

Girl Scouts Celebrate Faith!



Faith Program Toolkit

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Girl Scouts and Faith

Everything in Girl Scouts is based on the Girl Scout Promise and Law, which includes many of the principles and values common across religions. While a secular organization, Girl Scouts encourages girls to take spiritual journeys via their faith's religious recognitions and by earning the My Promise, My Faith pin, which helps deepen the connection between the Girl Scout Law and a girl's faith.

Faith can be intensely personal and specific—two people can share the same religion but practice it very differently. Girl Scouts enables girls to honor their spiritual journey in a way that's authentic to their faith. Girls of all faiths can honor their spirituality and embrace the diversity of the Girl Scout Movement. See [Girl Scouts and Faith](#).

Girl Scout Awards: My Promise, My Faith

Girl Scouts of the USA developed the [My Promise, My Faith \(MPMF\) Awards](#) in 2011.

Girls in grades K-12 can earn one award pin per year by exploring the Girl Scout Law. MPMF Awards complement religious recognitions for

specific faiths and help girls strengthen their faith through Girl Scouts.



Faith Events

Girl Scouts of Orange County encourages girls to hold faith events to connect with their faith community! Girls will deepen their faith, strengthen relationships, and gain event planning skills! Events can happen during Girl Scout Week in March or any time of year! Girls and adults use this [Faith Program Toolkit](#) to plan a faith event.

Girl Scout Week

Girl Scout Week is celebrated In March! Girl Scouts worldwide celebrate our mission of building girls of courage, confidence, and character, and to salute all those who help make that possible. This is the week to show off your Girl Scout pride! It can also be a time to celebrate Girl Scouts and Faith!

Girl Scout Week is celebrated the week of Girl Scouts' Birthday, March 12, and includes Girl Scout Sunday, Girl Scout Jumamah, and Girl Scout Shabbat/Sabbath. Partnering with faith communities during Girl Scout Week exposes more people in the community to the benefits of Girl Scouts, affirms relationships with faith leaders and adult volunteers, and builds the Movement's diversity [Click here to view this year's info](#).

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Faith Partners



Team Up with Faith Partners

Girl Scouts partner with and celebrate faith communities – during Girl Scout Week and throughout the year, to recognize Girl Scouts in their place of worship, share the benefits of Girl Scouting with faith families, and thank faith partners for their support. Celebrations with faith partners support membership, programming, and community engagement goals.

Celebrations can be hosted by girls and adults, especially faith-based troops, and celebrated with any faith partner.

GSOC Girl Scout Week celebration dates in 2023 include:

- Girl Scout Birthday and [Trefoil Trot](#): Sunday March 12, 2023
- Girl Scout Jummah: Friday March 17, 2023
- Girl Scout Sabbath/Shabbat: Friday March 17 – Saturday March 18, 2023
- Girl Scout Sunday: Sunday, March 19, 2023

This Faith Program Toolkit has resources to plan, promote, and host your events and share with your volunteers to host their events.

Faith Partner Relationships

Faith partners have been working with Girl Scouts since 1912 to reach out to communities and serve girls and families. Some ways that faith partners can work with Girl Scouts include hosting a troop, engaging Girl Scouts in service opportunities, and helping girls earn their My Promise, My Faith pin and religious recognitions.

African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church

The Association of African Methodist Episcopal Scouts (AAMES) has been chartered to encourage every AME Church to organize and support a Girl Scout and a Boy Scout Unit. Learn more and get involved at amescouts.org

Catholic Church

Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA) is proud of its 100-year relationship with the Catholic Church and is pleased that the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has the following resources: [Questions and Answers About Girl Scouts of the USA and About Catholic Scouting](#); [Background on Girl Scouts of the USA and USCCB Conversations](#). Learn more at <https://www.girlscouts.org/en/footer/faith/catholic-church.html> GSOC encourages girls to check out [Catholic Connections: Religious Awards, Recognitions and Patches](#).

Jewish Community

The National Jewish Committee on Girl Scouting, Inc. (NJCGS) is a non-profit organization which exists to promote the Jewish Girl Scout award programs and religious services in Girl Scout Councils, assist Girl Scout Councils in extending Girl Scouting in the Jewish Community, and encourage cultural exchanges. Learn more at <https://www.njcgcs.org>.

Islamic Community

The Islamic Committee on Girl Scouting (ICGS) presents Girl Scouts of the Islamic Faith their Religious Recognition Awards. The committee has developed a program that includes a booklet of Islamic activities and medals for various awards. Learn more at <https://www.nicgs.com>.

