

Every Scout should have the opportunity to earn the Religious Emblem appropriate for their age and for their particular denomination.

A member of the RED Team will attend your Unit meeting and bring information on how the program can be started for your youth and their family.

Complete this form and give it to a Camp Chaplain or mail to address below.



R E D Team Presentation Request Heart of America Council – BSA /Religious Relationships Committee

Unit Leaders: Complete and deliver this form to the **Religious Emblems Display Team** to schedule a 15 minute presentation on religious emblems programs for your youth.

District: _____ **Unit Commissioner:** _____

UNIT (Circle one) Cub Pack - Troop - Venture Crew - Explorer Post - Varsity Team

Unit Number: _____

Sponsor/Chartered Partner: _____ **Phone #** _____

Meeting Location: _____

Meeting Date/Day of week: _____ **Meeting Time:** _____

Contact Information to schedule RED Team Presentation:

Name: _____ **Unit Position:** _____

Address: _____

_____ **ZIP:** _____

PHONES: _____

E-mail: _____

Is your Unit familiar with the requirements of the H. Roe Bartle Religious Relationship Award?
Yes / No

Other notes related to preference for presentation:

Return this form to Camp Chaplain or District R.E.D. Team Chair or send to:
Homer A. Radford, Heart of America Council - R.E.D. Team Coordinator, 9601 E. 82ND TER,
Raytown, MO 64138 Call: 816-356-1760 E-mail: hradford2@comcast.net



SCOUTING AND RELIGIONS

From the very beginning, the Scouting movement has encouraged its members to be faithful in the practice of their religious beliefs.

The Tiger Cub Promise asks young boys to love God. The Cub Scout Promise, the Scout Oath, and the Explorer Code each call upon Scouts to pledge themselves to do their duty to God. At the same time, Scouting espouses no creed and favors no single faith over another faith. Rather, Scouting provides programs and ideals that complement the aims of all religions.

The Charter and Bylaws of the Boy Scouts of America maintain that no boy can grow into the best kind of citizen without recognizing his obligation to God. Scouting is absolutely nonsectarian in its attitude toward that religious training. **The Boy Scouts of America does not define what constitutes belief in God or the practice of religion. Membership in a religious organization is not required.**

Scouting respects the convictions of those who exercise their constitutional freedom to practice religion as individuals without formal membership in organized religious groups. In all cases religious instruction is the responsibility of the parents or guardians of the Scout and the religious institution to which a Scout belongs. It is the policy of the Boy Scouts of America that the religious organization or institution with which a Scout is connected shall give definitive attention to his religious life.



REMEMBER:

Scouting encourages a Scout to recognize an obligation or duty to God, but does not define what a belief in God is or define what constitutes a religious organization. As Scout leaders we must be careful not to favor one faith over another. In conducting Scouting activities, we must be sensitive to the need to encourage all Scouts to grow in their own religious beliefs and faiths. Remember that Scouts have a "Duty to God."

Scouters of all denominations.....The H.O. A.C Religious Relationship Committee has challenged each District to have active Religious Emblems Teams (R.E. D. Teams) to present information about the Religious Emblems for all youth in Scouting. *We need your assistance...volunteer to participate as a member of the R.E.D. Team.*

Call Homer Radford, Coordinator of the R.E.D. Team, 816-356-1760 or send a note to hradford2@comcast.net to attend training and join in this exciting way to show that Duty to God and a Scout is Reverent are more than words in Scouting .