



# Southern Region Jewish Committee on Scouting

November 2025 Newsletter

## Southern Region, National Jewish Committee on Scouting

### Chairman's Message:

By Bruce Streger

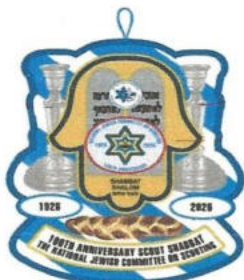
Shalom my fellow Scouts and Scouters. This is the first newsletter for the Southern Region. I hope everyone is doing well, staying healthy, smiling a lot, and participating in as many Scout events as possible.

The National Jewish Committee Website, [JewishScouting.org](http://JewishScouting.org), has a lot of information on what's going on in the Jewish Scouting World. It has all the requirements for our 5 religious emblems (Aryeh, Macabee, Aleph, Ner Tamid and Etz Chaim). We also have a new Award for any Scout who has earned all the religious emblems they can earn in their Scouting tenure called the "**Talmud Torah**" Award.

Don't forget to request your Eagle certificate from the National JCOS and the Southern Region. Once you make Eagle, the NJCOS has four \$5000 Scholarships available for High School Seniors. For those families with Girl Scouts, we also have a **certificate for their Gold Award**.

For those energetic Scouts who have earned every Merit badge, we have the "**Merit Badge Master**" Award certificate.

Scout Shabbat 2026 patches will soon be available. The patch is a very special one as the National Jewish Committee is celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.



Other events in 2026 include the Northeast Region Conference on March 15<sup>th</sup> at Ten Mile River Scout Camps in Upstate NY.

The Scouting America National Annual Meeting (NAM) will be held in early May in Dallas Texas. The National Jewish Committee Annual meeting will be held just before NAM.

Next we move onto the 2026 National Scout Jamboree from July 22-31, 2026 at Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia. The NJCOS will have a large booth with many things to see and do. We hope to have the Shofar factory there.

Then in August, the NJCOS is having its first annual Jewish Campout called B'yachad gathering. Fun for all. This will be held at Ten Mile Scout Camp as well.

See flyers and registration information for all these events later in the newsletter. Hope to see you at some or maybe all!

### IMPORTANT QUESTION FOR ALL LEADERS

**We want to update our list of Jewish Scouting Units, Scouters, and Organizations in the Southern Region. Please send any information that could help to email:**

**[soregion@jewishScouting.org](mailto:soregion@jewishScouting.org)**

\*\*\*\*\*Your help is much appreciated\*\*\*\*\*

**If you would like** to become a JCOS chair or start a new committee in your council, please let me know. Remember, we start off small and grow. Together we can make this happen, so our Jewish Scouts will have whatever is needed for their Scouting success.



## Southern Region Zoom Meeting

Sometime by the end of January, I would like to sponsor a one hour Zoom meeting where we can get to know each other a little better. If you have any topics you would like to discuss, please email me at [soregion@jewishScouting.org](mailto:soregion@jewishScouting.org). The meeting will have a short presentation on what's going on in the Jewish Scouting community and Religious Emblems and Awards.

### LOOKING FOR HELP

We are looking for individuals who would like to help Jewish Scouting with the Southern Region. Consider: writing the newsletter, membership, Coordinate Jewish Scouting in your state, chairing a JCOS in your council, Chairing the Southern Region, and helping with quarterly Zoom meetings/training seminars.

### LOOKING FOR ITEMS

At the National Jamboree, we want to give Scouts that visit our booth free scouting items, such as patches, carabiners, knives, survival bracelets, or other small **tchotchke**. We would especially appreciate suede Kippahs with no writing on the outside. If you have any of these items, please email me at [soregion@jewishScouting.org](mailto:soregion@jewishScouting.org).

### LEADER AWARDS

The National Jewish Committee has many Awards for leaders. If you know anyone who you think should be honored with an award (Shofar; Bronze, Gold and Silver Chai Awards; Yad Award for JCOS Chairs; etc.) email [soregion@jewishScouting.org](mailto:soregion@jewishScouting.org) All listed on the NJCOS Website, [JewishScouting.org](http://JewishScouting.org).

### RELIGIOUS EMBLEMS

Do you need help with a Religious Emblem? If you are not affiliated with a temple or you are in a remote area or you just need help, please contact the Southern Region at [soregion@jewishScouting.org](mailto:soregion@jewishScouting.org).

## High Adventure Opportunity for Jewish Scouts in 2026



In 2026, the National Jewish Committee on Scouting is sponsoring a kosher, Shabbat-observant expedition at Scouting America's Premier High Adventure Base, Philmont. Philmont, located in the mountains of New Mexico, is the place to go to experience a challenging, high-adventure back-country trek through the Rocky Mountains while developing leadership skills, outdoor skills, and self-reliance. The trek is scheduled for June 25, 2026 through July 9, 2026.

Why a Jewish Trek? What better place can there be to ask the BIG questions? If this is "God's country," how does my Judaism fit in? When seeing a million stars before my eyes, how does that link me to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob as they shepherded their flocks? When my friends and I observe Shabbat on the trail, how do I feel about my relationship with Judaism?

What is a Jewish trek? The JCOS treks include Shabbat observance, kosher food, daily prayer/reflection and on-going Jewish learning. As part of this unique experience, participants will grow physically, mentally and emotionally and most importantly, participants will experience a deeper insight into what it means to be a Jewish Scout.

For complete trek details or questions, see the flyer at the end of this newsletter with registration information. **Space for these NJCOS treks fills up extremely quickly.** If interested, don't delay in registering! Several spots for 2026 have already been claimed.

For questions, please contact Dr. Robert Weber at [1topgum@gmail.com](mailto:1topgum@gmail.com).

Past trek participants have come from throughout the country and have had a wide variety of Jewish backgrounds.

The NJCOS expects to have both male and female leadership for this trek so all Scouts are welcome to participate! The dates will not conflict with the National Jamboree.



## Scholarships for Jewish Eagle Scouts



In 2025, the National Jewish Committee on Scouting awarded \$20,000 in College Scholarships to four outstanding Jewish Scouts (see details in the July issue of the NER JCOS newsletter). In 2026, the NJCOS will once again be offering four \$5000 scholarships. For details and application forms, please visit <https://www.jewishscouting.org/eagle-scout-scholarships/>.

