

God and Country Award

While not required for your Eagle Scout rank, the God and Country Award (GAC) is one we encourage all Scouts to earn. The first promise in your Oath as a Scout is to do your duty to God and your country. The GAC award program is diverse and provides curriculum and a distinct award for almost every religion.

This session for Troop 1001 will be administered by Trinity Bible Church, using the Protestant curriculum (award shown). If you are interested in earning the GAC Award for your religion, and you are not Protestant or Christian, please let me know and Troop 1001 will coordinate with officials at your place of worship to provide an opportunity for you to earn it. All Troop 1001 Scouts who earn the award have their names engraved on the plaque at the Scout display at Trinity.

The Christian/Protestant program is designed to help the Scout develop a strong spiritual life, to grow in his relationship with God, and to learn more about Jesus Christ and the Bible. The award takes a fairly long time to complete, usually at least 4 months, and involves a significant amount of writing and Bible reading.

There is a small cost, less than \$15, for the Workbook and program materials. We will meet several times as a group, but practically all the work is done by the Scout on an individual basis, going through the Workbook and working closely with a Mentor of the Scout's choosing (usually a parent).

To allow you to set your own pace, three dates are set for completing the program and receiving the award. Scouts who finish by January 8, 2007 will receive their medal from Pastor Jeff Miller in a special God and Country Award ceremony on Scout Sunday, February 5, 2007. Scouts who finish by either of the other two dates will receive the award at one of our regular Troop 1001 Courts of Honor (see dates below), also to be presented by Pastor Jeff Miller.

Three adults are involved with each Scout's progress: Counselor, Pastor and Mentor.

- COUNSELOR: The program Counselor is Grady Frank, assisted by Doug Miller.
- PASTOR: The program Pastor is Mr. Jeff Miller, Senior Pastor of Trinity Bible Church.
- MENTOR: Each Scout is to select a Mentor to guide him through the program. We strongly suggest the Scout's own parent(s) serve as his Mentor, but it may be someone else if the Scout and his family feel the person is more appropriate. In addition to the Scout's Workbook, there is also a Mentor's Workbook to guide you as well.

COMPLETION DATE (choose one)

Monday, January 8, 2007
Monday, April 17, 2007
Approx. October 15, 2007

AWARD PRESENTATION DATE (choose one)

Scout Sunday at Trinity, Sunday, February 5, 2007 (9:00 am service)
Spring Court of Honor, Monday, May 14, 2007 at Trinity (7:00 pm)
Fall Court of Honor, approx. November 15, 2007 (to be determined)

First Meeting (attendance at this first meeting is required for the Scout and his Mentor):

Monday night, September 18, 2006, 6:00 pm at Trinity in Room 2.

To sign up: Please give your name, phone and email to either Mr. Frank or Mr. Miller.

Please try to sign up no later than Monday night, September 11, 2006, so we can obtain your materials.

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