Protestant and Independent Christian Community

Programs of Religious Activities with Youth (P.R.A.Y.) is a not-for-profit organization which seeks to "foster the Christian growth of children, youth, and families through churches and youth serving agencies" through collaborations between churches and

agencies, and the P.R.A.Y. program for children in grades K-12 to develop a deeper relationship with God. Learn more at <https://www.praypub.org/gsusu>.

Note: The Girl Scouts of the United States of America (GSUSA) works with many religious groups to bring religious recognitions to girls from different spiritual backgrounds.

New Troops and Meeting Places

Are you starting a new troop and looking for a meeting place? Consider reaching out to your local churches. P.R.A.Y. and its denominational partners have developed resources to help cultivate potential partners on connecting their faith to youth through Girl Scouting. When Girl Scouting is viewed as youth ministry, congregations experience outreach, leadership development and growth. Use the specific or general flyers below to help clergy expand their programs by highlighting "To Serve God." More denominations will be added as material is approved. For more resources and updates, visit the [P.R.A.Y. website](#).

- [General Protestant](#)
- [Baptist](#)
- [Disciples of Christ \(Christian Church\)](#)
- [Lutheran](#)
- [Presbyterian Church, USA](#)
- [Presbyterian Church of America](#)
- [United Methodist Church](#)

Note: Additional GSOC Faith Recruitment Resources are available on request including:

- Faith Flyer: Catholic
- Faith Flyer: Christian
- Faith Flyer: Islamic
- Faith Flyer: Jewish
- Faith Partners One Pager
- Guidance for Making Connections with Faith Partners

Contact CustomerCare@girlscoutsoc.org to request resources.



How to Plan a Faith Event

Use the questions below to start planning!

Who will plan the faith event?

Girls and adults should decide the following:

1. **Who** will participate in the faith event? **Who** will take the lead on planning the faith event?
2. **What** will the faith event include?
3. **When** will the faith event take place?
4. **Where** will the faith event be held?
5. **How** will the faith event be organized?
6. **Why** is the faith event important?

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Who will participate in the faith event?

Girls can plan an event for Girl Scout members, families, or the larger faith community. Possible options include:

- Girl Scout Troop, Sister Troops, or Service Unit
- Girl Scout Region or Council
- Church, Mosque, Temple, or other congregation
- School Community
- Other Audience

Note: Planning Large Events Training is for any volunteer who is running an event for their Service Unit, a group of troops (over 4 troops) or Council-wide. A large event is broadly defined as any event organized by Girl Scouts generally for Girl Scouts. This training is also useful for Service Unit team members who are helping to coordinate Service Unit events.

Who will take the lead on planning the faith event?

Girls can take the lead on planning using the “girl led” process with the guidance of adults to plan a faith event. Those planning can include:

- Girls
- Troop Leader or other Girl Scout Adult
- Faith leaders

What will the faith event include?

Girls can help determine what the faith event will include depending on when, where, and how it will be organized. Some examples include:

- Girl Scout Faith Awards Event
 - Activities to earn My Promise, My Faith Awards OR Religious Recognitions
 - Snack
 - Guest Speaker Panel representing different faith backgrounds
 - Ceremony
- Faith Worship Service/Girl Scout Week Faith Observance: Girl Scout Sunday, Jummah, Shabbat (see Girl Scouts Celebrate Faith Flyers and PPT Slide Inserts)
 - Activities before the service (see Pre- and Post-Service Ideas)

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- Girl Scouts participation in service (see Sample Service Ideas)
- Honoring Girl Scouts and volunteers who make the world a better place
- Special blessing led by a faith leader (see Sample Prayers including Girl Scout Speech and Girl Scout Promise and Law)
- Girl Scout photo in uniform with faith leader
- Award presentation (My Promise, My Faith Awards and/or Religious Recognitions)
- Girl Scouts Celebrate Faith Event
 - Opening Ceremony to learn about a faith holiday
 - Craft
 - Snack
 - Closing Ceremony

Faith Event Patches: Make your Faith Event something to remember—with a patch! Patches are available at the [GSOC Shop](#) for any faith celebration or faith event, including interfaith events.

When do Girl Scouts plan a faith event?

