

faith, our principles and purposes as a liberal religion, and how we live in the modern world, and helps them integrate their personal beliefs with the values and ideals of the Scout Oath and the Scout Law.

For Adults

The Service Chalice Award is a recognition bestowed on adults for distinguished volunteer service to Scouting in the Unitarian Universalist Community. Five years of service is required.

More information about the awards, including the curriculum booklets, can be obtained at www.uuscouters.org.

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Steps for Organizing a Unit

1. The BSA organizing committee (unit commissioner, district executive, and member of the district membership team) meets with the executive officer/head of the religious organization to introduce and inform the organization about Scouting.
2. Working with an assigned unit commissioner from the BSA district, the executive officer/head of the religious organization and its church membership officially adopt Scouting and select a chartered organization representative. The new-unit application is signed with the charter fee.
3. The BSA organizing committee continues to work with the executive officer/head of the religious organization and the chartered organization representative to help select volunteer adult key unit leadership and committee members and to develop a succession plan for future key leadership.

4. All new volunteer leaders are to register with the BSA and complete their adult volunteer applications.
5. New volunteer leaders are required to take Youth Protection training within 30 days of registering, and are to be trained immediately with Fast Start online training, unit budget planning, and unit program planning training.
6. The unit commissioner and district program committee help plan the new unit's program for one year.
7. The BSA organizing committee helps the religious organization with recruitment of local youth members.
8. New youth and their parents complete applications and fees for registration with the BSA.
9. New unit meetings are planned and begin.
10. The BSA organizing committee helps present the religious organization with its first charter at a formal ceremony of the organization.

For further information, contact:

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BSA Mission Statement

The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

For decades, Unitarian Universalists across America have been Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts, and UU congregations have sponsored Scouting units as elements of their religious education programs. The Scout Oath and Scout Law serve to reinforce fundamental UU principles.

Unitarian Universalist Principles

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person.
- Justice, equity, and compassion in human relations.
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement of spiritual growth in our congregations.
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning.
- The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large.
- The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all.
- Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

The Unitarian Universalist Scouters Organization

The Unitarian Universalist Scouters Organization serves as an interface between the Unitarian Universalist faith community and the BSA. The UUSO was formed in 2003 with the approval of Dr. John Beuhrens, then the president of the national Unitarian Universalist Association. The mission of the UUSO is to provide support to UU Scouts, Scouters, and congregations who want to participate in Scouting programs, acknowledging that while Scouting and UU values are similar, there are differences.



Memorandum of Mutual Support

In February 2004, UUSO adopted a Memorandum of Mutual Support with the BSA that stated in part that the BSA and UUSO:

“ . . . will work with each other within the rules and regulations of the Boy Scouts of America to establish and nurture Scout units as an expression of the mission of the Unitarian Universalist Scouters Organization Inc. and to administer a religious emblems program for Unitarian Universalist youth and adults so that they may grow in character, citizenship, responsibility, and with the personal fitness necessary to achieve their greatest potential.”

Since 2003, the UUSO has represented Unitarian Universalists on the BSA National Council's Religious Relationships Task Force, and the UUSO participated in the 2005 and 2010 National Scout Jamborees, including offering worship services and a UU chaplain. Interested persons may join the UUSO by visiting the website at www.uuscouters.org.

UUSO Religious Awards

The UUSO offers four Unitarian Universalist religious awards to the Scouting community. Each award has been approved by the Religious Relationships Task Force. The emblems, and the religious award square knot, are approved by the BSA for wear on the Scout uniform.

For Cub Scouts

The Religion and Me Award is designed to help boys in grades 1 and 3 understand more about what it means to be a UU, and to get them started on a lifelong process of faith development. It also helps boys connect the values they learn through Scouting with the values of our UU faith.



For Webelos Scouts

The Religion and Family Award challenges boys in grades 4 and 5 to work closely with their parents to begin defining individual religious views and heritage. It also challenges the boy to talk to other people at his UU church or fellowship.



For Boy Scouts and Venturers

The Living Your Religion Award is offered for Boy Scouts through age 17 and for male and female Venturers (through age 20). The collaborative program functions through the Scout, an adult mentor, and the UU congregation, and can be taught in parallel with the Religion in Life Program of the UUA. The program helps Scouts learn about the history of their

