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USED IN SEQUOYAH COUNCIL AND OVERMOUNTAIN DISTRICT***

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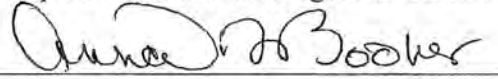
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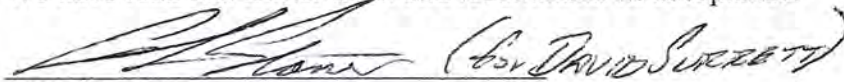
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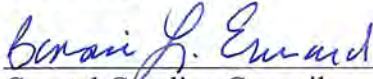


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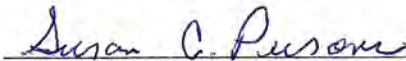
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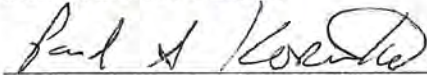
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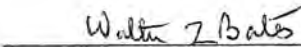
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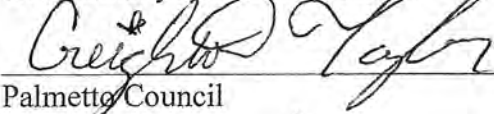
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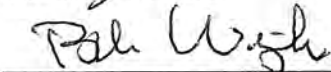
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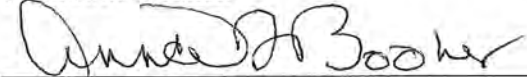
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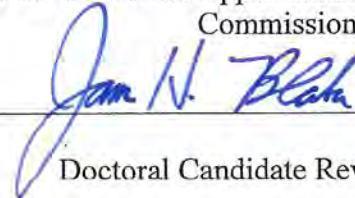


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ABSTRACT

This paper is designed to provide basic information about the BSA Religious Emblem Program, P.R.A.Y., and the religious program Chaplaincy Challenge developed at Camp Davy Crockett. If you ask a leader if they promote the Religious Emblems Program, they will either say they are scared to discuss religion, or they do not understand the program. In either case, this paper is written as an introduction to the BSA program and what is available in the Sequoyah Council. It is hoped that there will be an increase in youth and adults seeking these awards.

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

Have you ever been up till 3:00 a.m. Christmas morning putting Christmas toys together and said, “I wish there was an instruction manual for this thing”? When I bought my car, it came with an owner’s manual. There was one that showed me where all the buttons and levers were located and what they did. Then there was a more detailed and complicated owner’s manual for all the maintenance schedules and warranty requirements. Well, did you know that your Scout also comes with a whole set of maintenance manuals?

The Boy Scout Handbooks, all the way from Cub Scouts through Scouting BSA, provide information just like with a new car. We have guidelines and rules to keep Scouts running well and well maintained. These were the foundations that Baden Powell developed. In Cub Scouts, we start out with the basics. In Lions, we learn the Scout Oath and the Scout Law, and then we learn what they mean and many other skills. Each level and rank of Scouting expands and builds on previously learned skills and knowledge.

As a new parent to Scouting, it might be nice if there was an owner’s manual designed just for them. Truthfully, there is. For example, take the Scout Oath “On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and My Country, and to obey the Scout Law.” The first part of the oath Baden Powell said that we need to have is a belief in God. The Boy Scout Religious Emblems Program (a voluntary part of Scouting), depending on your faith, is the introduction to the book of your faith, The Holy Bible, The Book of Mormon, Coran (Quran), and so forth. The second part of the oath is duty to “My Country.” We have the Constitution of the United States to guide us on how to be a good citizen. “To help other people at all times.” Your faith and the

Scout Law are guides for these principles. “To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight.” There again, your faith and the Scout Law are guides. It should be noted that the original Scout Law had ten points. These were no single words like we use today. Instead, they were sentences that explained the idea (Appendix A). All of the original points plus “Brave” and “Reverent” which were added as a result of Woodcraft Indians, provide a moral compass for all Scouts and Scouters to follow (11) (Appendix A).

The focus of this paper is the Boy Scout Religious Emblems Program. Sir Baden Powell began the Boy Scout movement in England in 1908, and two years later, the Boy Scouts of America was incorporated on February 8, 1910. He founded the Boy Scout organization to promote morality and good citizenship to the rising generations. Baden Powell said, “No man is much good unless he believes in God and obeys His laws ... First: Love and serve God. Second: Love and serve your neighbor.” (6).