Girls can hold a faith event any time of year! Possible times include:

- Girl Scout Week
 - Girl Scout Birthday
 - Girl Scout Sunday
 - Girl Scout Jummah
 - Girl Scout Shabbat
- Buddhist Holidays
 - Buddhist New Year
 - Vesak
- Christian Holidays
 - Christmas
 - Easter
- Hindu Holidays
 - Maha Shivratri
 - Holi
 - Rahsha Bandhan
 - Krishna Janmashtami
 - Ganesha Chaturthi
- Navratri
- Dussehra
- Diwali
- Islamic Holidays
 - Ramadan
 - Eid Al-Fitr
 - The Hajj
 - Eid Al-Adha
 - Al-Hijra
 - Mawlid al-Nabi
- Jewish Holidays
 - Hannukah
 - Passover
 - Shavuot
 - Rosh Hashana
 - Yom Kippur
 - Sukkot

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Where will the faith event be held?

- Church, Mosque, Temple, or other place of worship
- School
- Park
- Beach
- Other location

How will the faith event be organized?

A faith event can be planned as:

- a workshop for current and/or new Girl Scouts
- a celebration during Girl Scout Week: Girl Scout Sunday, Girl Scout Jummah, Girl Scout Shabbat
- an opportunity for Girl Scouts to share their faith and/or learn about the faith traditions of others (ie. Girl Scouts Celebrate Hanukkah, Open Mosque Day, etc.)
- a part of a worship service at a place of worship
- a prayer service or Girl Scout's Own ceremony
- an interfaith celebration (see the virtual Interfaith Event Series linked on [Girl Scouts and Faith](#) for inspiration)
- a reception to thank faith leaders for providing meeting space and/or support

Why host a faith event?

Girls can hold a faith event to:

- earn the Girl Scout My Promise, My Faith Awards OR religious recognitions for specific faiths
- celebrate Girl Scout Week in March during the week of Girl Scout Birthday, March 12th
- celebrate a religious season or holiday
- invite new members to join Girl Scouts
- share an achievement or community service project and/or present an award
- build relationships by sharing how they live the Girl Scout Promise and Law

Faith Event Planning Tool

Use the template below to start planning!

Who will take the lead on planning the faith event? (list contacts)

Who will participate in the faith event?	What will the faith event include?
When will the faith event take place?	Where will the faith event be held?
How will the faith event be organized?	Why is the faith event important?

To Do Checklist

- Identify potential locations.
- Contact faith leaders/guest speakers.
- Schedule a date and time.
- Plan your event schedule.
- As needed, create an event flyer to help promote the event. (see Girl Scouts Celebrate Faith Flyers and PPT Slides)
- Invite girls, families, and/or council staff.
- Review GSOC [Girl Scouts and Faith](#) page and Faith Program Toolkit for available resources.
- Submit the [Girl Scout Faith Event Notification Form](#) to share your plans to celebrate and get council resources and support for your faith event.
- Help girls complete and/or be recognized for earning My Promise, My Faith Awards and/or religious recognitions.

OC Girl Scouts, parents and/or troop leaders submit the [Girl Scout Faith Awards Report Form](#) to help GSOC recognize girls who have earned Girl Scouts' national My Promise, My Faith Awards and religious recognitions for specific faiths. Submit one form per girl.
- Take pictures at your event!

Tips for Planning a Memorable Event during Girl Scout Week and beyond!

1. **Work closely with your faith partner.** Teaming up will help event planning and promotion go smoothly and deepen the connection between your troop and your faith partner.
2. **Start early.** Houses of worship will appreciate the extra time to incorporate your event into their worship schedule!
3. **Include pre- and post-activities.** Events before and after the worship service are a great way to share the benefits of Girl Scouting with faith families and give back to your faith partner. You might host a cookie booth and/or cookies and punch reception after the service or do a service project—check out the activities tip sheet for ideas.
4. **Promote your event.** Spread the word through social media and neighborhood channels. Ask your faith partner to promote the event in their newsletters or bulletins. And give your local council a heads up too: they may amplify through their channels.
5. **Thank your faith partner after the event.** Faith partners will appreciate a note of thanks after your event, especially one they can share with their community.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

What is Girl Scouts Celebrate Faith?

Girl Scouts of the USA has longstanding traditions of celebrating with faith communities during Girl Scout Week. Girl Scouts Celebrate Faith events are celebrations to recognize Girl Scouts at their house of worship, thank faith partners for their support throughout the year, and honor Girl Scout volunteers. Girl Scouts Celebrate Faith events can include participation in worship services, pre- and post-worship events, and service projects.

Why is Girl Scouts doing Girl Scouts Celebrate Faith?

