

SCOUTS-L

**RELIGIOUS
EMBLEMS**

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A short while back Kevin posed a question about wearing religious emblems and the manner in which they are presented. I want to reinforce the helpful comments of the many folks who answered.

The religious emblems that may be worn on a Scout uniform in BSA are not Scouting awards and not subject to review or approval by a unit leader.

These awards are normally developed by National Scouting Committees or organizations in consultation with their respective religious organizations. For example, the National Jewish Committee on Scouting recently helped develop the Etz Chaim for older Boy Scouts and Explorers. Similarly the National Catholic Committee on Scouting was responsible for the fairly recent addition of the Light of Christ emblem. BSA's office reviewed these programs and approved them as consistent with BSA aims. BSA then promotes these religious emblem programs in its literature, in training; e.g. Philmont, and in the dissemination of information. This, however, should not be confused with administering these programs.

Religious emblem programs are administered by religious organizations separately from BSA's advancement program. For this reason is highly appropriate for the religious advisor; e.g. Rabi, Pastor, Priest, etc., to present the emblem in a religious setting with the Scout's religious community present and invited Scouts from his unit.

If the Pack would like to recognize the Scout's accomplishment it can do so by presenting the universal religious emblems square knot, but it should do so in a ceremony that is neutral in flavor in order to encourage Scouts of all faiths to want to earn their respective religious emblems.

You may wish to use a ceremony similar to the following (from Bowman and Bryant, A Scout's Duty to God and Country, 4th ed. Copyright 1996)

Ladies, Gentlemen, Scout Leaders and Scouts, we have just concluded our Pack's awards ceremony where we have honored those Scouts who have demonstrated achievement by earning Scouting awards. Tonight, we also want to recognize a Scout who has demonstrated his commitment to the Cub Scout Promise and have a very special presentation to make.

Dim lights and light a candle in front of a large replica of the religious emblem square knot (can be made with purple felt and rope painted silver).

Cub Scout _____ please escort your parents to the front of the room and then turn to face the pack.

We are very proud of _____. For the past ____ months he has worked with both his family and his religious advisor to learn more about his religious faith and his duty to God. After much hard work and personal growth, he has received the right to wear the religious emblem of his faith on his Scout uniform and was presented with a medal by his religious advisor ____ weeks ago. _____, like all Scouts who have received a religious award, he may now wear Scouting's universal religious award square knot on his Scout uniform and may continue to wear it as a Boy Scout, Explorer or Adult later in his life.

We now take great pleasure in presenting the religious emblem square knot to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. _____ in recognition of the role they have and will continue to play in his religious growth. Mr. and Mrs. _____, will you present your son with the religious emblem square knot?

_____, we know you will wear this square knot centered over your left pocket with pride. Congratulations on your accomplishment. You have lived the Cub Scout promise well. Please escort your parents back to their seats.

Almost every religious body in the United States has a religious emblems program open to Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, 4-H and Campfire Incorporated. We encourage all Scouts to consider participating in this program. If any other Scouts in this Pack are interested in working toward the religious award of their own faith, please see _____ (Awards Chairman) at the end of this meeting.

He/she

has information on the emblems and will make it available to you.

SCOUTERS PLEASE NOTE:

You will notice that this ceremony did not mention what the Cub Scout's religion was or the name of the church, temple, synagogue, mosque or other religious organization where the medal was presented and only referred to the universal religious emblem square knot. There are three very good reasons for using a non-denominational ceremony:

- 1) This method avoids creating a situation where another Scout may believe he has to belong to a particular religion (and may even think he should join another faith) just to participate in Scouting;**
- 2) This method encourages other Scouts to consider earning the religious emblem of their own faith, so they can get the same award (the knot) as Jimmy; and**
- 3) This method allows a Scout leader to give the same level of praise to each Scout earning an emblem using the same ceremonial props. The leader doesn't have to know a lot about each religion, doesn't have to create new props, and doesn't have to worry that any Scout might think a certain religion is favored.**

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There has been some recent discussion on religious medals and someone posted the medals for the Boy Scouts. At the request of a Boy Scout friend, I am posting the information on Religious Medals for girls and adults in Girl Scouting. If anyone has any additional or updated information (religions/medals that were omitted, zip codes changes, phone numbers, etc.), please e-mail me so I may update the Council information.