What are the requirements for the scholarships? To be eligible, you must:

- Be a registered, active member of a Scouts BSA troop, Varsity Scout team, or Venturing crew.
- Have received the Eagle Scout Award.
- Be an active member of a synagogue and possess the Ner Tamid or Etz Chaim religious emblem.
- Have demonstrated practical citizenship in your synagogue, school, Scouting unit, and community.
- Be enrolled in an accredited high school and in your final year at the time of selection. Exception: Scouts whose Eagle Scout boards of review are held the same year of their high school graduation may apply in that calendar year.

## NJCOS Seminars

The National Jewish Committee on Scouting hosts quarterly virtual seminars to assist local JCOS committees in providing a quality program. These 1-hour seminars are conducted via zoom and are provided free to all who want to participate. The Seminars are held at 8:00PM Eastern Time, 7:00PM Central Time, 6:00PM Mountain Time, and 5:00PM Pacific Time. The upcoming seminars for 2026 will be released shortly.

Please direct any questions or register information to Barry Hantman, at [neregion@jewishscouting.org](mailto:neregion@jewishscouting.org).

## Shabbat Friendly Wood Badge Courses

Looking for a Shabbat Friendly Wood Badge Course with Kosher food in the Northeast Region? Look no further. There is one coming in 2026 here in the Northeast Region.



We are pleased to announce one planned for May and June 2026 in the Baltimore area. This training is open to Scouters from all councils. The orientation will be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2026 at the Schapiro Scout Service Center and the course itself will be held on Monday, June 15 to Friday, June 19, 2026, at Camp Spencer. For information and registration, please see the flyer later in this newsletter or visit the registration website at: <https://scoutingevent.com/220-WB12220261>

## Jewish Scouting at the 2026 National Jamboree



Summer is the traditional time for Scouts to go outdoors to Summer Camp and on High Adventure Trips, and next summer, Scouts and leaders should plan to include the 2026 National Jamboree in their plans.

There will be a large Jewish Scouting presence at the upcoming National Jamboree at the Summit Bechtel Reserve next summer, July 22-31, 2026. Now is the time to decide to participate.

The National Jewish Committee on Scouting, NJCOS, will have a large booth at the Jamboree to celebrate its 100th Anniversary in Scouting, and, additionally, the Friends of Shomer Shabbat Scouting will have a contingent at the Jamboree for adults and youth who want to have an observant Jewish experience.

Start by visiting <https://jamboree.scouting.org/> to get a good look at what the Jamboree is all about. Next decide on how you want to participate. Your options include:

- Attend as part of your local council contingent. Check with your local council about registering.
- Attend as part of the Shomer Shabbat Contingent. See the flyer at the end of this newsletter.
- Work on staff as an adult or youth (16-29).

Submit your registration online from the Jamboree website. The NJCOS is looking for Adults and Senior Scouts (ages 16+) who are interested in working at the NJCOS National Jewish Committee's booth at the 2026



National Jamboree! If interested, contact the NJCOS President, Phil Sternberg, at [phil.sternberg@gmail.com](mailto:phil.sternberg@gmail.com)

## Scouting America National Annual Meeting

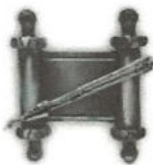
The next Scouting America National Annual Meeting is scheduled for May 11-13, 2026 in Dallas, TX. During this meeting, there are two events scheduled that are of particular interest to Jewish Scouters.

- The National Religious Relationships Committee (NRRC) will be meeting on Wednesday morning, May 12th. All of the Religious Committees, including the NJCOS, will be giving presentations.

- The Annual Duty to God Breakfast will be held on Thursday morning, May 13th. At this breakfast, several youth recipients of religious emblems will be recognized and the National Duty to God Award recipients will be announced. However, the highlight of the Duty to God Breakfast will be the keynote speaker, our very own Rabbi Peter Hyman. Rabbi Hyman is a long-time member of the Northeast Region and National Jewish Committees on Scouting, a Head Chaplain at three World Jamborees, and recipient of the Bronze Wolf Award (the highest Scouting award in the world).

The NJCOS encourages everyone to join us at the National Annual Meeting, and specifically at the Duty to God Breakfast, as we celebrate our 100th Anniversary of Jewish Scouting.

## YAD Award Recipients



Please congratulate recent recipients of the NJCOS Yad Award. The Yad Award recognizes outstanding service by adult leaders who have served as Jewish Committee on Scouting Chairs. Awards were recently presented to:

- Stan Weinstein – Tampa Bay Area Council
- Bruce Streger – Central Florida Council

## Scout Shabbat 2026/5786

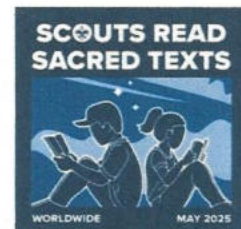
This is the time of year when we start planning annual Scout Shabbat services (typically held in February). If your council or synagogue is hosting a Scout Shabbat or Scout Havdalah service, please let us know about it so that I can include it in the upcoming events section or the next newsletter and help you publicize the event.

If you wish to order JCOS patches, see the included order form.

## NJCOS 100th Anniversary Camporee

The National Jewish Committee on Scouting is celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2026 and is hosting a nationwide camporee to celebrate! The Camporee will be held at Ten Mile River Scout Camps in Narrowsburg, NY on August 9th-12th, 2026 (these dates do not interfere with the National Jamboree nor the NJCOS Philmont Trek). Scouts will enjoy use of the camp facilities (waterfront, shooting sports, etc.) plus Jewish Program Activities. Chaplain and Chaplain Aide Training, and Religious Emblems Workshops (Ner Tamid, Etz Chaim). Merit badges will also be offered and, of course, patch trading. The camporee includes Kosher food, lodging, and avoids Shabbat. Come as a unit or register as an individual. Enjoy a camporee filled with fun activities, fellowship, and the opportunity to learn leadership skills together with Jewish Scouts from across the country. You'll want to include this event as you plan your Scouting Calendar for next year. Please see the flyer and registration form at the end of this newsletter.

## Scouts Read Sacred Texts



The Third Annual Scouts Read Sacred Texts Event is scheduled for May 7, 2026. This past year's event had 5683 Scouts and other youth participating, a 55% increase over 2024. Fourteen foreign countries and territories participated as well as 43 States. 24 different faith groups, including Judaism, were represented. Let's make next year's event even better!