Girl Scouts Celebrate Faith events are a longstanding tradition of Girl Scouts that provide Girl Scouts and their troops with a way to be acknowledged at their house of worship, thank faith partners for their support throughout the year, and honor adult volunteers.

When can I do Girl Scouts Celebrate Faith?

Girl Scouts Celebrate Faith events typically occur during Girl Scout Week, which is the week of March 12 every year. However, Girl Scouts Celebrate Faith events can occur at any mutually agreeable time between your faith partner and you. In 2023, celebration dates include:

- Girl Scout Sunday: Sunday, March 5, 2023
- Girl Scout Jummah: Friday, March 10, 2023
- Girl Scout Sabbath/Shabbat: Friday, March 10–Saturday, March 11, 2023

Girl Scouts Celebrate Faith can be enjoyed with any faith partner on a date of your choosing. Christian and Buddhist partners typically celebrate on Girl Scout Sunday, Muslim partners celebrate on Girl Scout Jummah, and Jewish partners celebrate on Girl Scout Sabbath or Girl Scout Shabbat.

Who is this expected to reach?

Girl Scouts Celebrate Faith events support Girl Scouts and troops of any faith tradition. They also reach faith communities and nonmember families at houses of worship where Girl Scouts Celebrate Faith events occur.

Faith Awards & Recognitions

[My Promise My Faith \(English\)](#)



My Promise, My Faith

The Girl Scouts My Promise, My Faith pin invites girls in grades K-12 to experience a faith journey through exploration of the Girl Scout Law and teachings from their faith. Girls can earn this national pin each year.

Steps to earn the pin:

- 1. Choose one line from the Girl Scout Law.** Find a story, song, or poem from your faith with the same ideas. Talk with your family or friends about what that line of the Law and the story, song, or poem have in common.
- 2. Find a woman in your own or another faith community.** Ask her how she tries to use that line of the Law in her life.
- 3. Gather three inspirational quotes** by women that fit with that line of the Girl Scout Law. Put them where you can see them every day!
- 4. Make something to remind you of what you've learned.** It might be a drawing, painting, or poster. You could also make up a story or a skit.
- 5. Keep the connection strong.** Find out if your faith community offers a recognition program for Girl Scouts. Talk with your friends, family, or a group in your faith community about what you've learned about your faith and Girl Scouting. Ask them to help you live the Law and your faith. Maybe you can show them what you just made or perform your skit!

Adult volunteers from faith organizations partner with girls by:

- Linking the national pin into their faith's religious recognitions
- Guiding girls through their personal faith journey
- Helping girls strengthen their understanding of their faith

Contact your local Girl Scouts council for more information. To find your nearest Girl Scout council go to www.girlscouts.org/councilfinder.



Go to www.praypub.org/gusa to find out about religious recognitions offered by different faith communities.

My Promise, My Faith

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Earning the My Promise, My Faith Awards help Girl Scout Daisies through Ambassadors explore how Girl Scouting and their faith offer similar ideas about how to act. Requirements are in The Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting and on GSOC [Girl Scouts and Faith](#).

Is Girl Scouts teaching religion through My Promise, My Faith (MPMF)?

No, Girl Scouts is a secular organization. The Girl Scout Promise and Law are in alignment with many faith organizations' teachings and MPMF and the Girl Scout Leadership Experience (GSLE) provide girls an opportunity to strengthen their faith journey as they grow their leadership skills.

How does the MPMF award relate to the other religious recognitions?

MPMF awards complement faith-based religious recognitions. A girl can choose to earn one or both awards in any order at the appropriate grade level. More information about religious recognitions is found at [Girl Scouts of the USA - P.R.A.Y. \(praypub.org\)](#) or by contacting the faith organizations.

How often can a girl earn the MPMF award?

Every year she is a Girl Scout. She is encouraged to select a different line of the Law each year, although she may choose to repeat a portion of the Law at a different program level as long as the specific activities she does are different or reflect a different level of understanding of the Law or her faith. A girl does not have to have earned the award at a younger grade level to begin earning it, nor is she required to earn it every year.

Where are the MPMF pins worn?

See the Girls Guide to Girl Scouting for the girl's grade level, or go online to <https://www.girlscouts.org/en/members/for-girl-scouts/uniforms.html>

Where can a girl wear her faith's religious recognitions?

Religious recognitions can be worn alongside the MPMF pin or anywhere else she chooses below the MPMF.

How much time does a girl have to complete the award?