“The BSA maintains that no member can grow into the best kind of citizen without recognizing an obligation to God and, therefore, recognizes the religious element in the training of the member, but it is absolutely nonsectarian in its attitude toward that religious training. Its policy is that the home and organization or group with which the member is connected shall give definite attention to religious life. Only persons willing to subscribe to these precepts from the Declaration of Religious Principle and the Bylaws of the BSA shall be entitled to register” (8). All that BSA asks of its members is to affirm is a belief in God. By signing the membership application, which has the Declaration of Religious Principle printed on it, the signer agrees to pay attention to some type of religious life. James E. West, BSA’s first Chief Scout Executive, helped include the Declaration of Religious Principles into the original BSA constitution and

bylaws (9).

There is a Duty to God element in each rank requirement all the way from Lion to Eagle (Appendix B). The Boy Scout Religious Emblems Program is a tool to help Scouts fulfill these requirements. “Duty to God” has always been a cornerstone of Scouting. Lord Baden-Powell affirmed this on numerous occasions. He once responded to a question about the importance of faith (religion) in Scouting by saying: “Where does religion come in? Well, my reply is ... it does not come in at all. It is already there. It is the fundamental factor underlying Scouting and Guiding.”

To further emphasize the importance of faith in American Scouting, early leaders such as Ernest Seaton and Dan Beard incorporated a 12th point into the Scout Law: “a Scout is reverent” (7). When Baden Powell died, his tombstone did not contain a religious symbol. It did have a circle with a dot in the center. That is the trail sign representing “gone home” which might be implied to a “heavenly home.”

CHAPTER II

THE RELIGIOUS EMBLEM PROGRAM

The National Religious Relationships Committee (NRRC)

The committee met recently in Chicago to work on new resources which will be found on the Duty to God Facebook page. It is the desire of the committee to promote the BSA Religious Emblems program more in 2020. The committee would like to recruit and register more Council, District, and Unit Religious Emblems Coordinators. There is a goal to include Commissioners in the unit contact process. As part of the role of Commissioners asking the unit leaders if they participate in the Religious Emblems Program allows them to offer information as to how the unit might become involved in the program. The NRRC recommends that there be a Religious Emblems display at a District Roundtable yearly, to add a link promoting the program on the District FB page, and to also have displays at other council events.

Council Religious Relationships Committee (RRC)

In May 2018, the National Executive Board of the Boy Scouts of America stated: "... the commitment of the movement to Duty to God is unwavering and reaffirmed "... its unequivocal commitment to the Declaration of Religious Principle as a fundamental component of the mission of the Boy Scouts of America." (9).

The purpose of the RRC is to help expand opportunities for all members of Scouting and their families. It is designed to provide knowledge about the beliefs of the Scout's faith but also to allow them to grow in their knowledge of beliefs of other religions. A Scout's faith is an

obligation as a member of a religious community. The RRC should serve as a resource for the council and all units. A very important job for the RRC is to recruit and train Chaplains / Chaplains Aides. These individuals can then provide any needed religious ceremony for Scouting events (1).

Creating the committee requires a team of individuals with good public relations skills. This committee should have the support of a professional staff member. It is a good idea to have someone who is a member of the Council Executive Committee on the committee as well. The committee might draw membership from local faith-based groups, Ministerial Alliances, adult and youth religious award winners, and other committed volunteers.

The committee needs a plan of action. This might include encouragement of religious celebrations, development of nonsectarian worship guides, youth and adult teams to present worship ceremonies, or faith-based social activities.

Program of Religious Activities for Youths (P.R.A.Y.)

“Religious emblems are not Scouting awards; however, the BSA encourages its members to participate in religious emblem programs and allows its members to wear these emblems on their uniforms.” (USSSP). The BSA espouses no official religion. It recognizes that each religious institution has developed its own program to meet the needs of a denomination/faith (3). In 1993 the BSA established a new policy statement for the recognition by a religious organization. The BSA Religious Relationships Committee requires that any religious organization must charter at least twenty-five units and must have a national scope (10). The Religious Emblem program does encourage members to grow stronger in their faith. There is a

BSA Duty to God Brochure that lists the 53 faiths that have programs (2). This document provides contact information for each faith. P.R.A.Y. has a list as well (Appendix C).

Individuals interested in earning one of the awards must obtain the required information for their religion (5). Parents should review the material with both the youth and with the head of the religious organization and then make a commitment to complete the requirements. Awards are by age and/or grade, and they are part of an independent program called P.R.A.Y. These programs are created and administered by the various religious groups and not by BSA. However, each program must be approved and recognized by the national Boy Scouts of America (4). The awards listed below are for those Scouts and their mentors of the Christian faith. It is important to understand that youth may complete the program at each grade level.

