

# RELIGION IN LIFE PROGRAM



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## RELIGION IN LIFE EMBLEM PROGRAMS

Membership in Scouts Canada is open to all boys who wish to make the Promise, regardless of race, colour or creed. Scouts Canada upholds the principle that specific religious instruction is the responsibility of parents and religious authorities. The purpose of the Scout programs is to assist members 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 member and to encourage them to participate actively in their own religious denomination.

## THE EMBLEM

The 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*, the symbol of God Himself; a reminder that the worship and service of God form an essential part of life's program 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 – Yellow Border
- Stage 2 – Green Border
- Stage 3 – Blue Border
- Stage 4 – Red Border
- Stage 5 – Purple Border

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

## WHERE OBTAINABLE

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

## WHERE WORN

Scouts Canada – *see By-Law, Policies and Procedures.*

## REQUIREMENTS

The requirements for the Religion in Life Emblem for members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints are based on Church Scouting awards and practices.

### STAGE 1 – YELLOW BORDER

A Wolf Cub who has successfully completed the requirements for the Faith in God award is entitled to wear the yellow stage of the Religion in Life Emblem.

### STAGE 2 – GREEN BORDER

A Latter-day Saints Scout who successfully completed the requirements for the "On My Honour" award is entitled to receive and wear the green stage of the Religion in Life Emblem on his uniform. The badge is worn over the cloth Religion in Life Emblem but only on ceremonial or formal occasions.

### STAGE 3 – BLUE BORDER

A young man may earn the Stage 3 Religion in Life Emblem by:

1. Being registered as a Venturer in a Latter-day Saint Scouting section for a period of one year.
2. Being worthy to wear the emblem as determined in an annual review with the bishop.

### STAGE 4 – RED BORDER

A young man may earn the Stage 4 Religion in Life Emblem by:

1. Being registered as a Rover or Venturer in a Latter-day Saint Scouting section for a period of one year.
2. Being worthy to wear the emblem as determined in an annual interview with the bishop.

## **STAGE 5 – PURPLE BORDER**

### **Adult On My Honour Award**

The On My Honour Award for adults provides recognition for Scouting leaders who serve in Church-sponsored Scouting programs may fulfil the requirements and earn the award.

Do not submit the completed application card to the distribution centre. Simply order sufficient awards and make the presentation in a court of honour. (This award should not be presented in sacrament meeting).

### **REQUIREMENTS**

To earn the On My Honour Award for adults, each person should:

1. Be registered and participate in a Church-sponsored Scouting group.
2. Be at least twenty-one years of age.
3. Have served a minimum of three years in Scouting in the Aaronic Priesthood or Primary.
4. Be thoroughly familiar with the Aaronic Priesthood or Primary Scouting program as shown in an interview with the bishop.
5. Be worthy as shown in an interview with the bishop.
6. Complete the basic training for Scouting leaders.

## **CHURCH RESOURCES**

*Scouting Handbook*

*Relationships between the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and Scouts Canada*

## **SCOUTS CANADA RESOURCES**

*Let's Celebrate 2* – A book of spiritual ideas for Scouting.

Scout resources are available from your local Scout Council office or by writing to:

Scouts Canada  
Program Services Department  
1345 Baseline Road  
Ottawa, ON K2C 0A7



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