Girls can complete MPMF any time during the membership year (October 1 – September 30.).

When is it appropriate to present the MPMF award?

These awards can be presented to girls at any time once they have completed the requirements, but it is more fun and meaningful, if they are presented in a special ceremony or Court of Awards. Also, many faith organizations acknowledge religious recognitions earned by girls in their faith community during Girl Scout Sunday, Girl Scout Jummah, or Girl Scout Shabbat. The MPMF recognition can be incorporated into these ceremonies.

How can my troop or service unit develop faith partners?

MPMF has been welcomed by several key national faith organizations. Use MPMF as an opportunity to build and/or strengthen relationships with faith communities.



Mi promesa, mi fe

El pin de Girl Scouts Mi promesa, mi fe invita a las niñas de kínder hasta 12.º grado a vivir una experiencia de fe con la Ley de Girl Scout y las enseñanzas de su fe. Las niñas pueden ganarse este pin nacional cada año.

Pasos para ganar el pin:

- 1. Elija una línea de la Ley de Girl Scout.** Encuentre una historia, una canción o un poema de su fe con las mismas ideas. Hable con su familia o amigos sobre las similitudes de esa línea de la Ley y el cuento, la canción o el poema.
- 2. Encuentre a una mujer que sea de su comunidad de fe u otra.** Pregúntele cómo intenta usar esa línea de la Ley en su vida.
- 3. Reúna tres frases inspiradoras** de mujeres que cumplen con esa línea de la Ley de Girl Scout. Póngalas en un lugar en donde las pueda ver todos los días.
- 4. Haga algo que le recuerde lo que aprendió.** Puede ser un dibujo, pintura o póster. También puede crear una historia o una escena.
- 5. Mantenga una buena conexión.** Averigüe si su comunidad de fe ofrece un programa de reconocimiento para las Girl Scouts. Hable con sus amigos, familia o grupo de su comunidad de fe sobre lo que ha aprendido de esta y de su tiempo con las Girl Scouts. Pídeles que le ayuden a vivir según la Ley y su fe. Quizá pueda mostrarles lo que acaba de hacer o su escena.

Los voluntarios adultos de las organizaciones de fe participan con las niñas:

- Relacionando el pin nacional con los reconocimientos de fe de su religión.
- Guiando a las niñas en su viaje personal de fe.
- Ayudando a las niñas a reforzar su comprensión de la fe.

Para obtener más información comuníquese con su consejo local de Girl Scouts.

Para encontrar su consejo de Girl Scouts más cercano visite www.girlscouts.org/councilfinder.



Visite <https://www.praypub.org/gusa> para ver los reconocimientos religiosos que ofrecen las distintas comunidades de fe.



LỜI HỨA CỦA TÔI, ĐỨC TIN CỦA TÔI

Ghim cài Lời Hứa Của Tôi, Đức Tin Của Tôi của Hội Nữ Hướng Đạo khuyến khích nữ sinh từ lớp K-12 tham gia trải nghiệm hành trình đức tin bằng cách nghiên cứu Luật Nữ Hướng Đạo và giáo lý tôn giáo của các em. Hàng năm, nữ sinh đều có thể nhận được ghim cài của quốc gia này.

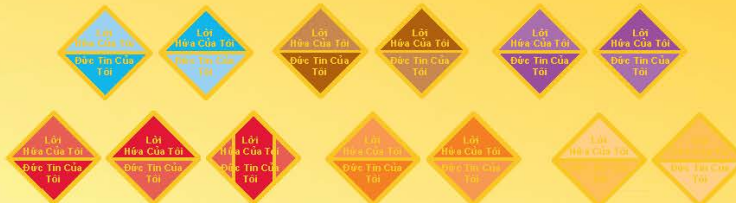
Các bước để nhận ghim cài:

