

Religion In Life Program

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Membership in Scouts Canada is open to all who wish to make the promise, regardless of race, colour or creed. The purpose of the Scout program is to assist children in character development by encouraging them to be responsible citizens of their country. An important part of the program is to assist in the spiritual growth of each child and to encourage them to participate actively in their own religious community. Scouts Canada upholds the principle that specific religious instruction is the responsibility of parents and religious authorities.

The Emblem

The Christian Religion in Life emblem consists of a great circle, the symbol of eternity. In the circle are the first and last letters of the Greek Alphabet, Alpha and Omega, a symbol of God, and a reminder that the worship and service of God form an essential part of life from beginning to end.

Requirements

The requirements for the program differ in each faith and denomination and are prepared nationally by the churches or religious bodies to suit their particular needs.

Instruction

It is the responsibility of the group/section committee and leadership team to arrange for instruction of candidates with the candidate's own spiritual leader or appointee.

Presentation

Presentation of the emblem is made by the candidate's spiritual advisor and can form an impressive part of a regular Scout meeting, a church service, or a special evening for parents/guardians.

Stages

The Religion in Life program is in five progressive stages, colour-coded and adapted to the age groups concerned.

Stage 1 – Grey Border (about 7-8-9)

Stage 2 – Green Border (about 10-11-12)

Stage 3 – Blue Border (about 13-14-15)

Stage 4 – Red Border (15+)

Stage 5 – Tan Border (Adults)

Candidates may start at any stage appropriate to their age and capabilities. Only one emblem — the latest stage earned is worn.

Where Obtainable

The emblem may be obtained from provincial offices or through regular badge channels.

Where Worn

See *Scouts Canada By-Law, Policies and Procedures*.



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