

A SCOUT'S DUTY TO GOD AND COUNTRY

This fall, our sponsor, Kirkwood Presbyterian Church, has again offered to oversee/conduct Religious Emblem Program classes if there is enough interest. The Protestant (General) program will be used. It consists of:

God and Me	for Grades 1,2, and 3
God and Family	for Grades 4 and 5
God and Church	for Grades 6,7, and 8
God and Life	for Grades 9,10,11, and 12

Classes will be scheduled so that the program can be completed in January, and if desired by the scout, medallions presented on Scout Sunday, 4 February 2007.

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 the religious knot on their uniforms.

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

There will be a short presentation at the 6 September Troop/Parent meeting and the 25 September Pack Meeting. Bob Flory will remain after these meetings to continue discussions about the program with any interested parents or Scouts.

Any Scout who can not make these meetings but is interested in the program should contact Bob Flory individually at 703-569-4331.

The DEADLINE for signing up for this year's program is 30 SEPTEMBER. To sign up call Bob Flory at 703-569-4331

Scouts desiring not to proceed under the Protestant (General) program should seek the program that best corresponds with their religious denomination at the religious institution they attend.

PARENT PARTICIPATION

Parents are eligible and encouraged to participate, as a Mentor, with their sons.