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## What is R.E.C.?

Religious Emblems Coordinator (REC) positions exist at the Council, District and Unit levels. The REC's are responsible for educating, motivating, evaluating, and expanding the usage of the religious emblems programs.

### **Purpose of REC:**

- Encourage all youth to earn the emblem of their faith
- Promote religious emblems usage like BSA promotes other youth advancement
- Establish goals and track the number of religious emblems to be completed every year

### **Reasons for REC:**

Baden-Powell stated, "No man is much good unless he believes in God and obeys His laws. So every Scout should have a religion....Religion seems a very simple thing: First: Love and Serve God. Second: Love and serve your neighbor." (Scouting For Boys, 1908). Also the REC:

- Reinforces BSA values through religious emblems
- Improves relationships with religious chartered partners
- Establishes relationships with potential Religious partners

### **Expectations and Responsibilities of the REC:**

1. Serve as a Member of the Unit Committee
2. Acquaint all youth and leaders with the Religious Emblems programs and the emblems available for their Faith
3. Provide Scout families and clergy with an orientation to the Religious Emblems program and encourage their involvement
4. Encourage and show all youth in the unit how to earn the Religious Emblems of their Faith
5. Become familiar with the REC position, rationale, and responsibilities
6. Serve as the unit liaison to the District Religious Emblem Coordinator
7. Coordinate the establishment of goals and track the number of Religious Emblems completed every year