Religious Organization: Baha'i

Brownie: Unity of Mankind

Junior: Unity of Mankind

Cadette: Unity of Mankind

Senior: Unity of Mankind

Adults: n/a

Where to get info: Baha'i Committee on Scouting

Baha'i National Center

Wilmette, IL 60091

(312) 869-9039

Religious Organization: Buddhist

Brownie: Ages 6-8 - Padma Award

Junior: Ages 9-10 - Padma Award

Cadette: Ages 12-14 - Padma Award

Senior: Ages 15-17 - Padma Award

Adults: n/a

Where to get info: Buddhist Church of America

National Headquarters

1710 Octavia Street

San Francisco, CA 94109

Religious Organization: Christian Science

Brownie: n/a

Junior: Ages 9-10 - Christian Science God & Country

Cadette: Ages 11-12 - Christian Science God & Country

Senior: n/a

Adults: n/a
Where to get info: P.R.A.Y.
PO Box 6900
St. Louis, MO 63123
(800) 933-PRAY (7729)

Religious Organization: Eastern Orthodox
Brownie: n/a
Junior: Ages 9-10 - Chi-Rio
Cadette: Ages 11-14 - Alpha Omega
Senior: Ages 15-17 - Alpha Omega
Adults: Prophet Elias
Where to get info: P.R.A.Y.
PO Box 6900
St. Louis, MO 63123
(800) 933-PRAY (7729)

Religious Organization: Episcopal
Brownie: Ages 6-8, Grades 1-3 - God and Me
Junior: Ages 9-10, Grades 4-5 God & Family
Cadette: Ages 11 - 14, Grades 6-9 - God & Church
Senior: Ages 15 - 17, Grades 10-12 - God & Life
Adults: St. George Award*
Where to get info: P.R.A.Y.
PO Box 6900
St. Louis, MO 63123
(800) 933-PRAY (7729)

*Adult mentor programs for each Girl Scout level are available.

Religious Organization: Hindu
Brownie: Ages 6-8, Grades 1-3 - Dharma Award
Junior: Ages 9-10, Grades 3-6 - Dharma Award
Cadette: n/a
Senior: n/a
Adults: n/a
Where to get info: North American Hindu Association
46133 Amesbury Drive
Plymouth, MI 48170
(313) 459-5049 or 981-2323

Religious Organization: Islamic
Brownie: Ages 5-9 - Lehavah Award
Junior: Ages 9-11 - In the Name of Allah Award

Cadette: Ages 12-15 - Quratula'in Award
Senior: Ages 15-17 - Muslimeen Award
Adults: n/a
Where to get info: Islamic Committee on Girl Scouting
31 Marian Street
Stamford, CT 06907
(203) 359-3593

Religious Organization: Jewish
Brownie: Ages 6-9 - Lehavah Award
Junior: Age 9-11 - Bat Or award
Cadette: Ages 11-14 - Menorah Award
Senior: Ages 15-17 - Menorah Award
Adults: Ora Award
Where to get info: National Jewish Girl Scout Committee of the
Synagogue Council of America
327 Lexington Avenue
New York, NY 10016
(212) 686-8670

Religious Organization: Lutheran
Brownie: Ages 6-8, Grades 1-3 - God and Me
Junior: Ages 9-10, Grades 4-5 - God & Family
Cadette: Ages 11-13, Grades 6-8 - Good and Church
Senior: Ages 14-17, Grades 9-12 - Lutheran Living Faith
Adults: Lamb Award & Servant of Youth ____*
Where to get info: P.R.A.Y.
PO Box 6900
St. Louis, MO 63123
(800) 933-PRAY (7729)

*Adult mentor programs for Brownies, Juniors & Cadettes are available.

Religious Organization: (Mormon) Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day
Saints
Brownie: n/a
Junior: Ages 10-11 - Gospel in Action Award
Cadette: Ages 12-13 - Young Woman of Trugh
Senior: Ages 14-15 - Yount Woman of Promise
Ages 16-17 - Young Woman of Faith Young
Womanhood Recognition
Adults: n/a
Where to get info: Salt Lake District Center

**Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
1999 W. 1700 South
Salt Lake City, UT 84104
(801) 240-2141**

Religious Organization: Protestant & Independent Christian Churches

**Brownie: Ages 6-8, Grades 1-3 - God and Me
Junior: Ages 9-10, Grades 4-5 - God & Family
Cadette: Ages 11-13, Grades 6-8 - God & Church
Senior: Ages 14-17, Grades 9-12 - God & Life
Adults: God & Service Recognition***

**Where to get info: P.R.A.Y.
PO Box 6900
St. Louis, MO 63123
(800) 933-PRAY (7729)**

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Religious Organization: (Quakers) Society of Friends

**Brownie: Ages 6-8, Grades 2-3 - That of God
Junior: Ages 8-11, Grades 4-5 - That of God
Cadette: Ages 11-14, Grades 6-9 - Spirit of Truth
Senior: Ages 14-17, Grades 10-12 - Spirit of Truth
Adults: Friends Emblem**