## NJCOS Chai Awards



- The Southern Region Jewish Committee on Scouting presents Chai Awards to deserving Leaders. There are three Chai Award Levels: Bronze, Gold and Silver. Individuals, local JCOS or Scouting America Councils may submit nominations for these recognitions. Submissions are then subject to approval by the Southern Region. **Bronze CHAI Award:** The nominee must have served at least two years on the local Jewish Committee on Scouting or on the Region or National Committees. Work should be of an outstanding and exemplary nature. All volunteers and professional BSA personnel who have done exemplary work toward the betterment of Scouting within the Jewish Community over a two-year period are eligible.
- **Gold CHAI Award:** The Gold CHAI award is given to a deserving individual who has received the Bronze CHAI at least two (2) years earlier and continued to provide worthy service to Scouting and the Jewish Community.
- **Silver CHAI Award:** The Silver CHAI award is presented to an individual who has received the Gold CHAI at least two (2) years previously and has now rendered at least six years of service to Scouting and the Jewish Community.

## Calendar of Religious Holidays

The Boy Scouts of America maintains that no member can grow into the best kind of citizen without recognizing an obligation to God, but it is absolutely nonsectarian in its attitude toward religious training. Its policy is that the home and the organization or group with which the member is connected shall give definite attention to religious life.

There are certain holidays that individual Scouts and Scouters of different faiths celebrate each year. These holidays are not always on the same date on the calendar and may not be familiar to everyone. In order to respect the traditions of all Scouts and Scouters, care must be taken in scheduling Scouting activities.

The Boy Scouts of America has developed a religious holiday calendar for the use of local units, councils and others in scheduling Scout-related activities. It provides a brief description of each holiday and an indication of the significance of each. The calendar is continuously updated to provide a two-year holiday schedule.

Please remember that certain holidays begin on the night before the actual day of the holiday as shown on the calendar.



The BSA Religious Holiday Calendar is here:

<https://www.scouting.org/resources/relationships/religious-observances/>

Please share this calendar with your council, district, and those planning Scouting events.



The Southern Region Jewish Committee on Scouting provides certificates for presentation to those who earn the rank of Eagle Scout. These certificates are excellent for presentation at Eagle Courts of Honor. If you need a certificate for someone who is earning their Eagle rank, please email me the following information:

- The full name of the new Eagle Scout
- Unit type (troop or crew) and its respective number
- The name of his/her Scout Council
- The date of his/her Eagle Court of Honor
- Address to which the certificate should be mailed
- Please supply Contact information (phone number, email address) in case there are questions regarding the certificate request.

We would like to honor all Eagle Scouts at the same Eagle Court of Honor so please supply their information as well. Details and the application form can be found on the NJCOS website at:

<https://www.jewishscouting.org/eagle-scouts/> and email to [soregion@jewishScouting.org](mailto:soregion@jewishScouting.org)



## Scholarships

The NJCOS awards four \$5000 Scholarships each year to high school seniors.

<https://www.jewishscouting.org/eagle-scouts/>

## Jewish Religious Emblems



The National Jewish Committee on Scouting offers Religious Emblems for Scouts of all ages. Here are the age/grade brackets for each of the religious emblems:

- Aryeh - Lions and Cubs through grade 1
  - Maccabee - Lions & Cubs through grade 3
  - Aleph - Cubs & Webelos through age 11
  - Ner Tamid – Scouts BSA through age 14 or through 9th grade, whichever is later.
  - Scouts BSA through age 18 if they also obtain the Etz Chaim and it is presented at the same time.
- Etz Chaim - Scouts BSA aged 14 to 20

The Southern Region Jewish Committee wishes to commend all who have earned their Jewish religious emblems. The Religious emblems knot can be worn on your adult uniform as well as the Eagle and Arrow of Light knots.

Do you have a Scout that wants to earn an emblem but doesn't know where to find a counselor to work with? The NJCOS has you covered. If you are a Jewish Scout interested in earning one of our religious emblems, but you live far from a synagogue or Counselor, what can you do? Contact the NJCOS Chaplain, Rabbi Art Vernon ([ravart73@gmail.com](mailto:ravart73@gmail.com)), and he will help you connect with a Rabbi or Counselor via Zoom! This is particularly important for the Ner Tamid and Etz Chaim medals which require a knowledgeable person to guide and assist. In the age of technology, distance is no longer an issue.

Attached to this newsletter is a document describing the Jewish Religious Emblems. For detailed requirements for the emblems and an application form, you can visit the NJCOS website at <https://www.jewishscouting.org/> and click on "Emblems & Awards" at the top of the page.

## The Talmud Torah Award



The Talmud Torah Award is available to all Scouts that have earned all their religious emblems during their tenure in Scouting.

<https://www.jewishscouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/Talmud-Torah-Award-Updated-01-08-25.pdf>

## Upcoming Events

- December 2025 – Friends of Shomer Shabbat Scouting Annual Conclave
  - February 2026 – Kosher Klondike Derby on President's Day Weekend
  - March 15, 2026 – Northeast Region Jewish Committee on Scouting Annual Conference
  - March 20, 2026 – Scouting America New Hampshire and Spirit of Adventure Councils Scout Shabbat
  - May 7, 2026 – Scouts Read Sacred Texts
  - May 9, 2026 – May 10, 2026 – NJCOS Annual Meeting
  - May 11, 2026 – May 13, 2026 – Scouting America National Annual Meeting
  - May 2026 – Northeast Region Kinus
  - June 15, 2026 - June 19, 2026 - Shabbat Friendly Wood Badge at Camp Spencer
  - June 25, 2026 - July 9, 2026 NJCOS Philmont Trek
  - July 22 – 31, 2026 National Scout Jamboree
  - August 9, 2026 – August 12, 2026 NJCOS 100th Anniversary Camporee
  - December 2026 – Friends of Shomer Shabbat Scouting Annual Jewish Conclave
  - September 2026 – Kit Kat Camporee over Labor Day Weekend
  - July 30th – August 8th, 2027 – World Scout Jamboree
- Please visit [JewishScouting.org](https://www.jewishscouting.org/) for the National JCOS events Calendar.

**Please see the additional pages of useful  
information, events and forms**

Wishing everyone a happy, healthy Thanksgiving;  
Happy Chanukah, and a secular New Year.

May we all go from strength to strength.

**Please share information, pictures of any  
Jewish Scouting events. We want to  
publish this information in our  
newsletter. [soregion@jewishScouting.org](mailto:soregion@jewishScouting.org)**

**Our Central Region Chair, Howard  
Prager, has written a book titled: Make  
Someone's Day, Every Day.**

A SCOUT IS REVERENT

DO A GOOD TURN DAILY

LEAVE IT BETTER THAN YOU FOUND IT

That's, What We as Scouts, Do.

