

INFORMATION FOR SCOUT LEADERS

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A successful Scout program requires leaders who have a **testimony** of the gospel, **time** to serve, **tenure** in their callings, and **training** in BSA policies and practices.

How Do I Get Trained?

- Fill out and submit a BSA registration form (this will include a criminal background check).
- View the Fast Start training. You can obtain a copy of the video from your local council office, or view it online at your council website (for example, www.gslc-bsa.org).
- Attend a local roundtable meeting to participate in New Leader Essentials training. Dates, times and address for the training can be obtained from your council office.
- Attend training for the specific position in which you are called to serve. Dates and times for the training can be obtained from your council or district office.

What Is My Responsibility for the Faith in God Award?

- Help orient the boy and his parents to the *Faith in God for Boys* guidebook.
- Remember, where Scouting is authorized, Scouting is activity days for boys. Find ways to combine activities in the *Faith in God* guidebooks with Cub Scout and Eleven-year-old Scout activities. Many activities fulfill requirements in both programs (see reverse for examples).
- Help the boy complete two activities in each of the three areas for each year he is in the program. When he is eleven, he will complete five additional activities from the section "Preparing for the Priesthood." Some of these activities may be done at home with family.
- When a boy has completed the activities in the *Faith in God for Boys* guidebook, the Primary president and the bishop or branch president sign the Faith in God Award certificate on the last page of this guidebook. The child would then be recognized in Primary for his accomplishments.

How Does a Boy Earn the Religious Square Knot Patch?

- C He meets the basic requirements noted in *Faith in God for Boys* guidebook.
- C He completes all seven activities marked with the square knot icon in the *Faith in God for Boys* guidebook.
- C The religious square knot must be earned before a boy turns eleven years old. It is recommended that it be earned in the Bear or Webelos year.
- C The square knot is usually awarded in a pack meeting.