Lutheran Religious Emblems











Lutheran Growth in Faith

Jesus and Me (Grades K-1)
Jesus and Me introduces Jesus as the Son of God in a way that young children can see Jesus in their own day-to-day experiences as a storyteller, teacher, friend, and healer. A hands-on "Jesus Scroll Craft" helps children tell their story of Jesus and Me. Recognizing that parents and guardians are responsible for the faith development of their children, Jesus and Me requires their participation and encourages parent-child interaction.

God and Me (Grades 2-3)
Children will become best friends with Jesus and tell their story of "God and Me" together. Children will make a game in each lesson and keep their games in a GAMEBOX (God And Me Exploring BOX). These games reinforce the Bible lessons and provide opportunities for families to explore God's love together.

God and Family (Grades 4-6)
The God and Family curriculum helps youth to understand the importance of family and God's role in a healthy family. Children will compare families and "pizza." They will make a pizza as they study how families can grow together in God's love, and they will choose "family projects" to be done with their family at home.

God and Church (Grades 6-8)
God and Church leads youth on a three-part faith journey: meeting Jesus, worshiping God, and witnessing and ministering for Christ. Participants make a plan for daily Bible reading and memorize a creed or statement of belief or passage of scripture. They will create a video or a photo album to share what they have learned on their faith journeys. Young people will have the opportunity to work with their pastor or other Christian adult as they study the church's structures and objectives, participate in service projects, and strengthen their relationship with Christ.

God and Life (Grades 9-12)
God and Life helps youth understand their call to a life of discipleship. God and Life focuses on the life of the Apostle Paul as recorded in Acts 9:1-31, that describes how Paul encountered Christ and was changed forever. Youth will plan for daily Bible reading, experience the joy of serving others, write a statement of commitment, and explore what it means to live one's life for Christ.

Lutheran Recognition of Excellence
(LRE)

A Unit Award
for Girl Scout Troops

Established by

National Lutheran Association on Scouting (NLAS)

Purpose

To recognize outstanding Girl Scout Troops that receive sponsorship from Lutheran congregations or other Lutheran organizations and have met the criteria established by the National Lutheran Association on Scouting.

Criteria

Within the calendar year the troop shall have accomplished all of the following:

1. Ten percent or more of the registered youth members of the troop were enrolled in or have completed the appropriate Religious Emblems Program for their age level and religious affiliation.
2. 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 Religious Emblems Program(s).
3. The troop participated in the local Lutheran congregation Scout Sunday observance and completed at least one service project for the sponsoring Lutheran organization.
4. The troop provided regular worship opportunities when away from their home congregations on Sundays for all camping trips and other outings, and provided the appropriate religious setting for all banquets, ceremonies and other troop events (such as, prayer at troop and leader meetings).
5. The liaison between the sponsoring congregation and the Girl Scout troop shall be a communicant member of the sponsoring Lutheran congregation, or if the sponsoring organization is a school or other Lutheran organization, the liaison shall be a communicant member of a local Lutheran congregation.

Insignia

Only members of troops sponsored by Lutheran congregations or Lutheran organizations may earn the Lutheran Recognition of Excellence and wear the LRE insignia.



Girl Scouts and leaders may wear the insignia. The patch is worn as an optional insignia, similar to an event patch, on the back of the uniform.

Each troop awarded the LRE is also recognized with the unit ribbon and certificate for each year that the LRE is earned.

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Lutheran Recognition of Excellence Application

Troop sponsored by:

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Sponsor's Address: Street

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City, State, ZIP

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Sponsor's Phone # _____
Sponsor's email _____
Troop Number _____
Council Name _____
Calendar Year _____

Check each requirement as it is completed:

☐ 10 % enrolled/ completed Religious Emblems Programs

☐ Religious Counselor (Pastor or appointee)
☐ Scout Sunday observance
☐ Worship opportunities on trips, ceremonies, etc.
☐ Sponsor's liaison is Lutheran communicant member

Signature of Sponsor's liaison:

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Signature for GSUSA Council:

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Order Form

LRE ribbon: one unit ribbon provided free
LRE Certificate: one unit certificate provided free
LRE Patch ____ (# needed) x $3.50 ea = $_____
Handling charge (1 x) = $ 6.00
TOTAL = $_____

Ship to: Name

_____

Street

_____

City, State, ZIP

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Make checks payable to N.L.A.S.

Mail to: N.L.A.S.
7827 Town Square Ave, #104
O'Fallon, MO 63368