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Your Southern Region:



**Council Duty to Good Award**

Do you know someone who should be honored with  
the Council Duty to Good Award? Please see the  
application attached.

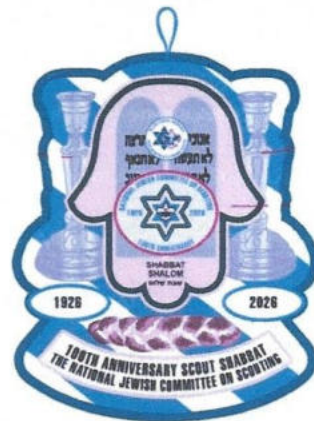




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<https://WWW.JewishScouting.org>



## The National Jewish Committee on Scouting --Scout Shabbat Patch for 2026-- --Commemorating our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary--

Are you having a Scout Shabbat Program? Live, Zoom or Both.  
Send us the info to post on our website calendar

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Patches: \_\_\_\_\_ Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Council: \_\_\_\_\_

Ship Patches to: Same as above ☐

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Council: \_\_\_\_\_

### Price for orders, with shipping:

PRICE OF A PATCH = \$8.00

SHIPPING= \$2.00

Total= \$10.00

PRICE FOR 5-10 PATCHES=\$8.00 PER PATCH

SHIPPING=\$6.00

DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE FOR 25 OR MORE PATCHES: (PRICE FOR PATCHES AND SHIPPING TO BE DETERMINED PER ORDER DEPENDING ON QUANTITY).

Patches will be available by 1<sup>st</sup> week in January.

**Send Payment to: [JewishScouting.org/product/donation/](https://JewishScouting.org/product/donation/)**

Patch will be on our Website store shortly. Pre Website orders send to email address below.

**For Questions: Please email Bruce Streger @ [WB2ADF@GMAIL.COM](mailto:WB2ADF@GMAIL.COM)**





# Northeast Region Jewish Committee on Scouting



## 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference

Sunday, March 15, 2026

Ten Mile River Scout Camp (TMR)

47 Headquarters Rd, Narrowsburg, NY 12764

Join the Northeast Region Jewish Committee for a day of  
Training & Camaraderie

Sunday March 15, 2026

9AM-4:30PM (doors open at 8AM)

- Keynote Speaker: Mr. Ricky Mason – Chair-Elect of Scouting America's National Executive Board
- Informative Training Sessions<sup>1</sup>
  - Shomer Shabbat Sea Scouts
  - Teaching Leadership Skills using Jewish Examples
  - Kosher Menus for Campouts
  - Year-round Jewish activities for Scouts
  - 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Activities
  - Upcoming JCOS High Adventure Treks
  - The History of Jewish Scouting in New York
  - And Much More!
- Guided Tour of the TMR Scouting Museum including the NJCOS 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Exhibit
- Kosher Breakfast & Lunch
- Jewish Committee Award Presentations
- Jewish Scouting Trading Post
  - Kippot, Bolo Ties, Patches
- Silent Auction



**\$50 per person if paid by March 1<sup>st</sup> (\$10 additional after 2/15/26)**

Lodging available Friday & Saturday Night, March 13 & 14  
on a space available basis

*See attached registration form*

<sup>1</sup> Preliminary program agenda. Subject to change.



## The 38th Northeast Region Jewish Committee on Scouting Conference Registration



(Participants of all faiths and all Regions welcome)

**Where:** Ten Mile River Scout Camp, 47 Headquarters Rd, Narrowsburg, NY 12764

**When:** Sunday, March 15, 2025, 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM

(lodging available Friday & Saturday Night, March 13 & 14, 2026)

**Conference fee:** \$50.00 per participant if paid by Feb 15, 2026

After Feb 15, 2026, the fee increases to \$60.00 per participant.

Fee includes breakfast, lunch, patch, conference program, and handouts.

Those with a financial need should contact Barry Hantman (email address below.)

### Registration Information:

☐ Cub Scout Leader, ☐ Scouts BSA Leader, ☐ Venturing Leader, ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ JCoS Committee Member, Council: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ JCoS Committee Chair  
Primary Scouting Position and Unit #: \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ 1<sup>st</sup> Time Attendee? Who encouraged your attendance? \_\_\_\_\_  
Last NER JCoS Conference attended (year): \_\_\_\_\_  
Have you Earned a Chai Award? ☐ Bronze ☐ Gold ☐ Silver

### Contact Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail Address (please print clearly): \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Breakfast includes bagels, spreads, fruit, coffee, tea and juices. Lunch includes cold cuts and tuna sandwiches, salad, fruit, and drinks (maybe Chinese Food). All food is kosher. If you have specific dietary requirements, please let us know: \_\_\_\_\_

### Optional Lodging (Select one of the options below if lodging is desired):

Bring your own bedding. Beds are 20 to a room with separate rooms for male & female attendees (no mixed gender rooms). Lodging, while within the camp, is not within easy walking distance to the conference site.

- ☐ I request accommodations at Ten Mile River for Saturday evening, March 14. Cost: Additional \$50.00/person.
- ☐ I request accommodations at Ten Mile River for both Friday evening March 13 & Saturday evening March 14. Cost: Additional \$75.00/person (note: food will not be served on Friday or Saturday nor will food be readily available)

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact: NER JCoS Chairman, Barry Hantman <neregion@jewishscouting.org>

Mail this registration form and your check to

NER JCOS, c/o Barry Hantman, 52 Justin Drive, Danville, NH 03819

Make your check out to "NER JCOS" and write "2026 NER JCOS Conference" on the memo line

Venmo & Paypal accepted. Please enquire for details.



# The National Jewish Committee on Scouting



## 100th Anniversary Campout Sunday-Wednesday, August 9-12, 2026



Ten Mile River Scout Camps  
1481 Crystal Lake Road, Narrowsburg, NY 12764  
At Camp Aquehonga

### The National Jewish Committee on Scouting Is Celebrating 100 Years 1926 - 2026 Join Us For Two Full Days of Activities and Fellowship

**Lots of Activities for Scouts and Leaders *Kosher Meals for All***

- Event Patch, Jewish Program Activities
- Archery, Skeet Shotgun (\$1.25 per shot)
- .22 Target shooting (10 rounds for \$5)
- Canoeing, \*Delaware River Canoe Trip (extra cost to arrange)
- Religious Emblems Workshops (Ner Tamid, Etz Chaim)
- Patch Trading and other normal Camp activities
- Merit Badges (list to follow)
- JCOS Leadership Training-Chaplain and Chaplain Aide Training