- 1. Chọn một dòng từ Luật Nữ Hướng Đạo.** Tìm một câu chuyện, bài hát hoặc bài thơ từ đức tin của các em với chủ đề liên quan đến dòng Luật. Chia sẻ với gia đình hoặc bạn bè của các em về điểm chung giữa dòng luật đó với câu chuyện, bài hát hoặc bài thơ đã tìm.
- 2. Tìm gặp một người phụ nữ từ cộng đồng tín ngưỡng của các em hoặc từ một cộng đồng tín ngưỡng khác.** Hãy hỏi người đó xem họ đã cố gắng vận dụng dòng Luật đó như thế nào trong cuộc sống của mình.
- 3. Tìm ba câu nói truyền cảm hứng** của phụ nữ có liên quan đến dòng luật trong Luật Nữ Hướng Đạo. Dán những câu nói này ở nơi mà các em có thể nhìn thấy hàng ngày!
- 4. Tạo thứ gì đó để gợi nhớ về những gì mà các em đã học được.** Đó có thể là một bức vẽ, bức hội họa hoặc áp phích. Các em cũng có thể sáng tạo một câu chuyện hoặc một tiểu phẩm.
- 5. Đảm bảo mối liên hệ chặt chẽ.** Tìm hiểu xem cộng đồng đức tin của các em có chương trình công nhận Hội Nữ Hướng Đạo hay không. Chia sẻ những gì đã học được về đức tin của mình và Phong Trào Nữ Hướng Đạo với bạn bè, gia đình hoặc một nhóm trong cộng đồng đức tin của các em. Nhờ họ giúp các em trong việc tuân thủ Luật và đức tin của mình. Các em có thể cho họ xem những gì các em vừa làm hoặc biểu diễn tiểu phẩm của bạn!

Tình nguyện viên trưởng thành từ các tổ chức dựa trên đức tin có thể giúp đỡ các em theo những cách sau:

- Gắn kết ghim cài của quốc gia với chương trình công nhận tôn giáo của các em
- Hướng dẫn nữ sinh với hành trình đức tin của riêng từng em
- Hỗ trợ nữ sinh hiểu sâu hơn về đức tin của mình

Liên hệ với hội đồng Nữ Hướng Đạo tại địa phương của các em để biết thêm thông tin. Để tìm hội đồng Nữ Hướng Đạo gần nhất với các em, hãy truy cập www.girlscouts.org/councilfinder.



Truy cập www.praypub.org/gsula để tìm hiểu về chương trình công nhận tôn giáo từ các cộng đồng đức tin khác nhau.

TO SERVE GOD...

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



WWW.PRAYPUB.ORG/GSUSA



Religious Recognitions (pg. 2)

We, the members of Girl Scouts of the United States of America, (are) united by a belief in God. . . .
We believe that the motivating force in Girl Scouting is a spiritual one.

—Preamble, Constitution of Girl Scouts of the United States of America

The following national organizations have created religious recognitions to encourage girls to grow stronger in their faith. The Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. has approved of these programs and allows the recognition insignia to be worn on the official uniform, but each religious organization develops and administers its own program. Check with your council store or contact the religious organization directly to obtain the curriculum booklets.

African Methodist Episcopal (A.M.E.)

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www.ameed.com/scouting

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Baha'i

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www.bahai.us/unity-of-mankind-scouting-award-program

Baptist

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Roman Catholic Church

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Unity Worldwide Ministries

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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/gusa.

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Girl Scout Week Flyers

Girl Scout Week 2023 Faith Flyer

Girl Scout Week 2023



Celebrate Girl Scouts and Faith during Girl Scout Week

Girl Scout Week, the week of Girl Scouts' birthday on March 12, is a great time to celebrate with faith communities to share about Girl Scouts and its benefits, thank faith partners for their support, and give girls the opportunity to be recognized in their places of worship.

Sunday, March 12, 2023

**Girl Scout Birthday
and GSOC Trefoil Trot**

Friday, March 17

Girl Scout Jummah

Friday-Saturday, March 17-18

Girl Scout Shabbat

Sunday, March 19, 2023

Girl Scout Sunday

Celebrations with faith communities can include worship services, events, and community service projects. Partnering with faith communities during Girl Scout Week exposes more people to the benefits of Girl Scouts, strengthens relationships with faith leaders, shows girls how to connect the principles of Girl Scouting to their faith, and builds the Movement's diversity.



Get resources to plan an event at
www.girlscoutsoc.org/faith



Scan with
your phone



Girl Scouts Celebrate Faith observances can be celebrated by any faith group. In general, Jewish Sabbath (Shabbat) extends from sunset on Friday to sunset on Saturday, the Christian holy day is Sunday, and the Muslim holy day is Friday.

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of orange county

Trefoil Trot



Trefoil Trot

Presented by:



March 12, 2023 | 7:30 AM Walk Start Time | Wild Rivers, Irvine, CA

Lace up those running shoes, it's time for our inaugural Trefoil Trot!

