



Diocese of Baton Rouge
Catholic Committee on Scouting
c/o Our Lady of Mercy Church
Attn: Religious Emblem Counselor
445 Marquette Avenue
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809-1782

LIGHT IN THE LORD BISHOP STANLEY J. OTT SERVICE RECOGNITION

WHAT IS THE LIGHT IN THE LORD SERVICE RECOGNITION?

Following the death of Bishop Stanley Ott in 1993, the Catholic Committee on Scouting for the Diocese of Baton Rouge established the Light in the Lord Bishop Stanley J. Ott Service Recognition to honor Bishop Ott's commitment to Scouting and to perpetuate his good works. Its purpose is to recognize exceptional service projects that keep in mind... "Duty to God and to each other" as lived and preached by Bishop Ott especially through the works of mercy: Feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, help those imprisoned, shelter the homeless, care for the sick, and bury the dead. Because Bishop Ott served all people regardless of their religious beliefs this service recognition is open to youths of all faiths. The Light in the Lord Bishop Stanley J. Ott Service Recognition is a beautiful blue and gold 9 x 12 parchment certificate suitable for framing. Each unit that submits an application that is approved will be asked to send a unit representative to the annual Catholic Committee on Scouting Award Ceremony, where the present Bishop of the Diocese of Baton Rouge will present the certificate.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, or American Heritage Girls, Junior Catholic Daughters of America, Campfire Boys and Girls, units/troops may submit applications. The youth do not have to be Catholic and no emblem counselor is required. A review committee will evaluate applications.

WHAT ARE THE CRITERIA?

There are no specific criteria, but there are suggested guidelines. In general, the review committee judges each application based on:

1. The planning process – how did the youth identify the need in the community, and plan the project;
2. Age of the youth and the appropriateness of the project for the age group;
3. The commitment shown by the youth, their parents and leaders in completing the project;
4. The number of adults and youth involved in the project.

In general, the Light in the Lord Bishop Stanley J. Ott Service Recognition is presented to Units who carry out service projects that are "above and beyond" the typical service projects. It is preferred that the projects be original, and not associated with a larger project in the community such as, "Pat's Coats for Kids." If, however, your unit wishes to participate in an existing campaign, your efforts must be exceptional.

MAY A UNIT SUBMIT MORE THAN ONE PROJECT?

Yes, depending on the age of youth, it is sometimes easier to do several short-term projects. However, the same guidelines apply. The goal is quality, not just quantity of service. Find a community need that is not being adequately met, and do something about it!

WHEN IS THE APPLICATION DEADLINE?

The Catholic Committee on Scouting must receive all applications by **June 15th**.



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GROUP TYPE – Check type of unit and provide unit/troop number
(e.g. Tiger Cub/Pack 233 or Brownie/ Troop 36)

Girl Scouts U.S.A/ Troop #	Boy Scouts of America/ Unit #	Campfire Boys and Girls/ Unit #
___ Daisy _____	___ Tiger Cub _____	___ Club _____
___ Brownie _____	___ Cub Scouts _____	American Heritage Girls # _____
___ Junior _____	___ Boy Scouts _____	_____
___ Cadette _____	___ Venturing _____	Jr.Catholic Daughters of Americas _____
___ Senior _____	Chartered Partner _____	_____

1) CHURCH AFFILIATION (if any) _____

2) AGE RANGE OF YOUTH PARTICIPANTS _____

3) TOTAL NUMBER OF UNIT MEMBERS WHO PARTICIPATED IN YOUR PROJECT _____

4) TOTAL NUMBER OF OTHER YOUTH AND ADULTS THAT PARTICIPATED (e.g. siblings, parents, parishioners, and members of other organizations) _____

5) DESCRIBE IN DETAIL THE SERVICE PROJECT (Attach additional papers if necessary):

Approvals:

CCOS Chairperson: _____ Date: _____

Diocese CCOS Scout Chaplain: _____ Date: _____

Bishop of Baton Rouge: + _____ Date: _____