**\$50 Down Payment Due November 30, 2025**

**\$175 Total Cost Per Person Due March 31, 2026**

**(\$50 additional after 3/31/26)**

**Includes - Lodging, all food, and all activities except additional fees  
for shooting or Delaware Canoeing.**

**Special Opportunity: Tour New York City with your Unit! Plan it  
yourself or consider Trek NYC is a program operated by GNYC.  
Sightseeing in NYC 3-5 days, lodging at Alpine Scout Camp and all  
meals. Check out: <https://www.treknyc.org/>**

***See registration form-Sign up as a unit or as an individual.***



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## Northeast Region Jewish Committee on Scouting Trading Post



*Your Source for Jewish Scouting Items!*



Knit Kippot  
(available in Black & White)  
\$15



Leather Kippot with  
Embroidered JCOS Logo  
(available in Tan, Brown,  
Light Pink, Dark Pink,  
Blue & Black)  
\$15



Leather Kippot with  
Embossed JCOS Logo  
(available in Tan, Blue  
& Black)  
\$10



JCOS Bolo Ties  
(available with Black  
Cord or Red Cord)  
\$15



Jewish Committee  
Patches  
\$5

*The NER JCOS Trading Post also has a variety of patches from Jewish Scouting Events (NER JCOS Conferences, Scout Shabbat, National Jamborees, etc.) with prices starting as low as \$1 each*

**To order, please send email to [neregion@jewishscouting.org](mailto:neregion@jewishscouting.org)**

*Shipping cost is additional  
(to avoid shipping costs, items may be picked up at the Annual NER JCOS Conference)*



# Southern Region Jewish Committee on Scouting

## CHAI 'נ Award Application

( ) Bronze; ( ) Gold; ( ) Silver Award

**Instructions:** Please print out this page and neatly print the information requested. The Award Nomination form should be approved as indicated below. Please email a (PDF) of the application to **Email: [soregion@jewishScouting.org](mailto:soregion@jewishScouting.org)**.

### Adult Nominee:

Nominee's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Current Position in Scouting: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Council Name: \_\_\_\_\_; Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I nominate this person for the [ ] Bronze, [ ] Gold, [ ] Silver Award

### Nominator:

Nominator's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator's Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator's Phone #: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Approvals:** JCoS Chairman/Rabbi: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Member of Local JCoS: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Southern Region Jewish Committee on Scouting

#### CHAI Awards Requirements

There are three levels of awards - Bronze, Gold and Silver. Individuals, local JCOS or Scouting America Councils may submit nominations for these recognitions. Submissions are then subject to approval by the Southern Region JCOS. On the back of the application form describe in detail the work done by the nominee. Please include dates, places, and most importantly, accomplishments.

#### **Bronze CHAI Award**

The nominee must have served at least two years on the local Jewish Committee on Scouting or on the Region or National Committees. Work should be of an outstanding and exemplary nature. All volunteers and professional BSA personnel who have done exemplary work toward the betterment of Scouting within the Jewish Community over a two-year period are eligible. On the back of the application form describe in detail the work done by the nominee. Please include dates, places, and most importantly, accomplishments.

#### **Gold CHAI Award**

The Gold CHAI award is given to a deserving individual who has received the Bronze CHAI at least two (2) years earlier and continued to provide outstanding service to Scouting and the Jewish Community. Indicate on the application when and where the individual received their Bronze Chai. On the back of the application form describe in detail the work done by the individual after receiving their previous award. Please include dates, places, and most importantly, accomplishments.

#### **Silver CHAI Award**

The Silver CHAI award is presented to an individual who has received the Gold CHAI at least two (2) years previously and has now rendered at least six years of service to Scouting and the Jewish Community. Indicate on the application when and where the individual received their Gold Chai. Describe in detail the work done by the individual after receiving their previous award. On the back of the application form describe in detail the work done by the individual after receiving their previous award. Please include dates, places, and most importantly, accomplishments.

**PLEASE SUBMIT a copy of the nominee's Scout Resume.**



# Announcing the 2026 National Jewish Philmont Treks

Contact National Jewish Committee on Scouting, Philmont Trek Coordinator

Dr. Robert Weber, [1tongum@gmail.com](mailto:1tongum@gmail.com), 646-425-6006 Evan

Gilder, [wp613scoutmaster@gmail.com](mailto:wp613scoutmaster@gmail.com), 914-946-4744

## What is a Philmont Trek?

*It is the ultimate Scouting High Adventure!*

Backpack through New Mexico's glorious Rocky Mountains. Participate in crew selected activities — panning for gold, archaeology, blacksmithing, burro racing, muzzle-loading rifle shooting and more.

## Why a Jewish Trek?

**What better place can there be to ask the BIG questions?** If this is "God's country," how does my Judaism fit in? When seeing a million stars before my eyes, how does that link me to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob as they shepherded their flocks? When my friends and I observe Shabbat on the trail, how do I feel about my relationship with Judaism?

## What is a Jewish trek?

**Our treks include Shabbat observance, kosher food, daily prayer and on-going Jewish learning.**

As part of this unique experience, participants will grow physically, mentally and emotionally and most importantly, participants will experience a deeper insight into what it means to be a Jewish Scout, **all with rabbinical participation and supervision.**



## When is it?

- June 26<sup>th</sup> through July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026 (plus travel days)
- Travel Arrangements will be coordinated by Crews.

## Can I go?

- We will have two (12 person) crews for the 12 day treks
- Youth Age – 14-20 (or 13 and have completed 8<sup>th</sup> grade)  
Scout Rank – First Class or higher
- Up to 12 Adults over 21 years of Age

## Where is Philmont:

- Philmont Scout Ranch Headquarters is 220 square miles in size, located four miles south of Cimarron, New Mexico.
- Check out this video:  
<http://www.youtube.com/user/PhilmontScoutRanch>

## Budget: Estimated Trip Cost: \$3,200

- This covers Philmont Trek Fee, Meals, Flights, Ground Transportation, Lodging, Crew Shirts and Patches
  - Reservation Fee: \$100 due December 1, 2025
  - Initial Payment: \$1,600 due February 1, 2026
  - Final Payment: May 1, 2026
- **It includes estimated cost of flights**
- **It does not include gear necessary for the trek.**



**The 2024 NJCOS Trek Crews**



## Philmont Trek Registration Information Form

For Trek Registration, Scan this QR code



or visit: <https://forms.gle/g5tKC9d2hj4ezqMR9>

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS TREK WILL NOT INTERFERE WITH ANYBODY WHO WANTS TO ATTEND THE 2026 SCOUTING AMERICA JAMBOREE, SO BOTH ACTIVITIES WILL BE POSSIBLE FOR THOSE INTERESTED.

