

Religious Recognitions for Girls and Adults in Girl Scouting

We, the members of Girl Scouts of the United States of America, (are) united by a belief in God.... We believe that the motivating force in Girl Scouting is a spiritual one.

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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 U.S.A. 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.

African Methodist Episcopal (A.M.E.)

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Baha'i

Baha'i National Center, Education and Schools Office,
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(847) 869-9039 / e-mail schools@usbnc.org

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Buddhist

Buddhist National Committee on Scouting
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Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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Churches of Christ

Members of Churches of Christ for Scouting
ACU Box 27938, Abilene, TX 79699-7938
(325) 674-3739 / www.acu.edu/mccs-scouting

Community of Christ

Forefront Ministries
1001 W. Walnut, Independence, MO 64050-3562
(816) 833-1000 Ext 1378
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www.forefrontministries.org

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Hindu

North American Hindu Association
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Islamic

Islamic Committee on Girl Scouting
31 Marian St, Stamford, CT 06907
(203) 359-3593

Jewish

National Jewish Girl Scout Committee
33 Central Dr, Bronxville, NY 10708-4603
(914) 738-3986 or (718) 252-6072
e-mail njgsc@aol.com / www.njgsc.org

Lutheran

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(Mormon) Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

Young Women's and Primary Organizations
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
76 N Main St, Salt Lake City, UT 84150
Ages 8-11 call (801) 240-2391;
Ages 12-18 call (801) 240-2141

Polish National Catholic Church

National Committee on Scouting
Polish National Catholic Church
115 Heather Hill Dr, Buffalo, NY 14224
(716) 674-2394

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

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Presbyterian Church in America (PCA)

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Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)

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scouting.quaker.org

Roman Catholic Church

Local diocesan office or National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry, 415 Michigan Ave. NE, Ste. 40, Washington, DC 20017-1518 Attn: Orders Clerk (202) 636-3825 / e-mail: info@nfcym.org / www.nfcym.org

Unitarian Universalist

Unitarian Universalist Association ATTN: Bookstore
25 Beacon St, Boston, MA 02108
(617) 742-2100 Ext 102 or 1-800-215-9076

United Church of Christ

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Unity Church

Association of Unity Churches
PO Box 610, Lee's Summit, MO 64063
(816) 524-7414

How do we get started on these programs?

- 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.
- 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.
- 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 the signature from the local religious leader.
- 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. Girl Scout Sunday/Sabbath in March is a perfect time to recognize recipients.

**Interested in making a presentation on the religious awards?
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