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## WE NEED YOUTH STAFF FOR OUR BOOTH AT THE '26 JAMBOREE!



The National Religious Relationships Committee of Scouting America created this event to give Scouts of all ages another way to do their Duty to God. Several NLAS members serve on this committee.

The first event was held last year in junction with the National Day of Prayer and exceeded all expectations. Nearly 3,700 Scouts read from their sacred texts for a total of over 800 hours! Most Scouts read at home with their families. In addition to the United States, we had youth from Bangladesh, Belgium, Chile, Kenya, Nigeria, Okinawa, the Philippines, and Singapore. **Scouts had never done this before. We made history.**

This year's event will also coincide with the National Day of Prayer on May 1<sup>st</sup> - or anytime that week that is convenient. We encourage all Scouts to read from their sacred text for at least 15 minutes and hope that their families also participate. We suggest that youth, their families or faith leaders decide texts to be read.

Our worldwide Sacred Texts event is much more than just the reading that week. Each youth that participates is encouraged to engage in a discussion with their Scout leader, family or friend about their Faith's Sacred texts. For some, it may be the first time they have read their Sacred texts. Our hope is it will not be the last. We are encouraging a practice that continues to change lives. May God bless our efforts!

And ... of course ... there *is* a patch available!

For more information, check out these QR codes:



To Order Patches



To Register



Promotion Video

The Lutheran booth in the Duty to God and Country area has been a busy place at past National Jamborees! Our staff has always enjoyed interacting and sharing about our faith with Scouts, leaders and visitors. We've done this in several ways, including teaching how to tie the Sailor's Cross knot for the past three Jamborees.

While we know our efforts have had an impact, in 2023 our staff learned a way to make it even better as we watched our Baptist neighbors put their youth front and center working with the Scouts. This was their first Jamboree doing so and the results were fantastic!

We would like to add four to six youth, 16-20, to the adults on our booth staff. This will assure that we can always have at least two on duty during program hours and also be able to give time off so they can participate in the Jamboree.

Note that the Jamboree fee is reduced for staff members ages 16-29. Their fee for the full Jamboree session (July 19-31) is \$750. Their fee for either half session (July 19-25 or July 25-31) is \$400. The NLAS board is also looking into ways we may be able to help with scholarships. . . watch for details soon.

This is a great way for youth to be able to attend the Jamboree at greatly reduced cost, learn to share their faith with others and make an amazing impact on literally thousands of lives!

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**Question: "How many Lutherans does it take to celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Philmont Training Center?"**



**Answer: "The more the merrier!"**

When we heard about the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of PTC, your N.L.A.S. leadership just knew that Lutheran Scouters, clergy and congregation leaders would want to be part of the celebration!

You and your family are invited to join us for our **"SCOUTING IN THE LUTHERAN CHURCH"** conference, the week of July 6-12!



Nestled at the edge of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains of New Mexico, you can enjoy sunrise over

the plains and mountain sunsets. Celebrating its 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2025, PTC provides a unique environment for training volunteers, creating leaders, and hosting family-friendly experiences and adventures.

Our conference will focus on how congregations can use Scouting as a tool to enhance their ministry.

**Our planned topics include:** *The National Picture - Duty to God and Scouting; Duty to God in Your Council; Scouting as a Resource for Your Congregation; P.R.A.Y. and the Religious Emblems Program; Unit and Adult Recognitions; Making Scout Sunday Meaningful; Organizing Scouting Units; Selecting Quality Leaders; Sharing Our Faith with Scouts; Unit, Council and Event Chaplaincy; Staffing the 2026 National Jamboree.*



We'll also hold the **Annual Meeting** of the **N.L.A.S.** during the conference - featuring updates and reports on association activities, committees and plans.

**Did we mention the Fellowship?** One of the best features of PTC conferences is the opportunity to interact with Scouters from across the country - both in our own conference and also the various other conferences. Lots of terrific ideas are shared over meals in the dining hall and evening program time as well as in the classroom.



**Make it a family trip!** PTC offers a full, organized program for every member of the family—from infants to spouses. Family members will be joined by others in their age group and will participate in a carefully designed, age and ability specific program



led by trained, experienced staff. Groups will get to enjoy hiking, tours, handicrafts, games, campfires, and outdoor activities.

**Evening Activities:** Every evening there are fun activities for you and your family: Western Night, Evening Craft Center opportunities, Cobbler Night, Movie Night, and Ice Cream Night, not to mention Opening and Closing Campfire each week. Don't forget your Western clothes and hat for Tuesday night's Buffalo Barbecue and Western Night games and dance.