### What to expect for trek participation:

A traditional Philmont backpacking trek is 12 days in duration. Shabbat will be a day of rest and there will be no trekking. The trek duration will be 50-75 miles and will include 3 hours of conservation work necessary to earn the Philmont Arrowhead Patch.

Trek preparation will involve extensive commitment to physical conditioning and training as well attendance at regular meetings

After pre-registering, we will send additional information to include:

Transportation Plans, Physical Conditioning, Equipment, Medical Forms, and more!

### Questions?

Contact National Jewish Committee on Scouting, Philmont Trek Coordinator  
Dr. Robert Weber, [1topgum@gmail.com](mailto:1topgum@gmail.com) (646) 425-6006





**Spring – June 15-19 at Camp Spencer**

**Sabbath Friendly**

Course Director: Gabe Hare

Gabe.harewb26.1@gmail.com

<https://scoutingevent.com/220-WB261>



**Friends of *Shomer Shabbat* Scouting**  
ANNOUNCES THE  
**Shomer Shabbat Contingent to the 2026 National Scout Jamboree**

**THE CONSTITUENCY SERVED:**

**Boys' and girls' Jamboree Troops are being organized for Jewish Scouts from throughout the United States and other countries, wishing to attend the 2026 National Scout Jamboree at the Summit Bechtel Reserve, in Glen Jean, WV.**

These Troops eliminate all barriers to entry, and allow full access to the spectacular Jamboree experience, for Scouts whose observance of Scouting America's 12<sup>th</sup> point of the Scout Law ... "*A Scout is Reverent*"... includes observing the five requirements of:

- ① The Jewish dietary laws at all times (*Kashrut*),
- ② The Sabbath from sundown Friday to nightfall on Saturday (*Shabbat*),
- ③ Daily prayer services in the morning and afternoon/evening (*Tefila*),
- ④ Modesty in dress, behavior, speech, and thought, especially with regard to the interaction between males and females, guided by religious law (*Tzniut*).
- ⑤ Opportunities for ongoing religious learning (*Limudei Kodesh*).

**A CHALLENGE AND A SOLUTION:**

The National Jamboree, typically held every four years, gathers tens of thousands of Scouts from throughout the United States and other countries. This is one of the premiere events in a Scouting career. Scouts participate only as a member of a Jamboree Troop in a Council Contingent. In any Scout Council, there are only a small number of individuals with the requirements listed above. This makes it very difficult to respond to these needs — before the Jamboree (e.g. Troop meetings and a mandatory weekend-long Pre-Jamboree Training session), in transit to and from the Jamboree (e.g. travel and touring schedules, and food), and while at the Jamboree (e.g. program schedules). If these requirements are not met, then these Scouts cannot attend the Jamboree.

In 1989, this challenge was addressed by Dr. Howard Spielman, as he created **The *Shomer Shabbat* Contingent** and he has been the Contingent Coordinator for the past nine Jamborees. This program continues with strong support from Mr. Sheldon Freidenreich, Dr. Yehuda Katz, Rabbi Avraham A. Witty, and others. For 2026, Scouting America has again graciously agreed to support this program, with a direct liaison to the Jamboree Director. Since 2015, this program has been run by 'Friends of *Shomer Shabbat* Scouting,' a 501(c)(3) organization.

**PROGRAM SUMMARY:**

The 2026 *Shomer Shabbat* Contingent experience will begin Sunday July 12, 2026 at Forestburg Scout Reservation, Forestburg, NY. The program will include some touring time in Washington DC and, after returning from the Jamboree, will conclude in DC on Sunday August 2, 2026 with air travel home from the greater Washington area, or coach bus drop-offs in the Northeast

**A CALL FOR ADULT LEADERS AND YOUTH PARTICIPANTS:**

A more detailed program outline will be available in September, 2025, but at this time, we seek:

**Adult Leaders (age 18+ by July 22, 2026)** interested in getting more info and possibly serving as a leader:

Go to: <https://ShomerShabbatScouting.org/> [Staffing decisions will begin in September 2025.]

Click "**Adult Leader Application**" for more info and be considered for a role in the Contingent.

**Youth Participants — Boys & Girls: (Age 12 by July 22, 2026 and not yet 18 by July 31, 2026.)**

Go to: <https://ShomerShabbatScouting.org/>

Click "**Youth Interest Form**" to get updates on the 2026 *Shomer Shabbat* Contingent.

**FRIENDS OF SHOMER SHABBAT SCOUTING:**

Dr. Howard Spielman, President   Mr. Sheldon Freidenreich, Vice President   Dr. Yehuda Katz, Treasurer   Rabbi Avraham A. Witty, Rabbinic Advisor  
781 439-5250   732 887-1921   301 867-3795   905 709-6445



## Jewish Religious Emblems



### THE NATIONAL JEWISH COMMITTEE ON SCOUTING

The NJCOS promotes Scouting among Jewish youth, helps Jewish institutions, Regional and Local Councils and Jewish Committees. We provide Scouting opportunities for Jewish youth, and promote Jewish values in Scouting through Scouting America and the Religious Emblems program.

The NJCOS website is a good resource related to Jewish Scouting.

**For additional information contact the Regional or NJCOS:** [JewishScouting.Org](http://JewishScouting.Org)

**Religious Emblems, Awards and Recognitions:** [JewishScouting.Org/Awards](http://JewishScouting.Org/Awards)

Visit the website where you can purchase patches and/or make a donation. Kippahs, bolos and other items can also be purchased from the Northeast Region JCOS.

NJCOS and Regional Eagle Certificates and Chai Awards are available in each region. There are 4 Eagle Scholarships for \$5000 available each year.

**For all Jewish Scouting questions, Award Certificates and Religious Emblems, contact your Regional JCOS chair.**

Central: [CeRegion@JewishScouting.Org](mailto:CeRegion@JewishScouting.Org)  
Northeast: [NeRegion@JewishScouting.Org](mailto:NeRegion@JewishScouting.Org)  
Southern: [SoRegion@JewishScouting.Org](mailto:SoRegion@JewishScouting.Org)  
Western: [WeRegion@JewishScouting.Org](mailto:WeRegion@JewishScouting.Org)

### Adult Awards

#### The Shofar Award

Recognizes outstanding service by adults in promoting Scouting among Jewish youth, just as the Shofar, (Ram's Horn) calls people to the service of G-d. The requirements can be found at [JewishScouting.Org/Awards/#Shofar](http://JewishScouting.Org/Awards/#Shofar)



#### The Chai Award

These regional awards recognizes a continued service above and beyond to Jewish Scouts and Scouting. There are 4 levels: Bronze, Gold, Silver and Diamond.



