetings, etc.
   - Set up displays at council workshops, training events, etc.
   - Coordinate interfaith events

7. Scout Shop / Resource Center
   - Stock religious booklets
   - Display the “Duty to God” poster
   - Make the “Duty to God” brochure available upon request
   - Laminate and mount the “Duty to God” poster and make it available to leaders on loan
   - Display sample booklets
   - Post the P.R.A.Y. web site for information on religious emblems
   - Identify the assets that the various resources help build in youth members

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