



Happy New Year. Ready to jump back into Scouting? Here are some upcoming events that can help your unit and your Scouts do your duty to God.

First up is Scout Jumuah/Shabbat/Sunday. This Scout Holy Day can be observed any time in February – whatever works best for your unit and the worship site you are choosing. The traditional date is the Friday/Saturday/Sunday closest to, but not after, February 8 (the birthday of BSA).

Later in February, you can participate in Religious Relations Week, February 22-27. Put on by the National Religious Relations Committee, this Zoom conference has over 40 classes to choose from on many topics including advancement coordinators, faith specific sessions, program coordinators, council/district professionals, chaplains & worship leaders, membership coordinators, marketing specialists, religious emblems, and more. If you are looking for ideas on how to get your Scouts to understand their duty to God, this is a great way to find more information. Classes are open to adults and youth. Thursday, February 26 will be Religious Emblems Night from 7-8 p.m. All sessions will relate to the emblems. There is no cost to attend but you must register in advance at www.dutytogodbsa.org.

On February 28, the Joliet Diocese Catholic Committee on Scouting will host a Winter Day of Recollection. See the attached flyer or visit jolietdiocesecatholicscouts.org.

This spring, our Council is hosting a special Religious Emblem Workshop specifically for Jewish Scouts. This unique event will bring Scouts of all ages together to learn about and earn their Jewish religious emblems, guided by experienced leaders and local clergy. Whether your Scout is just starting their journey or continuing their faith exploration, this workshop will provide meaningful learning, connection, and community. Complete details and registration information will be coming soon and will be found on the Duty to God webpage (<https://threefirescouncil.org/unit-resources/duty-to-god/>)

Scouts Read Sacred Texts is again scheduled for May. Scouts can participate as a group or individually anytime during the month. This is a global initiative and has logged thousands of Scout-hours reading scripture since it began in 2024. Registration is open at: <https://stlbsa.org/scouts-read-sacred-texts-worldwide/>

If you would like more information, please contact a member of the Religious Relations Committee.

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