#### The Yad Award

For Adults who have excelled in chairing a local, regional or National Jewish Committee.



#### Frank L. Weil Award for Jewish Units

To recognize Jewish Scout units that provide a top-quality program.

[JewishScouting.Org/Frank-L.-Weil-Unit-Recognition-Award.pdf](http://JewishScouting.Org/Frank-L.-Weil-Unit-Recognition-Award.pdf)

#### Mortimer L. Schiff Award for Jewish Committees

Recognizes local Jewish Committees on Scouting that meet standard objectives in the support of Scouting for Jewish Youth in their local council. It is named after Mortimer L. Schiff, a member of the first BSA National Council and a former president of the BSA.

[JewishScouting.Org/Mortimer-L.-Schiff-Quality-Jewish-Committee-Award.pdf](http://JewishScouting.Org/Mortimer-L.-Schiff-Quality-Jewish-Committee-Award.pdf)

**As an adult learn how you can play an important role in our youth's development and leadership skills. Learn how your organization can sponsor a Jewish Unit. Email your Local, Regional or National Chair.**

### Mission and Vision

The mission of the National Jewish Committee on Scouting (NJCOS) is to prepare young Jews to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of Judaism as expressed in the Scout Oath and Scout Law. The Vision of the National Jewish Committee on Scouting is that Jewish Youth will develop generations of caring, concerned, capable citizens and leaders who are guided by the Scout Oath, Scout Law and Torah.

### How does a youth start working on Jewish Religious Emblems?

Download the workbook from the National Jewish Committee on Scouting website  
**Cubs:** [JewishScouting.Org/Cub-Scout-Emblems/](http://JewishScouting.Org/Cub-Scout-Emblems/)

**Scouts BSA, Explorers, Venturers. Sea Scouts:** [JewishScouting.Org/Scouts-BSA-Emblems/](http://JewishScouting.Org/Scouts-BSA-Emblems/)

Ask your parent, Rabbi or Religious teacher/educator to serve as your counselor.

Work on the activities/requirements, and record your work in the workbook. Discuss what you have learned with your counselor.

When completed, have your counselor sign-off. Submit the application form and payment per the instructions on the bottom of the application. The workbook is for you to keep, to use, and to display for your fellow Scouts to see.

The Emblem presentation should be made at a service in your synagogue, unit meeting, or other appropriate event. It can be presented more than once.

Your Religious emblem knots, youth and adult, should be obtained by your parents or unit at the closest Scout shop.





## Jewish Religious Emblems

### Jewish Youth Religious Emblems For Jewish Youth Members in Scouting America

**Aryeh Emblem - For Jewish  
Lion Scouts in Kindergarten  
or 1<sup>st</sup> Grade**

The young Lion is a symbol of curiosity, energy and power. The Aryeh Emblem challenges the youngest Scouts to learn. The requirements are fun, and for the beginner, with help from a parent, religious leader or counselor, will learn some of the basics of the Jewish Faith such as their Hebrew name, what Shalom means, what a mezuzah is, Minyan, Jewish games and more.

[JewishScouting.Org/Cub-Scout-Emblems/#Aryeh](http://JewishScouting.Org/Cub-Scout-Emblems/#Aryeh)

**Maccabee Emblem - For  
Jewish Tiger Cubs and Cub  
Scouts, 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Grade**

The Maccabee Emblem takes its name from Judah Maccabee and his brothers, who led the military and the Religious struggle against the Syrian King, Antiochus, who attempted to suppress the practice of Judaism. Their revolt ended in victory with the rededication of the Temple in Jerusalem in the year 167 B.C.E. which is celebrated during the holiday of Chanukah, the festival of lights.

[JewishScouting.Org/Cub-Scout-Emblems/#Maccabee](http://JewishScouting.Org/Cub-Scout-Emblems/#Maccabee)

**Aleph Emblem - For Jewish Cub  
Scouts and Webelos, 3<sup>rd</sup> through  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Just as Aleph is the first letter of the Hebrew alphabet, the activities of the Aleph Emblem are among the first steps that a Scout will learn to understand more about the Jewish faith. Working on the Aleph Emblem will help the Cub Scouts get to know his or her Rabbi or religious educator who will be the Scout's counselor and guide along the way.

[JewishScouting.Org/Cub-Scout-Emblems/#Aleph](http://JewishScouting.Org/Cub-Scout-Emblems/#Aleph)

**Ner Tamid Emblem - For  
Jewish Scouts, Venturers,  
Explorers, and Sea Scouts 6<sup>th</sup>  
through 9<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Learning by doing is a basic principle of Scouting. The Ner Tamid (Eternal Light) program will help a Scout grow spiritually. It will help the Scout practice *Duty to G-d*, be *Reverent* and to be *faithful in his or her Religious duties*. Counselor's assistance is required.

The Ner Tamid Emblem represents the Eternal Light that hangs in front of the Holy Ark in every synagogue. The pendant is attached to a blue and white ribbon and a bronze bar pin that carries the inscription "Ner Tamid" in Hebrew letters and "Eternal Light" in English. Requirement areas include: Home observance, Synagogue worship, Jewish Study, the American Jewish community and World Jewry.

[JewishScouting.Org/Scouts-BSA-Emblems/#NerTamid](http://JewishScouting.Org/Scouts-BSA-Emblems/#NerTamid)

**Etz Chaim Emblem - For  
Jewish Scouts, ages 14-17  
and Venturers, Explorers and  
Sea Scouts ages 14-20**

The Etz Chaim (Tree of Life) Emblem is to encourage the young adult to Explore Jewish roles in the context of family, community, world and the Jewish people.

[JewishScouting.Org/Scouts-BSA-Emblems/#EtzChaim](http://JewishScouting.Org/Scouts-BSA-Emblems/#EtzChaim)

**Talmud Torah Award**  
For a Scout who has earned all of the Jewish Religious Emblems during their tenure in Scouting.

[JewishScouting.Org/Scouts-BSA-Emblems/#TalmudTorah](http://JewishScouting.Org/Scouts-BSA-Emblems/#TalmudTorah)

**For Cub Scout  
Emblems scan**



**For Older Scout  
Emblems scan**



**Celebrating 100 Years  
1926 - 2026**







## Nomination Application for the Council Duty to God Award

The Council Duty to God Award was created to recognize 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. It acknowledges the unswerving dedication to faith, fellowship, and service of those whose character embodies the moral principles and shared ideals of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA).

