

REVIEW BEFORE STARTING THE BOY SCOUT “MY GOD” EMBLEM

PURPOSE

The purpose of the “My God” emblem is to:

- Help a Scout to have a better understanding of his faith
- Help provide a means toward spiritual growth
- Acquaint a scout with the religious emblem program of his faith
- Help a scout develop a fully religious way of life

Your Spiritual Growth and Scouting

Scouting’s charter states that our scout belief is that “No member can grow into the best kind of citizen without recognizing his obligation to God. Spiritual growth and scouting go hand in hand.” The religious emblem program of your faith will help you advance spiritually in your every day life as well as in scouting and to live fully the Scout Oath and Law.

Helps In Meeting Your Requirements

- 1 Ask your Scoutmaster or any of the Troop Committee if there is a religious emblem’s counselor in your area for the religious emblem you chose to acquire.
- 2 Get a loose-leaf binder or notebook with 8 ½ x 11” ruled line paper. All discussions you write are to be entered in this “Log Book” and are to be examined by the counselor or an adult guidance leader as you proceed through the program. Your writings will serve as partial evidence of the completion of your work and as a help to explain your spiritual growth to others.
- 3 When all parts in a step are completed, review your work with your counselor.
- 4 When all steps have been completed, you must meet with your counselor and/or adult guidance leader to review your work, after which he/she will verify it as having been completed.
- 5 Present this completed work to your Scoutmaster. He/She will procure your “My God” emblem and arrange for it’s presentation.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BOY SCOUT “MY GOD” EMBLEM

- I Plan a number of time periods when you and your family can discuss your religious beliefs.
- II Discuss your religious beliefs with your pastor, priest, rabbi, minister, spiritual advisor etc covering such areas as doctrines, dogmas, foundation. Did this meeting improve your understanding of God? Explain.
- III In your own words, briefly discuss the following (in writing or verbally with your religious counselor)
 - 1 How do you conceive God to be?
 - 2 How does God manifest His goodness and love to you and those people around you?
 - 3 How does God show forth His or Her personality?
 - 4 Which person (that you know very well) comes the closest to acting like you think God would act?
 - 5 Have you ever asked or talked to your brothers or sisters about God? If not, why not?
 - 6 If you did, how did their vision of God compare with yours?
- IV Read the religious emblem requirement and study booklet for your faith.
 - 1 Discuss this booklet with your family.
 - 2 Discuss this booklet with your pastor, priest, rabbi, minister, spiritual advisor, religious counselor etc covering such items that you feel you need clarification on or help in understanding.
 - 3 What do you think of the requirements outlined in this booklet?
- V Pledge to attend religious services and/or discussions of your faith on a regular basis.
- VI Do you plan to work on and receive the religious emblem of your faith? ____
When do you plan to start? ____ If not, why not? _____



Completion of “My God” Emblem
Boy Scout Emblem

Troop Number: _____

Scout Name: _____

Scout Signature: _____

Date of Completion: ____ / ____ / ____

Troop Religious Counselor:

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date Emblem Presented: ____ / ____ / ____

Paper work should be retained by the troop.
DO NOT SUBMIT PAPERWORK TO COUNCIL



My God

Boy Scout “My God” Emblem

The OJO (OH-HO), or Eye of God, was chosen to be the symbol used for the MY GOD EMBLEM in the belief that the Young Man will come to recognize that God is truly with him throughout his entire life

The OJO symbol can be traced back to the Inca Indians where they placed the symbol over the roofs of their houses in the belief that their God would ward off evil and protect them from harm.

With the sign of his God watching over him , we trust the Young Man will begin to recognize that he is truly made in God’s image and likeness; that he is destined to share God’s vision of eternity and join in bringing about a better world for all to live in.

The “MY GOD” emblem is to be worn 3/8” above the left uniform pocket, to the left of the service stars.