We're over the moon to be hosting this brand-new fun run! Whether you're up for a walk with your troop, family, and friends (or just want to hang out and cheer everyone on!), you'll be sure to enjoy the spirit of Girl Scouting and community. After the trot, keep the excitement going with a visit to Camp Cooldown to enjoy Girl Scout-themed activities, check out Orange County Legacy Troops, and more!

Funds raised will support Girl Scouts of Orange County, ensuring that every girl can be a Girl Scout, regardless of socio-economic barriers.



**Starting at \$45
per participant**

All participants
will receive:

- ▶ Event Shirt
- ▶ Event Medal
- ▶ Event Patch



Learn more and register at
www.girlscoutsoc.org/trefoiltrot.





Whether you're a current Girl Scout member, dedicated volunteer, Girl Scout alum, or you have an extraordinary Girl Scout in your life, you're an important part of the Girl Scout family.

Let's Celebrate Girl Scout Week 2023!

We are inviting all OC girls and adults to show off your Girl Scout spirit between Sunday, March 12th and Sunday, March 19th. Below are some fun and easy ways you, your family, your troop and your friends can celebrate all week long!

We want to see what you're doing each day of Girl Scout Week! Remember to tag us on Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter. You could feature you on our social media! Tag us @girlscoutsoc Use hashtags #GirlScoutsOC and #GirlScoutWeek

Sunday March 12: Girl Scout Birthday & GSOC Trefoil Trot

- Happy 111th Birthday to Girl Scouts! Celebrate by hosting a Girl Scout Birthday party with your troop or another Girl Scout sister. It all started on this day in 1912 when Juliette "Daisy" Gordon Low assembled a group of 18 girls from Savannah, Georgia for the first ever Girl Scout meeting.
- Lace up those running shoes, it's time for our inaugural Trefoil Trot! Whether you're up for a 5K or prefer a fun run/walk with your troop, family, and friends (or just want to hang out and cheer everyone on!), you'll be sure to enjoy the spirit of Girl Scouting and community at this event! After the trot, keep the excitement going with a visit to Camp Cooldown to enjoy Girl Scout-themed activities, check out Orange County Legacy Troops, and more! Funds raised support Girl Scouts of Orange County. Learn more at www.girlscoutsoc.org/trefoiltrot.

Monday, March 13: Make New Friends Monday

- Celebrate Girl Scout spirit and friendship! Make a small token like a friendship bracelet or [SWAP](#) (*SWAP* stands for “Special Whatchamacallit Affectionately Pinned somewhere”) and pass it along it to a girl who you think would make a great Girl Scout. Making new friends is one of the best parts of being a Girl Scout!
- Do you have a friend that wants to join Girl Scouts? Share this link with them: [JOIN TODAY!](#)

Tuesday, March 14: Take Action Tuesday

- Let’s make the world a better place, TOGETHER! Showing kindness is a great way to impact the world in a positive way! Taking small steps to show kindness can make a BIG difference in someone’s day! Grab a friend and show an Act of Kindness today!
- Girl Scouts do [Community Service and Take Action Projects](#). View the [Highest Awards Yearbook](#) for inspiration and plan how you want to do community service and take action!

Wednesday, March 15: We LOVE Girl Scouts Wednesday

- Display your Girl Scout pride by wearing your Girl Scout uniform to school or work. Show off those well-earned badges, awards, pins, and fun patches! See [Where to Place Insignia](#).

Thursday, March 16: Throwback Thursday

- Throw it back to last week, or 1912! Share a favorite Girl Scout throwback photo on social media and tag us, [#GirlScoutWeek @girlscoutsofoc](#).
- Celebrate Girl Scout history! Learn more about how Girl Scouts has been blazing trails and redefining what’s possible for girls everywhere since 1912, igniting a movement where every girl can unlock her full potential, find lifelong friends, and make the world a better place.

Friday, March 17: Green Out for Girl Scouts Friday

- Paint OC Green! Wear green to school or work and post your photos on Facebook or Instagram with the hashtag [#GSGreenOut](#).
- Enjoy the outdoors! Take your green outfit, your troop, your family, and friends and go outside. Explore a new hiking trail, organize a Girl Scout sing-a-long and check out our Girl Scout camps! Our life-changing camp experiences are open to ALL girls entering 1st – 12th grade. Find out more about Girl Scout Camps TODAY! [Click Here](#) to learn more about Girl Scout Camps.

Saturday, March 18: Civics Saturday

- Girl Scouts bring their dreams to life and work together to build a better world! Make a plan to learn more about democracy and how Girl Scouts can be an active force for change! Visit the Richard Nixon Presidential Library & Museum for a Scavenger Hunt! Find out more about this event [HERE](#).