**So . . . you may be asking, "How do I register for the course?"**

PTC's 2025 on-line registration is "live" on their website: [www.philmontscout ranch.org/ptc](http://www.philmontscout ranch.org/ptc)

**Come . . . Join the party and share the peace!**





# WE NEED YOU!

*to help staff the Lutheran booth at the National Jamboree,  
July 22-31, 2026 at the Summit Bechtel Reserve, WV*

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*This is a unique opportunity to share our faith with Scouts, Scouters and visitors from across the country and around the world!*
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*We need eight to ten staff to effectively cover our booth during open hours every program day of the Jamboree and also guarantee each staff member ample time off to see and participate in the Jamboree.*
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*Open to registered Scouts and Scouters, ages 16 and up.*  
*Adult (age 30+) staff fee - - \$1,060 for full duration, July 19-31*  
*Youth (16-29) staff fees - - - \$650 for full duration, July 19-31*
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*Can't get away for the entire time?*  
*Half-sessions with reduced registration fees are available: July 19-25 & July 25-31.*  
*Adult fee - \$700      Youth fee - \$400*
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## Scout Sunday 2025

Each year, NLAS shares photos of Scouts celebrating Scout Sunday. The following photos were shared with us via the NLAS Facebook page.

Joseph Johnson(L) and DJ Collins (R) were presented the Lutheran Lamb adult recognition by Pastor Steven Benson on Feb 17 at Zion Lutheran Church, Brainerd, MN. Johnson and Collins pose for a photo with Loren Meinke after the ceremony. Photo submitted by Kenneth Toole.



Pack 680, Spanaway, WA at Spanaway Lutheran Church. Photo submitted by Robert Lutch.



Scouts from Troop 46, Pack 146, and Crew 446 at Scout Sunday in Emmetsburg, IA. Photo submitted by Peter Morlock .



The scouts of Pack 361 Port Clinton Ohio at St John Lutheran took over the youth sermon! Photo submitted by Phillip Rauscher.

## NLAS Four Star Scholarship

**Amount:** Two (2) \$500.00 scholarships will be awarded annually by NLAS.

**Eligibility:** Open to all youth registered with American Heritage Girls, Girl Scouts of the USA, or Scouting America who have successfully earned four (4) P.R.A.Y. Program Awards and are seniors in high school. Scholarships are for post-secondary education and will be paid directly to the designated institution.

**Criteria for consideration:**

1. P.R.A.Y Awards: Earning the following: 1) either Jesus & Me or God & Me, 2) God & Family, 3) God & Church, and 4) God & Life.
2. Congregational activities: Summary of participation in home congregation such as confirmation education, youth group activities, or church sponsored programs. In addition:
  - A 500-1000 word faith statement from applicant.
  - Letter of Recommendation from Pastor of home congregation.
3. Academics: High School transcript reflecting a minimum of six (6) semesters of academic achievement

that states unweighted and weighted GPA.

4. Summary of Extra-Curricular activities/awards: Summary of activities (such as athletics, drama, robotics, band, or choir) and awards (such as varsity letter(s), NHS, or John Philip Sousa award).

5. Scouting program: Summary of participation years and highest rank achieved (such as Gold Award, Stars & Stripes Award, Eagle Scout rank).

**Qualifying Institutions:** Accredited Junior Colleges, Colleges, Universities, or Vocational Schools. Awarded scholarship funds will be paid directly to the institution in the name of the recipient for tuition costs only. Funds cannot be applied to books, room & board, or travel expenses.

**Application Process:**

1. Applications may be submitted to NLAS from January 1 to May 1, 2025.
2. Review by NLAS will be completed by May 15, 2025.
3. Recommended recipients will be approved by NLAS Board by June 1, 2025.
4. Recipients will be notified by June 15, 2025.

## Build-it-Yourself Religious Emblems Tabletop Display Kits

Have you ever wanted to explain the Religious Emblems at an event, or talk about your Lutheran faith to youth? Is making a nice Religious Emblems display too hard? NLAS is pleased to present two build-it-yourself tabletop displays. The free downloadable kit includes two images that are sized perfectly for a 36" x 48" tri-fold project board, and a list of links to downloadable documents for display or handouts. A third display is also available that explains Scouting as a Congregational Ministry.

Download one of the displays and send the image to your vendor of choice for printing on adhesive backed vinyl (costs about \$30). Place the vinyl image on your own display board (~\$10 at your office supply store), and you're ready to go! You can also select and print the documents you wish to hand out (or hand out the list of links).