1. Jesus and Me – Kindergarten and Grade 1
2. God and Me – Grades 1 – 3
3. God and Family – Grades 4 – 6
4. God and Church – Grades 6 – 8
5. God and Life – Grades 9 – 12
6. Refer to the brochure for awards of other faiths and adult awards

Each faith prescribes the requirements for a Scout to earn the award for his/her faith. Adults may also earn the religious award for his/her faith. A leadership knot for both youths and adults may be worn on the Scout uniform shirt. These knots are silver on purple for youth or purple on silver for adults, and both may be worn on the official uniform. It should be noted that the knots are BSA universal awards and do not represent a particular faith. There are also unique medals for each program, which are usually worn on formal occasions (Appendix D).

If a unit has Scouts of varying faiths, it does not mean that an individual would be unable to earn an award. The opportunity to earn an award is an optional program. Open discussion

among all Scouts of different faiths will allow for a better understanding of those ideas which are the same and those ideas which are different (8). When emblems have been earned, it is a very good idea to have some type of meaningful ceremony. The opportunity to present the award during a worship service, Scout Sunday, or a Court of Honor will make the event more meaningful.

CHAPTER III

SEQUOYAH COUNCIL

Currently, Sequoyah Council does not have an official Religious Emblem Coordinator (REC). This position is appointed by the Vice President of Program. It is the job of the REC to disseminate information through training, presentations, and in coordination with the professional staff. This individual should raise awareness of religious emblems and increase their usage. There is not a Sequoyah Council Religious Relationship Committee either. This group is supposed to work directly with faith communities to coordinate the council calendar for religious holidays, sponsor religious retreats, and identify religious representatives (5).

In 2018 there were over 11,230 awards earned nationally (5). This number is just for those emblems that were Christian based religions. Table 1 shows how many emblems were earned in Sequoyah Council from 2013 through the third quarter of 2019. This information is sent to the Religious Emblems Coordinator for the council. The number of awards represents all age groups. When evaluating the data in Table 1, the total number of emblems earned overall in the council was down significantly in 2018. Just the year before, the number of emblems was almost three times as many. Perhaps a reason for less emphasis is the council was in the process of selecting a new Council Executive as well as other key staff. The new CE did not begin work until June 2019. The downward trend in the number of emblems appears to be continuing for the year 2019. One of the possible reasons for the lower number of emblems is that units are not recording them with P.R.A.Y. This may be either a cost factor or a recording factor. The emblems are expensive, and it is possible that individuals do not want to spend the extra money.

Table 1. Religious Emblems Earned through P.R.A.Y. by year in the Sequoyah Council.

YEAR	EMBLEMS EARNED
2013	94
2014	80
2015	88
2016	89
2017	105
2018	44
2019 (through the 3 rd quarter)	24

One of the most significant enhancements to the council promotion of “Duty to God” has been the Chaplaincy program at Camp Davy Crockett.

Sequoyah Council has developed a strong religious program for Camp Davy Crockett. The Chaplain Award requirements are listed in the Leaders Guide for Camp (Appendix E). The patch consists of a center patch and four tabs surrounding it (Appendix F). This program has been developed over the last three years. Tables 2, 3, and 4 contain the data for the six weeks of camp each of the last three years. The camp chaplain keeps records of each youth and adult who earns an award. It is possible to earn the center patch and more than one tab during the week at camp. Several of the camp staff have also worked on the award requirements. Some of the staff have worked on the requirements for more than one year.

When looking at the data over the last three years, there has been a downward trend in the number of awards that have been earned. However, it should be noted that the number of campers attending Camp Davy Crockett has also been down over the same period of time. The camp has just completed a major renovation of all campsites. The sites now have cabin spaces, tent spaces, and hard shelters. A new staff village has been completed, and a new dining hall is

currently under construction. New program offerings are being added for the summer of 2020.

All of these changes may encourage units to find Camp Davy Crockett an appealing location for their summer experience.

Table 2. Camp Davy Crockett Chaplain Award Totals for 2017.