Sunday, March 19: STEM Sunday

- Girl Scouts introduces girls of every age to science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) experiences relevant to everyday life. Get together with your troop, family, or friends to do a STEM project at home!

Girl Scouts Celebrate Faith

3.17 - Girl Scout Jummah

3.18 - Girl Scout Shabbat

3.19 - Girl Scout Sunday

Girls explore the connection between faith and the Girl Scout Law when they complete the steps to earn the [My Promise, My Faith](#) Award for their Girl Scout level.

Girl Scout Week is a great time to plan a Girl Scouts and Faith celebration to celebrate girls’ achievement with their faith community. [Celebrate Girl Scouts and Faith during Girl Scout Week](#).

Honor the Girl Scout sisterhood with your mosque, synagogue, or church by asking your faith leaders to recognize Girl Scouts in your faith community and wearing your Girl Scout uniform to services. If your congregation isn’t already hosting a Girl Scout Jumma, Shabbat or Sunday, start the conversation: ask how you can work with them to host a service or faith event for Girl Scouts.

Celebrate with Girl Scout Week patches from our [council shop](#)!

Girl Scouts Celebrate Faith Event Resources



(Both English and Spanish available)

Resources from GSUSA

1. **Girl Scouts Celebrate Faith Fliers:** Add your event details to these customizable fliers and ask your faith partner to share in their newsletter or bulletin.

[Girl Scout Sunday](#) (PDF)

[Girl Scout Jummah](#) (PDF)

[Girl Scout Sabbath](#) (PDF)

[Girl Scouts Celebrate Faith](#) (PDF)

2. **Order of Service Ideas:** Encourage your girls to play an active role in your house of worship's service! Work with your faith partner to select the best options for your event.

[Sample Service Ideas](#) (PDF)

3. **Activities Tip Sheet:** Try one of these activities before or after the worship service and during Girl Scout Week (check out the tips below for more!). As always, team up with your faith partner to find an option that works for everyone.

[Pre-and Post-Service Ideas](#) (PDF)

4. **PowerPoint Inserts:** Customize these sample PowerPoint slides and ask if your faith partner can include them in a worship service slide show to promote your event. (Spanish slides available).

[PowerPoint Slides Inserts](#) (PPTX)



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Scan the QR Code below to access all items listed above:



Additional Online Resources

GSOC Forms

Share faith recognition, events, and volunteer using the GSOC Forms described below!

Recognize Girls

Girl Scout Daisies to Cadettes: start earning My Promise, My Faith Awards this year to receive a GSOC Faith Award certificate as a Cadette, Senior or Ambassador! Girl Scouts Faith Award recipients in attendance are honored at the annual Recognition Event.

- **OC Faith Mentor** – award certificate is presented to Girl Scouts who earn 7 or more My Promise, My Faith Awards and help Girl Scout Daisies, Brownies, and Juniors earn the My Promise, My Faith Awards for their level
- **OC Faith Explorer** – award certificate is presented to Girl Scouts who earn all 13 My Promise, My Faith Awards

OC Girl Scouts, parents and/or troop leaders submit the [Girl Scout Faith Awards Report Form](#) to submit the names of girls to be recognized as an OC Faith Mentor or OC Faith Explorer using the online Girl Scout Faith Awards Report Form by the 2-4-6-8 (February 4th at 6:08 pm) annual deadline. This helps GSOC recognize girls who have earned Girl Scouts' national My Promise, My Faith Awards and religious recognitions for specific faiths. Submit one form per girl.

Register Your Event

Plan a Girl Scouts Celebrate Faith Event and get council resources and support for your event when you submit the [Girl Scout Faith Event Notification Form](#) to share your plans to celebrate during Girl Scout Week annually in March or another time of year.

Volunteer

All girls in grades 6-12 and adults are invited to volunteer for Girl Scouts and Faith. Submit the [Girl Scouts and Faith Interest Form](#) to volunteer for Girl Scouts and Faith to help Girl Scouts connect Girl Scouts and faith and earn faith awards for Girl Scouts in grades K-12. There are opportunities to help with your troop, service unit, and council events. Girl Scout Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors earn community service hours.

Websites

[Girl Scouts and Faith \(GSOC\)](#)

[Girl Scouts and Faith \(GSUSA\)](#)

[Programs of Religious Activities with Youth \(P.R.A.Y.\)](#)



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