The kits are downloadable from <https://bit.ly/3ZkLZQF> or the NLAS website Resources page <https://nlas.org/program-resources/>.

## Council-level Duty to God Award.



Similar to the National *Duty to God Award*, the Council *Duty to God Award* was created by the BSA National Religious Relationships Committee to recognize those registered Scouters who have demonstrated an exemplary history of transformational leadership in supporting and promoting the spiritual foundation of Scouting at the local Council level. Information and nomination applications are available at the Duty to God BSA web site <http://bit.ly/3LqUtbJ>

An unlimited number of nominations can be submitted to any Council each year, but a maximum of two Council Duty to God Awards per year may be awarded by 100 and 200 level councils and a maximum of one Council Duty to God Award per year may be awarded by 300, 400, and 500 level councils.

The NRRC suggests that the Council *Duty to God Award* presentation should be conducted with the highest level of honor at a council event (such as the council's Silver Beaver recognition) or a religious emblem ceremony of the recipient's faith. Each recipient should receive recognition worthy of the service rendered on Scouting's behalf.



*Our editor, Marti Jernberg, receives the Duty to God Award from Jay Herzog at the Three Fires Council Recognition Dinner.*

## Lutheran Recognition of Excellence (LRE)



Has your unit earned the Lutheran Recognition of Excellence? The purpose of this award is to recognize outstanding Cub Scout Packs, Scouts BSA Troops, Venturing Crews, Sea Scout Ships and Explorer Posts that are chartered by Lutheran congregations or other Lutheran organizations and have met the criteria established by the National Lutheran Association on Scouting.

Here are the criteria: Within the calendar year the unit shall have accomplished all of the following:

1. Earned the Journey To Excellence Award (Bronze, Silver, or Gold level) of the Boy Scouts of America.
2. Ten percent or more of the registered youth members of the unit were enrolled in or have completed the appropriate Religious Emblems Program for their age level and religious affiliation.
3. The pastor serves as the Religious Emblems Counselor or has appointed someone to serve in that capacity for the Jesus and Me, God and Me, God and

Family, God and Church and the God and Life (as applicable) Religious Emblems Programs.

4. The unit participated in the local Lutheran congregation Scout Sunday observance and completed at least one service project for the chartering Lutheran organization.
5. The unit provided regular worship opportunities when away from their home congregations on Sundays for camping trips and outings, and provided the appropriate religious setting for banquets, ceremonies and other unit events (such as, prayer at unit and leader meetings or events).
6. The Chartered Organization Representative (COR) shall be a member of the chartering Lutheran congregation or, for other Lutheran organizations, a communicant member of a local Lutheran congregation.
7. For Scouts BSA Troops only\*, the Chaplain Aide(s) is/are trained and actively working with a Lutheran pastor, youth minister, or designated lay person.

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## Certificates Available

Upon request, the NLAS Recognition Committee offers a recognition certificate to youth and adults who have achieved Lutheran or Scouting awards. Complete the form on the NLAS website (one submission per award) and NLAS will recognize you or your scout with an NLAS Certificate of Commendation.



## From the Editor

Here are the submission deadlines for upcoming issues of *Lutheran Scouting*:

Winter - January 1  
 Spring - April 1  
 Summer - July 1  
 Fall - October 1

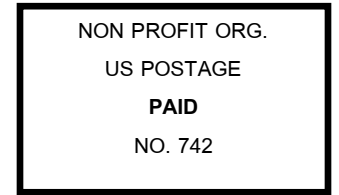
Please submit articles and/or photos for upcoming issues by the dates listed. These are intended to be hard deadlines, however, if there is a reason for you to delay an article, please contact me either by email (mjscouter@aol.com) or phone (847-337-0903). Of course, you can submit articles or pictures at any time in the month preceding the deadline.

I would like to see submissions for "Eagles in Action" or "Scout Sunday Activities" columns.



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We are a resource for youth and adults who wish to know more about the religious emblems program, endorsed by the Lutheran Churches for members of Boy Scouts of America, Girl Scouts USA, American Heritage Girls, 4H and Camp Fire USA.

### **NLAS Mission**

To equip Lutherans and other Christians to minister to young people, using the programs of our partner youth serving agencies.

### **NLAS Vision**

That all young people and their families are exposed to Jesus Christ and have an opportunity to know him as Lord and Savior

The mission and visions statements were accepted by the NLAS Executive Board on October 12th, 2002