

## Lutheran Religious Emblems Programs

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## Lutheran Recognition of Excellence

(LRE)

### A Unit Award

For Cub Scout Packs  
Boy Scout Troops  
or Venturing Crews



### God and Me (grades 1-3)

The God and Me unit encourages children to tell the story of their lives, think about the life and teachings of Jesus, and see how God is present in their lives today. Parents or other adults are encouraged to work side-by-side with the child, serving in the role of counselor or mentor.

### God and Family (grades 4-5)

The God and Family unit is “home-centered,” with parents or guardians directly involved under the supervision of the pastor. This unit promotes Christian nurturing in the home and church, and encourages individuals to grow in the understanding of their faith as it relates to their homes, their family relationships to the church, and their own identities in society.

### God and Church (grades 6-8)

The God and Church unit provides individuals with an opportunity to know their pastor and counselor more intimately, to understand the church’s structures and objectives, and to participate in services and projects that will give them a better understanding of the mission of the church.

### God and Life (grades 9-12)

The God and Life unit helps young people to grow as Christians by fostering in them a closer relationship with their Lord, a heightened awareness of their own worship experiences, an eagerness and ability to be personal witnesses to their faith, and enthusiasm for sharing in the outreach efforts of their congregation.



Established by



**National Lutheran  
Association on  
Scouting  
(NLAS)**

## Purpose

To recognize outstanding Cub Scout packs, Boy Scout troops, Explorer posts and Venturing crews that are chartered by Lutheran congregations or other Lutheran organizations and that have met the criteria established by the National Lutheran Association on Scouting.

## Criteria

Within the past calendar year, the unit shall have accomplished all of the following:

1. Earned the Journey To Excellence Award (Bronze, Silver, or Gold level) of the Boy Scouts of America.
2. Ten percent or more of the registered youth members of the unit were enrolled in or have completed the appropriate Religious Emblems Program for their age level and religious affiliation.
3. The pastor serves as the Religious Emblems Counselor or has appointed someone to serve in that capacity for the God and Me, God and Family, God and Church and the God and Life Religious Emblems Programs.
4. The unit participated in the local Lutheran congregation's Scout Sunday observance and completed at least one service project for the chartering Lutheran organization.
5. The unit provided regular worship opportunities when away from their home congregations on Sundays for camping trips and outings, and provided the appropriate religious setting for banquets, ceremonies and other unit events (prayer at pack, den, troop, crew and leader meetings).
6. The Chartered Organization Representative (COR) shall be a member of the chartering Lutheran congregation or, for other Lutheran organizations, a member of a local Lutheran congregation.
7. \*For Boy Scout troops only, the Chaplain Aide(s) is/are trained and actively working with a Lutheran pastor, youth minister, or designated lay person.

## Insignia

Only members of units chartered by Lutheran congregations or Lutheran organizations may earn the Lutheran Recognition of Excellence and wear the LRE insignia.



Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Explorers, Venturers and Scouters may wear the insignia. The patch is worn as a temporary insignia centered on the right pocket of the shirt.

Each unit awarded the LRE is also recognized with a unit ribbon and certificate for each year that the LRE is earned.

\*Does not apply to packs, posts or crews.

## Lutheran Recognition of Excellence Application A Unit Award Established by National Lutheran Association on Scouting

Unit Chartered to: \_\_\_\_\_

Chartered Organization Address:

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Unit Number \_\_\_\_\_

Council Name \_\_\_\_\_

Calendar Year \_\_\_\_\_

Check each requirement as it is completed:

Journey To Excellence Award (Bronze, Silver, or Gold level)

Ten Percent Enrolled in Religious Emblem Programs

Religious Emblems Counselor

Scout Sunday Observance

Worship Opportunities when on trips, etc.

COR Lutheran member

\*Chaplain Aide trained

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of COR

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of BSA Council Executive

### ORDER FORM

LRE Ribbon	one ribbon will be provided free
LRE Certificate	one certificate will be provided free
LRE Patch	# needed _____ X \$3.50 ea. \$ _____
Handling charge	\$ 4.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>

Ship to Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

*Make checks payable to N.L.A.S.*

Mail to:

N.L.A.S. 11123 S. Towne Square, Ste. B, St. Louis, MO 63123-7816