

# BOY SCOUT RELIGIOUS AWARDS

## *How do I get started?*

The Boy Scouts of America approves religious awards which are developed and administered by most of the world's religions. **See the headings below for how you can get an awards program started for your Scouts.** More resources can be found as links to the **Religious Emblems Program page on the Heart of Virginia Council, BSA web site:** [www.HoVC.org](http://www.HoVC.org) / choose RESOURCES / choose RELIGIOUS EMBLEMS.

### CATHOLIC

1. Contact your **priest** for Cub Scout/Webelos award (Parvuli Dei).
2. Contact the **Richmond Diocese office** on Youth Ministry for more on Cubs. Contact Diocese Office for Boy Scouts /Venturer awards (Ad Altare Dei, and Pope Pius XII) to locate a certified counselor. Angela Hamrick, (804) 622-5115, [ahamrick@RichmondDiocese.org](mailto:ahamrick@RichmondDiocese.org).
3. Materials available at the Diocese Office, the local Scout Shop, and the National Catholic Committee on Scouting®, <http://www.nccs-bsa.org/>.

### ISLAMIC

1. Visit [www.IslamicsScouting.org](http://www.IslamicsScouting.org) to download the Religious Emblem Pamphlets (links to download pamphlets on home page) for Cub Scout/Webelos award (Bismillah), and Boy Scout/Venturer award (In the Name of God). General information on the BSA site: [http://www.scouting.org/about/factsheets/operating\\_orgs/islamic.aspx](http://www.scouting.org/about/factsheets/operating_orgs/islamic.aspx)
2. To reach a volunteer on the BSA **National Islamic Committee on Scouting** (NICS) email: [info@IslamicsScouting.org](mailto:info@IslamicsScouting.org)

### JEWISH

1. Contact your **rabbi or religious school teacher** about being the counselor for the Tiger Cub award (Maccabee), or the Cub Scout/Webelos award (Aleph), or for the Boy Scout /Venturer awards (Ner Tamid, and Etz Chaim).
2. Materials available as download pages at the National Jewish Committee on Scouting Website <http://www.JewishScouting.org> .

### LATER DAY SAINTS

1. Contact the **Primary President in your local Ward or Branch** for the *Faith in God* award (boys age 8 through 11) and Contact your **Young Men's President** for the *Duty to God Program* (3 certificates at ages 12, 14, 16) and *On My Honor Youth* award (boys 12 through 17).
2. Manuals and instructions may also be obtained from your **Scout Leader, Bishop or Branch President** or ordered for [www.LDS.org](http://www.LDS.org) .

### PROTESTANT (Lutheran/Baptist/Presbyterian/Episcopal/Methodist, etc.)

1. Contact **P.R.A.Y.** (Programs for Religious Activities for Youth) at [www.PrayPub.org](http://www.PrayPub.org) for information and materials (workbooks for boys, counselors and mentors). Or, materials can also be purchase at our council scout shop.
2. With the **minister's or priest's approval**, announce to the pack, troop, or crew and at your church that you will be offering one or more of the age appropriate awards classes.
3. Begin the class.

### OTHERS

1. Contact P.R.A.Y. at [www.PrayPub.org](http://www.PrayPub.org) for general information, contacts, and requirements.
2. Contact the **Heart of Virginia Council Religious Emblems Program Committee** members as listed on the council web site.

### ADULT AWARDS

Religious Awards for adults cannot be earned. They are presented upon nomination by others. Use the contacts above to learn more about nominations for the adult award for someone who has been an example of dedicated work serving both Scouting and their faith group.