**Where to get info: Friends Committee on Scouting'
C/O Dennis Clarke Rd.
85 Willowbrook
Cromwell, CT 06416
(203) 635-1706**

**Religious Organization: Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day
Saints**

**Brownie: Age 8 - Light of the World
Junior: Ages 9-10 - Light of the World; Age 11 - Liahona
Cadette: Ages 12-14 - Liahona
Senior: Ages 15-17 - Exploring My Life & World
Adults: World Com-**

**Where to get info: Youth Ministries Office
The Auditorium
PO Box 1059
Independence, MO 64051
(818) 833-1000**

Religious Organization: Roman Catholic Church
Brownie: Ages 6-8 - Family of God
Junior: Ages 9-11 - I Live My Faith
Cadette: Ages 12-14 - Marian Medal
Senior: Ages 15 - Marian Medal; Ages 16-17 - Spirit
Alive
Adults: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Medal & St. Anne Medal
Where to get info: National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry
3700-A Oakview Terrace, N.E.
Washington, DC 20017
Attn: Orders Clerk
(202) 636-3825

Religious Organization: Unitarian Universalist
Brownie: n/a
Junior: Ages 9-11 - Religion in Life
Cadette: Ages 12-14 - Religion in Life
Senior: Ages 15-17 - Religion in Life
Adults: n/a
Where to get info: Unitarian Universalist
25 Beacon Street
Boston, MA 02108
(617) 742-2100

Religious Organization: Unity Church
Brownie: Ages 6-8 - God in Me
Junior: Ages 9-11 - God in Me
Cadette: Ages 11-13 - Light of God
Senior: n/a
Adults: Distinguished Youth Service Award Miniature Pin
Where to get info: Association of Unity Churches
PO Box 610
Lee's Summit, MO 64063
(816) 524-7414

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Dick Sullivan,

You asked where to go to get the emblems for Scouts working on a program outside of the U.S. The best answer I can give you is to write to the National Catholic Committee on Scouting for assistance (the address is below).

This started me thinking that your Scouts may also be interested in the brand new set of International Religious Awards offered by the Roman Catholic Church. The details follow:

INTERNATIONAL AWARDS

The International Catholic Conference of Scouting offers a pin and patch activity recognition for Cub Scouts and a medallion and patch activity recognition for Boy Scouts, Explorers, and Scouters. These pins and medallions are offered to any Cub, Scout, Explorer, or Scout in recognition for increased awareness of Scouting in the Catholic Church throughout the world.

Applications may be obtained from the National Catholic Committee on Scouting, P.O. Box 153079, Irving, Texas 75015-7079.

Cub Scout Requirements:

- 1. Look up the definition of the word catholic in the dictionary and write the definition out.**

2. Do any two of the following:

- a. List ten countries that have Scouting programs for Catholics.**
- b. Pass the religious achievement or requirement proper to your rank in Cubbing.**
- c. Know the name of the Cub Scout religious emblem for Catholics, tell what language it is in, and its meaning.**
- d. With your parent or guardian, visit a Catholic church of a different national background or a different rite from your own.**
- e. Draw a picture or take a photo of the Jerusalem Cross.**

Boy Scout/Explorer Requirements:

1. Look up the definition of the word catholic in the dictionary, tell how it applies to the Catholic Church.

2. Plus, do any two of the following:

a. Talk to someone who has experienced Catholicism in a foreign country about living as a Catholic in that country.

b. Do one of the following pertaining to a Catholic church of a different national background or a different rite from your own:

1] Visit and attend a Liturgy or a Mass, if possible in a foreign language, and compare it to your own parish.

2] Write or meet with a Scout of that church to find out in what way that church differs from your own and is like your own.

3] View a video or movie about that church.

c. Earn the Citizenship in the World Merit Badge.

d. Write to a Catholic Scout in a foreign country.

e. View a video or movie on Scouting in a foreign country (for example, World Youth Day, World Jamboree).

f. Learn a Scouting phrase and the Sign of the Cross in a foreign language.

g. Help a Cub Scout earn his International Pin Activity Recognition.

Scouter Requirements:

1. Help at least one Cub or Scout earn the International Pin or the International Medallion Activity Recognition

2. Plus, do any two of the following:

a. Attend a Divine Liturgy or a Mass celebrated in a Catholic church of a different national background or of a different rite from your own. Share this experience with Cubs or Scouts.

b. Share information about Scouting for Catholics in another country with Cubs or Scouts.

c. Participate in an international Scout activity. Share the religious dimension of what you experienced with Cubs and Scouts.

d. Explain the difference and similarities between two kinds of religious art (for example, icons, statues, paintings) to Cubs or Scouts.

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1325 West Walnut Hill Lane
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