Week	Religious Patch	Segment 1 Worship	Segment 2 Duty	Segment 3 Service	Segment 4 Future	Chaplain's Challenge
1	8	6	4	3	3	19
2	16	7	6	7	6	15
3	12	2	3	2	3	12
4	6	5	5	4	4	5
5	8	4	11	7	4	14
6	22	24	25	22	3	26
Total	36	48	54	45	23	91
Grand Total	297					

Table 3. Camp Davy Crockett Chaplain Award Totals for 2018.

Week	Religious Patch	Segment 1 Worship	Segment 2 Duty	Segment 3 Service	Segment 4 Future	Chaplain's Challenge
1	13	10	8	8	8	17
2	9	5	5	2	2	6
3	28	2	1	1	2	10
4	7	0	1	1	1	1
5	8	0	0	0	0	0
6	20	16	10	1	1	22
Total	85	33	25	14	14	66
Grand Total	237					

Table 4. Camp Davy Crockett Chaplain Award Totals for 2019.

Week	Religious Patch	Segment 1 Worship	Segment 2 Duty	Segment 3 Service	Segment 4 Future	Chaplain's Challenge
1	8	1	3	1	1	4
2	24	8	8	9	8	8
3	14	1	1	1	1	1
4	11	6	6	6	6	6
5	10	5	3	3	3	5
6	9	2	1	0	0	2
Total	76	23	21	20	19	26
Grand Total	185					

Interview With James Sausman

James Sausman has been Chaplain going on 11 years for Sequoyah Council's Camp Davy Crockett. James is a Baptist Minister and a retired school teacher. He has been involved with Scouting for many years, holding many positions from the unit level up to the council level. James and his wife Barbara have both received The God and Service Award. They have two sons. He takes the Camp Chaplain job very seriously and not only does a great job but also enjoys his job. During camp season for nearly two months, he does a devotional time daily Monday thru Friday. James conducts a vesper service on Sunday and Wednesday evenings, In addition to meeting with Scouts and leaders to work on the camp Chaplains Program. On Fridays, he presides over a Horseshoe Tournament and a Bible Trivia Contest. James lives not far from camp. and is. He lets campers and staff know that he is always available, any time day or night, should they need to talk with him. He has counseled campers about everything from religious questions to dealing with a family experiencing a death back home. As Camp Commissioner, part of my duties are to work with and assist our Chaplain. I consider James a

friend and a pleasure to work with. James is very active in Scouting and works with a Cub Scout Pack and a Scout Troop. He promotes the Boy Scout Religious Emblems Program and recently presented over twenty awards and two God and Service Awards.

CHAPTER IV

OVERMOUNTAIN DISTRICT

We have two Religious Emblem Coordinators (REC) in Overmountain District. They were appointed by the District Chairperson. These individuals promote the P.R.A.Y. four segment “Duty to God” (Appendix D) program in addition to assisting units with the emblems of their faith. The “Duty to God” patch program simply requires a participant to explain what a commitment to God might be. The program has a video that may be shown at a unit meeting or other Scouting event. Additionally, the Scouts make some form of commitment to doing an activity demonstrating that they have kept their Oath or Promise to do their “Duty to God.”

At the district level, the REC is often called upon to deliver an opening prayer at Roundtables, banquets, or other district events. Often the REC will talk with Chaplain’s Aides and provide assistance with planning unit worship services. As part of their job, the REC will talk with Chartered Organizations about promoting the program to the unit as a whole. The REC often asks clergy to assist units that would like to promote the emblems program.

It is very important for the REC to establish yearly SMART goals for growth. These goals might be the number of congregations promoting religious awards, the number of adults or youth who have earned awards, and the number of “Duty to God” presentations that were made. The coordinator should also recognize all emblem recipients at yearly district banquets.

CHAPTER V

RECOMMENDATIONS / SUMMARY

There are a number of ways that the council might increase the number of religious emblems awarded each year. The creation of a Religious Relationships Committee should be the first step. The second suggestion would be to have a link on both the council's Facebook page and its website promoting the emblems. This might simply be a link to P.R.A.Y. A second idea would be to develop a list of the names of Scouters who have already earned their emblems and ask them to work as counselors to those who have not earned an award in their unit. The creation of a mobile religious display that could be circulated from district to district promoting "Duty to God" would significantly aid in promotion of the program.

In conclusion, I have witnessed the positive impact that a duty to God has had on Scouts. The basic foundations of religion that Baden Powell brought forth in the development of the Scouting movement exist today. The practices and interpretations have changed with the passing of over 100 years but, a belief in a higher power was and still is the key to developing a young person's strong sense of value. It is the responsibility of all Scouters to provide opportunities for Scouts to develop a deeper understanding of the beliefs of their individual religions.

