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## Scout Sunday is February 8<sup>th</sup>! Has Your Pack, Troop or Crew Made Plans to Celebrate Yet?

If the answer is “YES!”, that’s great! If the answer is “No”, it’s not necessarily too late. Here’s the good news:

- Scout Sunday doesn’t **have** to be February 8<sup>th</sup>. That happens to be the actual Scouting America Anniversary Day, but you can celebrate when it’s convenient for your congregation and units!
- Your celebration doesn’t have to be elaborate; it can be as simple as a mention in the bulletin and/or as many unit members and leaders attending services in uniform.
- The patch shown below can be ordered through <https://www.scoutshop.org/> or your local Scouting America council to recognize all unit members that participate.
- Resources are available to help you plan at: <https://www.scouting.org/resources/relationships/scout-sunday/>
- We want to share your celebration with our members! Please share photos and a brief description at: <https://www.facebook.com/NLASyouth/>



## We’re still looking for a few more older Scouts!



Plans are nearly complete for our NLAS booth at the 2026 National Scout Jamboree! BUT . . . we need another **four to six youth, ages 16-20** as part of our booth staff. This will allow us to have at least two on duty during program hours and also be able to give time off so they can participate in the Jamboree. It’s a great way to be part of the 2026 National Jamboree at greatly reduced cost! **Here are the details:**

- Dates - the full Jamboree session is July 19-31. If your schedule won’t allow the full session, half-sessions are available - either July 19-25 or July 25-31.
- The youth staff Jamboree fee for the full session is \$650. The youth fee for either half-session is \$400.
- The NLAS board has approved assistance in the form of scholarships in the amount of half of the youth staff fee.
- Register on the Jamboree web site: <https://jamboree.scouting.org/staff>
- Select “Duty to God and Country Staff” and be sure to indicate “Lutheran”
- Pay the initial \$100 registration fee and contact our NLAS President Kristen Rogahn at [nlas.kristin@gmail.com](mailto:nlas.kristin@gmail.com) so she can be sure to get you assigned to our staff.
- The NLAS board will arrange for the scholarship as part of the final payment.



### Questions? Contact either -

NLAS President Kristin Rogahn:  
[nlas.kristin@gmail.com](mailto:nlas.kristin@gmail.com)

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Past President Jim Whitehead:  
[jcwscouter@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jcwscouter@sbcglobal.net)

## 2026 Religious Relationships Week

### Zoom Event: February 22-27, 2026

Hosted by the National Religious Relationships Committee, this week of evening sessions is sure to have something to interest you, whatever your role in Scouting.

[www.dutytogodbsa.org](http://www.dutytogodbsa.org),

"Join us each evening for a variety of Zoom classes on different topics. Attend as many—or as few—as you'd like!"

Over 40 classes will be available to choose from. The week will include topics for advancement coordinators, faith specific sessions, program coordinators, council/district professionals, chaplains & worship leaders, membership coordinators, marketing specialists, religious emblems coordinators and more. Feel free to sign up for one session or as many as interest you.

Youth & Adults are welcome to attend. Sessions WILL NOT be recorded due to Youth Protection. However, PowerPoints and handouts will be available.

For more information, contact your Religious Relations Committee or the National Religious Relations Committee of Scouting America.



### Religious Emblems Promotion Night

Mark your calendars for Thursday, February 26, 2026, 7:00—8:00 p.m. CST. For Religious Emblems Promotion Night

The Promotion Night is a Zoom event intended to showcase the process for earning a religious emblem. Adult leaders, kids and parents around the country can join to learn how to begin earning the emblem for their faith. There will be an opening session with Jason Noland of P.R.A.Y. who will explain common faith group things for religious emblems such as the national brochure and uniform knots. **There will also be door prize drawings.**

After the opening session everyone will move into a breakout room for the faith they want to learn about—it need not be their own faith. For example, a Christian Scoutmaster might want to find out how to guide a Jewish Scout to begin earning his/her Nir Tamid. Once the session is over, that concludes the event.



Registration is Open [www.dutytogodbsa.org](http://www.dutytogodbsa.org)

**Spread the word to other leaders, parents and Scouts!**

## 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.

**Application information:**

Applications may be found on the NLAS website under Awards & Recognition, Youth Recognition, located at the bottom of the page. The link is: [NLAS-4-Star-Scholarship-application\\_r2022.pdf](#)

**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, 2026.
2. Review by NLAS will be completed by May 15, 2026.
3. Recommended recipients will be approved by NLAS Board by June 1, 2026.
4. Recipients will be notified by June 15, 2026.



