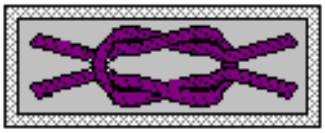
RELIGIOUS AWARDS AND EMBLEMS

"A Scout is Reverent." All Scouts show this by being faithful in their duty to God. Some go further and give special service. This can qualify them for a religious emblem. The Boy Scouts of America, however, does not define what constitutes belief in God or the practice of religion. That is up to the individual and his family.

Within the requirements for earning the Tiger Wolf, Bear, and Webelos Badges, each Cub Scout is given the option of earning the religious emblem of his own personal faith. Most of the major religious bodies in the United States have programs to recognize youth who demonstrate faith, observe the beliefs of the church, and give service.

Although religious emblems **are not** Scouting awards, the Boy Scouts of America encourages its members to participate in religious emblem programs and allows its member Scouts to wear these emblems on their uniforms.



Most of the awards consist of bar pins, ribbons, and pendants, and are worn on the uniform about the left pocket on formal occasions. In addition, youth or adults who earned any of the religious awards may wear the Religious Emblem Square knot, on the uniform over the left pocket.

RESOURCE INFORMATION

You can get more information about religious emblem programs from:

- Your local church, temple, synagogue, mosque or religious organization.
- The lay organization within religious organization.
- National Scouter Associations supporting religious emblem programs.
- The National Headquarters Office of each religious organization.
- Programs for Religious Activities with Youth (P.R.A.Y)
  8520 MacKenzie Road
  St. Louis, Missouri 63166
  1-800-933-PRAY
- Your Council Scout Service Center (Scout Shop)
- Roundtable meetings and training sessions