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APPENDIX A HISTORY OF THE SCOUT LAW CHART

History of Scout Law, Original Scout Law Origin Explanations Commentary

		Indians "Little friend of all the world," and that is the name that every scout should earn for himself.							
5) Do nothing to hurt or offend anyone else.		5. A SCOUT IS COURTEOUS. That is, he is polite to all—but especially to women and children, and old people and invalids, cripples, etc. And he must not take any reward for being helpful or courteous.	5. A SCOUT IS COURTEOUS. That is, he is polite to all—but especially to women and children, and old people and invalids, cripples, etc. And he must not take any reward for being helpful or courteous.	5. A SCOUT IS COURTEOUS. He is polite to all, especially to women, children, old people, and the weak and helpless. He must not take pay for being helpful or courteous.	5. COURTEOUS. A Scout is polite to everyone regardless of age or position. He knows good manners make it easier for people to get along together.	5. A Scout is COURTEOUS. A Scout is polite to everyone regardless of age or position. He knows that good manners make it easier for people to get along together.	5. A Scout is courteous. A Scout is polite to everyone regardless of age or position. He knows that using good manners makes it easier for people to get along.	5. A Scout is courteous.	5. A Scout is courteous. Scouts show courtesy, kindness and respect to others.
	10. Be kind. Do at least one act of unbargaining service each day, even as ye would enlarge the crevice whence a spring runs forth to make its blessings more. 3. Protect all harmless wild life for the joy its beauty gives.	6. A SCOUT IS A FRIEND TO ANIMALS. He should save them as far as possible from pain, and should not kill any animal unnecessarily, even if it is only a fly—for it is one of God's creatures. Killing an animal for food or an animal which is harmful is allowable.	6. A SCOUT IS A FRIEND TO ANIMALS. He should save them as far as possible from pain, and should not kill any animal unnecessarily, even if it is only a fly—for it is one of God's creatures. Killing an animal for food or an animal which is harmful is allowable.	6. A SCOUT IS KIND. He is a friend to animals. He will not kill nor hurt any living creature, needlessly, but will strive to save and protect all harmless life.	6. KIND. A Scout understands there is strength in being gentle. He treats others as he wants to be treated. He does not hurt or kill harmless things without reason.	6. A Scout is KIND. A Scout understands there is strength in being gentle. He treats others as he wants to be treated. He does not harm or kill anything without reason.	6. A Scout is kind. A Scout knows there is strength in being gentle. He treats others as he wants to be treated. Without good reason, he does not harm or kill any living thing.	6. A Scout is a friend to animals.	6. A Scout is a friend to animals. Scouts take special interest in protecting the environment and all living creatures.
11) Chivalry requireth that youth should be trained to perform the most laborious and humble offices with cheerfulness and grace; and to do good unto others.	9. Obey. Obedience is the first duty of the Woodcrafter. Obedience means self-control, which is the sum of the law. 8. Be silent while your elders are speaking and otherwise show them deference. It is harder to keep silence than to speak in the hour of trial, but in the end it is stronger.	7. A SCOUT OBEYS ORDERS of his patrol leader or Scoutmaster without question. Even if he gets an order he does not like he must do as soldiers and sailors do, he must carry it out all the same because it is his duty, and after he has done it he can come and state any reasons against it, but he must carry out the order at once. That is discipline.	7. A SCOUT OBEYS ORDERS of his parents, patrol leader or Scoutmaster without question. Even if he gets an order he does not like he must do as soldiers and sailors do, he must carry it out all the same because it is his duty; and after he has done it he can come and state any reasons against it, but he must carry out the order at once. That is discipline.	7. A SCOUT IS OBEDIENT. He obeys his parents, Scoutmaster, patrol leader, and all other duly constituted authorities.	7. OBEY. A Scout follows the rules of his family, school, and troop. He obeys the laws of his community and country. If he thinks these rules and laws are unfair, he tries to have them changed in an orderly manner rather than disobey them.	7. A Scout is OBEY. A Scout follows the rules of his family, school, and troop. He obeys the laws of his community and country. If he thinks these rules and laws are unfair, he tries to have them changed in an orderly manner rather than disobey them.	7. A Scout is obedient. A Scout follows the rules of his family, school, and troop. He obeys the laws of his community and country. If he thinks these rules and laws are unfair, he tries to have them changed in an orderly manner rather than disobeying them.	7. A Scout obeys orders of his Parents, Patrol Leader, or Scoutmaster.	7. A Scout obeys orders. Scouts follow direction: from proper authorities and obey the law.
	12. Be joyful.	8. A SCOUT	8. A SCOUT	8. A SCOUT	8. CHEERFUL. A	8. A Scout is	8. A Scout	8. A Scout	8. A Scout