The award distinguishes Scouters who selflessly work to prepare youth for life by perpetuating the merit and legacy of a Scout's duty to their Creator. Nominations are open to candidates from all faiths and religious groups.

Please note that nominees for the Council Duty to God Award should not be notified of their nomination.

### NOMINEE CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home address: \_\_\_\_\_

City or Town: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

### ELIGIBILITY & AWARD CRITERIA

The requirements for nomination and consideration for selection are as follows:

- Be currently registered as an active, participating adult member of the Boy Scouts of America.
- Have five or more years of volunteer or professional leadership with service to Scouting at the Council and/or territorial level or other organizations or institutions, and the nominee's respective faith tradition.
- Have received the faith-appropriate adult religious recognition from the nominee's religious organization prior to this nomination, or adult religious recognition from another religious organization whose youth the candidate has served.
- Have demonstrated an outstanding record of transformational, spiritual, moral, and ethical leadership, and edifying service within the community and Council in the advancement and promotion of a Scout's duty to God and shared values, regardless of faith tradition.

NOTE: Preference should be given to those who have given leadership and service across multiple faiths.

Nominee's religious affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's current place of religious worship:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City or Town: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Adult Scouting tenure: \_\_\_\_\_ (years/months)

Local Council: \_\_\_\_\_ Council number: \_\_\_\_\_



Major volunteer, elected, and appointed Scouting positions (include current position held):

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Major non-Scouting and volunteer positions held in service to faith-based or religious, civic, educational, fraternal, and professional organizations and institutions:

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Awards & Honors (Include Scouting and non-Scouting religious and non-religious awards and honors):

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#### RECOMMENDATIONS

The nominator(s) must provide and attach to this application no fewer than three (3) letters of recommendation for the nominee including from the following people:

- A registered scout leader who can document the nominee's service in scouting to Duty to God at the Council level
- A current, active member(s) in a leadership role from nominee's place of worship or affiliated religious organization.

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Nominator must provide a summary narrative on a separate sheet describing and detailing examples of the nominee's service to faith and youth, as well as personal character relevant to the purpose and standards set forth to receive this recognition.

#### RECOMMENDED BY

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home address: \_\_\_\_\_

City or Town: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Position in Scouting relative to this nomination: \_\_\_\_\_

I attest that the nominee exemplifies the principles contained in the Scout Oath and Law, and that the nominee acknowledges Scouting's spiritual and religious foundation by having perpetuated the legacy of a Scout's duty to God through extraordinary and noteworthy service and leadership. Therefore, I hereby recommend that the nominee receive the Council Duty to God Award.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



#### APPLICATION INFORMATION & SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Nomination forms may be submitted annually from the first business day in October through December 15.

All required nominating materials and supporting documentation for qualified individuals must be submitted in one, collated electronic file with a clear, identifiable name of the nominee for review by the selection committee. Please send your nomination submission to the nominee's Council Scout Executive or designee.

There are no restrictions on the number of nominations submitted to the local councils. Even so, 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. Completed nominations will remain on file for two years. If after the second year, the nominee has not been selected, a new application must be submitted for future consideration. Successful nominees should be notified on or before March 1<sup>st</sup> following close of the 4-month nominating period.

For further information on the Council Duty to God Award or nominating process, please contact Bob Vogt, Chair of the National Duty to God Award Selection Sub-committee, at [revogt1@gmail.com](mailto:revogt1@gmail.com).

#### COUNCIL APPROVAL

I/We certify that the examples of faith, service, and leadership of this nominee through the promotion of a Scout's Duty to God have been thoroughly and carefully reviewed by the council's selection committee. It is thereby recommended that the nominee receive the Council Duty to God Award.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Chair of Council's Religious Relationships Committee (If there is one) otherwise  
Council Vice-President of Membership/Relationships*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Council Scout Executive or Council Chief Operating Officer (or designee)*

The Council has elected to reserve this nominee's application for a period of two (2) years from this date of \_\_\_\_\_ to be considered and reviewed for the Council Duty to God Award in each successive year through \_\_\_\_\_.

#### AWARD PRESENTATION AND RECOGNITION

The Council Duty to God Award presentation should be conducted with the highest level of honor at a council event (e.g. Council dinner) or a religious ceremony of the recipient's faith. These individuals have provided spiritual leadership to their community, their Council, and their scouts. Each recipient should receive recognition worthy of the service rendered on Scouting's behalf.

Award materials which include a medallion with neck ribbon, lapel pin/device, and a certificate can be purchased from BSA National Supply. Councils may purchase the medallion, lapel pin/device, and certificate through the Supply Group at 800-323-0736 or [www.scoutstuff.org](http://www.scoutstuff.org)





## The National Jewish Committee on Scouting



### 100th Anniversary Celebration Campout



**Where:** Ten Mile River (TMR) Scout Camps, 1481 Crystal Lake Rd, Narrowsburg, NY 12764

**When:** Arrive - Sunday, August 9, 2026, Check-in after 1:00 PM, Depart – Wednesday, August 12, 2026  
(Participants of all faiths and from all Regions welcome) Questions: Email: [chairman@jewishscouting.org](mailto:chairman@jewishscouting.org)

**Conference fee:** \$175.00 per participant, \$50 Down payment by November 30, 2025. *After Mar 1, 2026, the fee increases to \$225.00 per participant. Fee includes all Kosher meals, accommodations, patch, Campout program, and handouts. If you have specific dietary requirements, please let us know.*

Will you accept provisional Scouts to attend with your unit? \_\_\_\_\_

Can you help run a program activity? Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact information:** Name and Position \_\_\_\_\_

**Unit Type and Number, Council:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-Mail Address (print clearly):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cell Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Home Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Attending with:** \_\_\_\_\_ Youth \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_ Adults \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female

Total Cost will be \$175 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_. Please supply a roster of **all** attendees names and ages.

Please bring a current Scouting America Completed Medical form for all in Attendance.

**E-Mail this registration form to:** [chairman@jewishscouting.org](mailto:chairman@jewishscouting.org)

Make your check out to "**NJCOS**" and write "**2026 NJCOS Campout**" on the memo line. Mail checks to:  
**NJCOS, c/o Phil Sternberg, PO Box 4052, Alexandria, VA 22303**

Other Payments, e.g. credit cards: <https://www.jewishscouting.org/product/donation/>