RELIGIOUS RECOGNITIONS CREATED BY THE FAITH COMMUNITIES FOR THEIR MEMBERS WHO ARE GIRL SCOUTS

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How do we get started on these programs?

1. Girls must obtain the specific booklet for their religion.
   - Check with your council store or contact the religious organization directly (see list above).
   - Each girl needs her own booklet to document progress.
   - Some religions offer adult manuals for counselors and mentors.

2. Parents should review the program guidelines.
   - Some programs require that girls be official “members” of the religious institution.
   - Age/grade requirements vary from program to program.
   - Each program sets its own guidelines as to who may serve as counselor. Some programs require clergy to serve as counselor, other programs allow parents or other family members to serve as counselor.

3. Families should talk to their religious leaders and show them the booklet before beginning any program.
   - Most programs require that they be completed under the auspices of that religious organization.
   - Many programs require a religious leader’s signature.

4. Girls must complete the requirements, obtain the proper signatures, and follow the instructions to order the recognition or pin.
   - These recognitions or pins are not available in your Girl Scout store (follow the instructions in your booklet).
   - The award should be presented in a meaningful ceremony, preferably in the girl’s religious institution.
   - The award can be presented at anytime of the year. (Don’t forget: Girl Scout Sunday/Sabbath is in March.)

Need help in making a presentation on religious awards? Find resources at www.praypub.org/gsusa.