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<p>one gets in serving.</p>	<p>he gives up his own pleasure, or comfort, or safety to do it. When in difficulty to know which of two things to do, he must ask himself, "Which is my duty?" this is, "Which is best for other people?" --and do that one. He must Be Prepared at any time to save life, or to help injured persons. And he must do a good turn to somebody every day.</p>	<p>pleasure, or comfort, or safety to do it. When in difficulty to know which of two things to do, he must ask himself, "Which is my duty?" this is, "Which is best for other people?" -- and do that one. He must Be Prepared at any time to save life, or to help injured persons. And he must do a good turn to somebody every day [S/B].</p>	<p>home duties. He must do at least one good turn to somebody every day.</p>		<p>payment or reward.</p>	<p>others without expecting payment or reward.</p>		<p>offer a helping hand to those in need, and must do a good turn for somebody every day.</p>
	<p>4. A SCOUT IS A FRIEND TO ALL, AND A BROTHER TO EVERY OTHER SCOUT, NO MATTER TO WHAT SOCIAL CLASS THE OTHER BELONGS. Thus if a Scout meets another Scout, even though a stranger to him, he must speak to him, and help him in any way that he can, either to carry out the duty he is then doing, or by giving him food or, as far as possible, anything that he may be in want of. A scout must never be a SNOB. A snob is one who looks down upon another because he is poorer, or who is poor and resents another because he is rich. A scout accepts another man as he finds him, and makes the best of him. "Kim," The boy scout, was called by the</p>	<p>4. A SCOUT IS A FRIEND TO ALL, AND A BROTHER TO EVERY OTHER SCOUT, NO MATTER TO WHAT SOCIAL CLASS THE OTHER BELONGS. Thus if a Scout meets another Scout, even though a stranger to him, he must speak to him, and help him in any way that he can, either to carry out the duty he is then doing, or by giving him food or, as far as possible, anything that he may be in want of. A Scout must never be a SNOB. A snob is one who looks down upon another because he is poorer, or who is poor and resents another because he is rich. A Scout accepts another man as he finds him, and makes the best of him. "Kim," The Boy Scout, was called by the Indians "Little friend of all the world," and that is the name that every Scout should earn for himself.</p>	<p>4. A SCOUT is FRIENDLY. He is a friend to all and a brother to every other Scout.</p>	<p>4. FRIENDLY. A Scout is a friend to all. He is a brother to other Scouts. He seeks to understand others. He respects those with ideas and customs other than his own.</p>	<p>4. A Scout is FRIENDLY. A Scout is a friend to all. He is a brother to other Scouts. He seeks to understand others. He respects those with ideas and customs that are different from his own.</p>	<p>4. A Scout is friendly. A Scout is a friend to all. He is a brother to other Scouts. He offers his friendship to people of all races and nations, and respects them even if their customs are different from his own.</p>	<p>4. A Scout is a friend to all, and a brother to every other Scout.</p>	<p>4. A Scout is a friend to all, and a brother to every other Scout. Scouts are friendly and treat all other Scouts like brothers and sisters in the family Scouting.</p>