*We want to hear from you!*

We would love to include news items from and about your units. Service projects for your churches?

P.R.A.Y. awards earned?

Adult awards earned? Scout Sunday observances? Is your chaplain aide

doing it right? A Scouts own service that your unit did. Did a Lutheran Scout earn Gold or Eagle or both? Lutheran Scouts' Eagle/Gold projects?

Send your news for *Lutheran Scouting* newsletter to Marti Jernberg, [mjscouter@aol.com](mailto:mjscouter@aol.com). Please spell out acronyms and give state and area or city locations so complete information is included in the publication. For events, be sure to include the date. For photos, email in .jpg or .png format.



## President's Perspective

My fellow Lutheran Scouters, I would like to wish you a Happy New Year.

I hope that you all had an amazing Christmas season and enjoyed in celebrating Christ's birth with family and friends.

Have you ever made a New Years' resolution? How many times does that resolution start off strong only to peter out over time? It happens to all of us. We have a resolve to start a better lifestyle, work out more, change eating habits, read the Bible more often, be more active in our youth programs or church, and many more. Somehow life, or old habits, get in the way. Maybe we are trying too hard or are setting ourselves up for failure with expectations of grandeur.

As I have learned and our Scouts are learning this too, that if we want to change something, we must make goals that are attainable for us. Small steps or changes tend to make these goals work better for us. Instead of, I will work out more, something like, I will take a walk twice a week is more attainable. I can make time to go for a walk before I can find a two-hour time slot to travel to a gym, work out, and travel home.

The adage, "How do you eat and elephant" comes to mind: the answer, "One bite at a time." We are at the precipice of a new year and, for me, a renewed desire to follow the path the Christ set forth for me. I pledge to listen to what God is telling me, to pay attention to opportunities that are set before me to share the wonderful news of Christ and His love.

Psalms 119:133 "Keep steady my steps according to your promise and let no iniquity get dominion over me." This will be my resolution this year; my small steps to follow Christ in everything that I do. We lead and teach by example. May we all be a great example to all those youth and adults that we work with.

Blessings to each of you,

Yours in Christ and Scouting,

Kristin Rogahn

NLAS President

## Would You Like to Serve on the Board?

The NLAS Nominating Committee is beginning to prepare the slate of officers to be voted on at the next annual meeting in July.

If you are interested in serving or if you know someone who is, please contact Ben Wheeler (Benjamin.wheeler@scouting.org) by March 15.



Every two years a Nominating Committee is formed to develop a slate of nominees for the national officers of the Executive Board of the National Lutheran Association on Scouting: President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, and two Members at Large. The officers are elected by the voting membership (dues-paid and honorary members) of NLAS and are installed at the annual meeting in even numbered years, such as the 2026 annual meeting. Terms are for two years with the exception of President-Elect who succeeds to the office of President after two years.

The new slate of officers will be announced in the Spring issue of *Lutheran Scouting*.

## NLAS Board

### NLAS Officers

President:	Kristin Rogahn	nlas.kristin@gmail.com
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### Ex-Officio

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### Standing Chairs

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Chaplaincy:	Rev. Richard Egtvedt	2kingsrick@gmail.com

### Special Committees

NLAS Lead Chaplain:	Rev. Richard Egtvedt	2kingsrick@gmail.com
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## 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. Send an image to your vendor of choice for printing on adhesive backed vinyl (costs about \$30) and select and print the documents you wish to hand out (or hand out the list of links). Place the vinyl image on your own display board (~\$10 at your office supply store), and you're ready to go!

The kit is downloadable from <https://bit.ly/3ZkLZQF>. Or from the Program Resources page at <https://nlas.org/program-resources/>. Look under P.R.A.Y./Religious Emblems Program Resources.

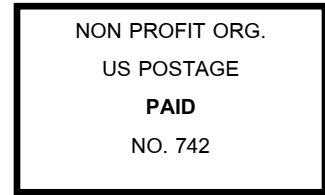


NLAS tri-fold poster *A.png* is an image such as NLAS might use to witness to the Christian faith in Lutheran terms, such as at the BSA National Jamboree Duty to God and Country exhibits.



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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