

RELIGIOUS EMBLEMS COORDINATOR

COUNCIL Religious Emblems Coordinator (CREC patch: SKU #614660)

DISTRICT Religious Emblems Coordinator (DREC patch: SKU #614645)

UNIT Religious Emblems Coordinator (UREC patch: SKU #618744)

PURPOSE:

- Encourage all youth to earn the emblem of their faith
- Promote religious emblems usage like BSA promotes other youth advancement
- Establish goals and track the number of religious emblems to be completed every year

WHY?

Baden-Powell stated, "No man is much good unless he believes in God and obeys His laws. So every Scout should have a religion....Religion seems a very simple thing: First: Love and Serve God. Second: Love and serve your neighbor." (Scouting For Boys, 1908)

- Reinforce BSA values through religious emblems
- Improve relationships with religious chartered partners
- Establish relationships with potential Religious partners

COUNCIL Religious Emblems Coordinator

- Is appointed by the vice president of program
- Disseminates information to district religious emblems coordinators
- Disseminates information through:
 - Trainings (Professional staff, College of Commissioners Science, University of Scouting, New leader training)
 - Program at Summer Camp and Day Camp
- Works with the council Religious Relationships Committee
- Recognizes that the Religious Relationships Committee is the group that works directly with the faith community to:
 - Recruit chaplains
 - Coordinate the council calendar with religious holidays
 - Sponsor religious retreats
 - Identify religious representatives from the various faith groups
 - Strengthen ties with local congregations and chartered organizations
- If the Religious Relationships Committee works primarily with the faith community, the Religious Emblems Coordinator focuses specifically on raising awareness of religious emblems and increasing usage.
- The religious emblems coordinator can learn through the Religious Relationships which faith committees are sponsoring retreats and which congregations are offering classes

DISTRICT Religious Emblems Coordinator

- Is appointed by district program chair
- Sets goals with district program chair
- Encourages every unit to appoint a unit religious emblems coordinator
- Disseminates information to units through charter renewal packets, roundtables, and camporees
- Encourages unit committees to set goals (i.e., number of religious emblems that will be earned that year)
- Helps unit religious emblems coordinators recruit presenters to make presentations on religious emblems, including clergy of chartered organizations, unit leaders who promote religious emblems, chaplains, etc.



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UNIT Religious Emblems Coordinator

- Is appointed by the Unit Committee Chair and serves on the Unit Committee.
- Acquaints all youth with the religious emblems program and emblems available for their faith.
- Provides Scout families and clergy with an orientation to the religious emblems program and encourages their involvement.
- Urges all youth to earn the religious emblem(s) of their faith.
- Disseminates information about any district or council religious emblems activities, retreats, camps, or classes.
- Promotes religious emblems usage the way the BSA promotes other youth advancement.
- Coordinates establishment of goals and tracks the number of emblems earned each year.
- Serves as the unit's liaison to the district religious emblems coordinator

SAMPLE GOALS

- Number of emblems earned (by religion, unit, district, council, etc.)
- Number of religious presentations made to Scouts, parents, clergy, etc.
- Number of congregations offering religious emblems classes
- Number of trainings offered on religious emblems

RECRUITMENT

- Establish communication with the Religious Relationships committee and ask them to help
- Ask clergy of chartered organizations
- Ask leaders of units that promote religious emblems usage

SHARING DATA

- Collect data on the religious emblems usage
- Post information on the Council, District, and Unit websites
- List recipients in the council newsletter
- Recognize leaders, units, and districts that do an outstanding job
- Market your data by posting it on the websites

RESOURCES

- Online:
 - www.scouting.org/Awards/ReligiousAwards.aspx
 - www.praypub.org/rec
- Webinars/workshops/tutorials: www.praypub.org/learningcenter