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<p>Seek the joy of being alive-for every reasonable gladness that you can get or give, is treasure that can never be destroyed, and, like the springtime gladness, doubles, every time with others it is shared.</p>	<p>SMILES AND WHISTLES under all circumstances. When he gets an order he should obey it cheerily and readily, not in a slow, hang-dog sort of way. Scouts never grouse at hardships, nor whine at each other, nor swear when put out. When you just miss a train, or some one treads on your favorite corn-not that a scout should have such things as corns-or under any annoying circumstances, you should force yourself to smile at once and then whistle a tune, and you will be all right. A scout goes about with a smile on and whistling. It cheers him and cheers other people, especially in times of dangar, for he keeps it up then all the same. The punishment for swearing or using bad language is for each offence a mug of cold water to be poured down the offender's sleeve by the other scouts.</p>	<p>SMILES AND WHISTLES under all circumstances. When he gets an order he should obey it cheerily and readily, not in a slow, hang-dog sort of way. Scouts never grouse at hardships, nor whine at each other, nor swear when put out, but go on whistling and smiling. When you just miss a train or someone treads on your favorite corn-not that a Scout should have such things as corns-or under any annoying circumstances, you should force yourself to smile at once and then whistle a tune, and you will be all right. A Scout goes about with a smile on and whistling. It cheers him and cheers other people, especially in times of danger, for he keeps it up then all the same. The punishment for swearing or using bad language is for each offence a mug of cold water to be poured down the offender's sleeve by the other Scouts. It was the punishment invented by an old British Scout, Captain John Smith, three hundred years ago.</p>	<p>IS CHEERFUL. He smiles whenever he can. His obedience to orders is prompt and cheery. He never shirks nor grumbles at hardships.</p>	<p>Scout looks for the bright side of things. He cheerfully does tasks that come his way. He tries to make others happy.</p>	<p>CHEERFUL. A Scout looks for the bright side of life. He cheerfully does tasks that come his way. He tries to make others happy.</p>	<p>is cheerful. A Scout looks for the bright side of life. He cheerfully does tasks that come his way. He tries to make others happy.</p>	<p>smiles and whistles under all difficulties.</p>	<p>smiles at whistles under all difficulties. <i>Scouts always maintain cheerful spirit.</i></p>
<p>3b. Conserve the woods and flowers, and especially be ready to fight wild-fire in forest or in town.</p>	<p>9. A SCOUT IS THRIFTY, that is, he saves every penny he can, and puts it into the bank, so that he may have money to keep himself when out of work, and thus not make himself a burden to others; or that he may have money to give away to others</p>	<p>9. A SCOUT IS THRIFTY, that is, he saves every penny he can, and puts it into the bank, so that he may have money to keep himself when out of work, and thus not make himself a burden to others; or that he may have money to give away to others when they need it.</p>	<p>9. A SCOUT IS THRIFTY. He does not wantonly destroy property. He works faithfully, wastes nothing, and makes the best use of his opportunities. He saves his money so that he may pay his own way, be generous to those in need,</p>	<p>9. THRIFTY. A Scout works to pay his way and to help others. He protects and conserves natural resources. He carefully uses time and property.</p>	<p>9. A Scout is THRIFTY. A Scout works to pay his way and to help others. He saves for the future. He protects and conserves natural resources. He carefully uses time and property.</p>	<p>9. A Scout is thrifty. A Scout works to pay his way and to help others. He saves for the future. He protects and conserves natural resources. He carefully uses time</p>	<p>9. A Scout is thrifty.</p>	<p>9. A Scout is thrifty. <i>Scouts u. all resource. wisely an responsi</i></p>

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**APPENDIX B
P.R.A.Y. APPROVED PROGRAMS**

Approved programs and awards

The following awards are recognized by the BSA and the religious emblems knot may be worn upon completion of the program.

Faith Proponent Association	Cub Scout	Webelos Scout	Boy Scout Varsity Scout	Venturer Senior Boy Scout Senior Varsity Scout	Adult Recognition
African Methodist Episcopal Church P.R.A.Y.	God and Me	God and Family	God and Church	God and Life	God and Service
African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church P.R.A.Y.	God and Me	God and Family	God and Church	God and Life	God and Service
Armenian Apostolic Church of America (Western Prelacy)	none		Saint Mesrob		none
Armenian Church of America (Eastern Diocese)	Saint Gregory		Ararat		none
Baha’I Baha’i Committee on Scouting ¹⁴	Unity of Mankind				Service to Humanity
Baptist P.R.A.Y. Association of Baptists for Scouting ¹⁵	God and Me	God and Family	God and Church	God and Life	Good Shepherd
Buddhist Nation Buddhist Committee on Scouting ¹⁶	Metta		Sangha		Bodhi
Catholic, Eastern National Catholic Committee on Scouting ¹⁷	Light of Christ (Tigers and Wolves)	Parvuli Dei (Bears and Webelos)	Light is Life	Pope Pius XII	Saint George
Catholic, Roman National Catholic Committee on Scouting ¹⁷	Light of Christ (Tigers and Wolves)	Parvuli Dei (Bears and Webelos)	AD Altare Dei	Pope Pius XII	Saint George
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) P.R.A.Y.	God and Me	God and Family	God and Church	God and Life	God and Service
Christian Methodist Episcopal Church P.R.A.Y.	God and Me	God and Family	God and Church	God and Life	God and Service
Church of Christ, Scientist P.R.A.Y.	The PRAY Program				God and Service

