



My Promise, My Faith Pin

This is an invitation to experience a faith journey: an exploration of the Girl Scout Law and the teachings of your faith.

The Relationship -- Girl Scouts and Faith-Based Organizations

Everything in Girl Scouting is based on the Girl Scout Promise and Law.

The Promise and the Law are built upon a code of values. Expressed through our Daisy lessons and Troop activities, we teach these values in ways that each girl can understand and, more importantly, can take home with her – putting the values she’s learned into practice. Yet there is much more to the Girl Scout Law than what we express through our teachings. The Law includes many of the principles and values common to most faiths: a shared set of values too strong to ignore. So despite being a secular organization, Girl Scouts supports and encourages its girls to take spiritual journeys via their faiths' religious recognitions.

As a symbol of their support, Girl Scouts of the USA designed the *My Promise / My Faith* pin for girl scouts of all ages. This pin, which girls can earn once a year, complements existing religious recognitions and allows all girls to further strengthen the connection between their faith and their life as a Girl Scout. A girl earns the *My Promise, My Faith* pin by carefully examining the Girl Scout Law and directly tying it to tenets of her faith.

The Difference -- Girl Scouts and Religious Recognitions

Religious recognitions are created by national religious organizations/committees to encourage the spiritual growth of their youth members and reinforce many of the values integral to Girl Scouting. While *My Promise, My Faith* helps girls *connect* Girl Scouting with their faith, it's the religious recognitions programs/organizations that help girls grow stronger in and learn more specifically about their faith.



No Religious Preference? Find Faith in your Life

Earning the *My Promise / My Faith* pin does not require a religious preference. Instead of faith in religion, find faith in something else – something special in your life: a family member, a friend, a passion, a cause for change, even your education. Having faith means you believe something to be true: you trust in it, you are loyal to it. This means you can be faithful to anything and anyone you choose.

How to Earn the Pin

The new 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.

Kindergarten Daisies – Troop 30122: *complete two (2) of the following exercises and submit documentation to Troop Leader for recognition*

Deadline is May 1, 2013

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

Use 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!

6. Enlist the help of 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

7. Wear your Daisy uniform to your place of worship:

Whether it is a church, temple, synagogue, or your own backyard, wear your Daisy uniform while attending worship ceremonies.