Religious Emblems Program

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Boy Scouts of America LDS Relationships ¹⁸	Faith In God		On My Honor		
Churches of Christ Members of Churches of Christ for Scouting ¹⁹	Loving Servant	Joyful Servant	Good Servant		Faithful Servant
Community of Christ World Community Program ²⁰	None	Light of the World	Path of the Disciple	Exploring Community Together	International Youth Service Award
Eastern Orthodox Eastern Orthodox Committee on Scouting ²¹	Saint George	Chi Rio	Alpha Omega		Prophet Elias
Episcopal National Episcopal Scouters Association ²²	God and Me	God and Family	God and Church	God and Life	Saint George Episcopal
General Church of the New Jerusalem (The New Church) Boy Scouts Relations Committee	Ten Commandments Award		Open Word Award		
Hindu North American Hindu Association ²³	Dharma		Dharma Karma	Karma	Dharma Saathi Dharma Bhakta Karma Bhakta
Islamic National Islamic Committee on Scouting	Bismillah		In the Name of God		Allaho Akber
Jewish National Jewish Committee on Scouting ²⁴	Macabee / Alpeh	Aleph	Ner Tamid	Etz Chaim	Shofar
Lutheran National Lutheran Association on Scouting ²⁵	God and Me	God and Family	God and Church	God and Life	Lamb
Meher Baba Committee for Meher Baba and Scouting	Love for God		Compassionate Father		The Ancient One
Moravian Church	none		The PRAY Program		The Order of David Zeisberger
Polish National Catholic Church	Love of God (Milosc Bogz)		The PRAY Program (Bog I Ojczyzna)		Bishop Thaddeus F. Zeilinski
Presbyterian Church in America P.R.A.Y	God and Me	God and Family	God and Church	God and Life	God and Service

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Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) National Association of Presbyterian Scouters ²⁶	God and Me	God and Family	God and Church	God and Life	God and Service
Protestant and Independent Christian Churches* P.R.A.Y.	God and Me	God and Family	God and Church	God and Life	God and Service
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) Friends Committee on Scouting ²⁷	That of God		Spirit of Truth		Friends
The Salvation Army	God and Me	God and Family Silver Crest	God and Church	God and Life	Scouter's Award
Unitarian Universalist Scouters Organization ²⁸ See Unitarian Universalist Association	Religion and Me	Religion and Family	Living Your Religion		Unitarian Universalist Association
United Church of Christ P.R.A.Y.	God and Me	God and Family	God and Church	God and Life	God and Service
United Methodist National Association of United Methodist Scouters ²⁹	God and Me	God and Family	God and Church	God and Life	God and Service
United Pentecostal Church International	God and Me	God and Family	God and Church	God and Life	God and Service
Unity Churches	none	God in Me	Light of God	none	Distinguish Youth Service
Zoroastrian	none		Good Life		none

APPENDIX C

P.R.A.Y / BSA CHART OF MEDALS



APPENDIX D

P.R.A.Y. 4 SEGMENT PROMOTIONAL PATCH



APPENDIX E

CAMP DAVY CROCKET LEADERS GUIDE CHAPLAINCY PROGRAM

Program Opportunities

Chaplaincy Program



The Chaplaincy Program at Camp Davy Crockett is an ever evolving and challenging endeavor. God is recognized as the driving force behind all parts of the program. It is only through His guidance and blessings that success is ours to enjoy. As expressed in the Scout Oath, let us always keep Him first in what we do.

Campers and leaders have two opportunities to attend worship during their week at camp, Sunday and Wednesday evenings at 7:45 PM. Devotions are conducted each day after breakfast and after lunch.

Camp Davy Crockett also has several opportunities for youth and adults to participate in our religious award program.

CDC Religious Award. There are 5 levels to this program.



To earn the patch, you answer questions and do projects to reflect your faith in god.

Additionally 4 segments may be earned by doing additional projects and essays increasing in depth to your faith in God. These are earned in the following order: Worship, Duty, Service and Future.



Chaplain's Challenge*

Follow compass course and answer difficult questions from the Bible.

Bible Trivia*

Teams of 2 answer 5-10 questions randomly selected from the Bible.

If you are interested in helping during the services (reading scripture, saying prayers, etc.) Please let the chaplain know on Sunday.

We want your week at camp to be special and exciting. If we can do anything to help you, please let us know.

* Challenges/Competitions are youth against youth and adults against adults.

APPENDIX F

CAMP DAVY CROCKET CHAPLAINCY PATCH

