

**Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council  
Connecting To Your Faith Community**

**ON MY HONOR  
Patch Program**

***With special incentive for participation during:***

**Girl Scout Sunday, March 11, 2012**

**Girl Scout Week, March 11 – 17, 2012**

**(includes the day of Congregational Prayer for your faith)**

**Girl Scout Sabbath, March 17, 2012**



# ON MY HONOR 2012

'On My Honor' is a patch program that is focused on Girl Scouts and their faith. The program includes activities, centered on faith, which fulfill the requirements to Discover, Connect, and Take Action to earn the On My Honor patch.

Each year in March, we recognize the founding of Girl Scouts through Girl Scout Week. Girl Scout Week is an opportunity for Girl Scouts to honor their faith communities by demonstrating our core values: honesty, integrity, service and respect. Troops are encouraged to participate in the On My Honor program throughout the year, and will have an incentive for participation during Girl Scout Week (March 11-17, 2012).

**The three (3) requirements to earn the OMH Patch are to Discover, Connect, and Take Action.**

**There are provided examples and suggestions, but we encourage girls to complete the steps in their own unique way.**

## ***Step 1: DISCOVER***

*Complete one of the 1<sup>st</sup> three steps of the My Promise, My Faith Award requirements. The award requirements can also be found in the Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting binder.*

1. Choose one line from the Girl Scout Law.  
--OR--
2. Find a woman in your own or another faith community.  
--OR--
3. Gather three inspirational quotes...

**The following are examples/suggestions of ways to Connect and Take Action within a religious community. Remember to plan early and to obtain permission from your congregational leaders.**

## ***Step 2: CONNECT***

*Suggestions for connecting with a religious organization:*

- ◆ Wear your Girl Scout uniform and attend service together as a troop/group
- ◆ Serve as greeters and distribute a green ribbon to each congregation member - ask them to honor Girl Scouting by wearing the ribbon.
- ◆ Pick-up copies of the Council religious insert and include with service program.
- ◆ Conduct a flag ceremony.
- ◆ Set up a table to display your troop/group scrapbook and other troop/group memorabilia - share the details of your program activities.
- ◆ Acknowledge girls who have recently received their religious award, Bronze Award, Silver Award, and/or Gold Award.
- ◆ Ask all current and alumni Girl Scouts to recite the Girl Scout Promise together (make a handout).
- ◆ Find out the worship place of your favorite Girl Scout volunteer. Request permission to honor her/him with an adult religious award.
- ◆ Make a presentation at your place of worship encouraging the youth to earn a religious award.
- ◆ Meet with religious leaders. Learn what service project is needed. Share the details with the congregation during the worship service.

## ***Step 3: TAKE ACTION***

*Suggestions for providing a service within a religious organization or local community:*

- ◆ Adopt a flowerbed for the year or plant a tree
- ◆ Consider beautifying the grounds
- ◆ Work with the religious librarian to organize/ or maintain a book filing system
- ◆ Conduct a book, clothing or food drive for the congregation's outreach ministry
- ◆ Volunteer to serve refreshments for a religious function
- ◆ Make baby blankets for the children's nursery
- ◆ Conduct a song workshop for the Children's Sunday School, Hebrew School teachers or other faith-based youth program.
- ◆ Make a presentation at your place of worship encouraging the youth to earn a religious award
- ◆ Recognize the religious leaders by hosting an appreciation event
- ◆ Host a "bleed green" blood drive at your place of worship and offer refreshments

# My Promise, My Faith

*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.*

**Steps to earn the pin:**

- 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** 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!

**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

Contact your local Girl Scouts council for more information. To find your nearest Girl Scout council go to [www.girlscouts.org/councilfinder](http://www.girlscouts.org/councilfinder).



Go to [www.praypub.org/partner\\_gsusa.htm](http://www.praypub.org/partner_gsusa.htm) to find out about religious recognitions offered by different faith communities.

## ***Sample*** **Presentation for Worship Service**

*(The following is a sample script that may be used during a worship service. After obtaining permission, it can be read to the congregation by a girl or a leader. Feel free to modify the script if needed.)*

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Good Morning congregation of *(insert the name of the religious institution)*.

I am Girl Scout troop leader *(insert your name)* and these are the members of *(insert program level)* Girl Scouts of Troop *(insert troop number)*.

Thank you for the privilege of worshipping with you this morning.

Also, thank you for wearing the green ribbons in honor of the Girl Scouts here with us today and those in congregations throughout the country.

Girl Scouts is the world's premier organization dedicated to all girls ages 5 – 17. Created in 1912, this organization offers girls an accepting and nurturing environment to lead, learn, share and serve. In partnership with committed adults, girls develop qualities that will assist them all their lives - qualities like strong personal values and morals, a conscience for the world around them and a conviction about their own potential and self-worth. Through the power of many wonderful leadership experiences, girls' lives are forever enriched with courage, confidence and character to make the world a better place.

2012 marks the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Girl Scouts. With such a rich history, I am sure many of you in this congregation have fond memories of your own Girl Scout experiences.

May I ask all girls and adults, both former and current Girl Scout members, to please stand and repeat the Girl Scout Promise.

*(The girls will gather around the microphone, lead the promise and those standing will repeat after them.)*

Please make the Girl Scout sign *(demonstrate the GS sign)*

On my honor *(those standing will repeat)*

I will try *(those standing will repeat)*

To serve God and my Country *(those standing will repeat)*

To help people at all times *(those standing will repeat)*

And to live by the Girl Scout Law *(those standing will repeat)*

Thank you for allowing us to share in the service today!



***Sample***  
**Congregational Litany**  
**The Girl Scout Promise and The Girl Scout Law**

A litany is a poem, prayer, or reading consisting of phrases recited by a leader and alternated responses recited by a congregation. After obtaining permission from your religious leaders, work with them to develop a program/wording that can be printed in the bulletin, so that it can be recited with the congregation during the worship service.

*(The following litany is an interpretation of the Girl Scout Promise and the Girl Scout Law as they relate to biblical scripture. We encourage girls to identify a litany that is appropriate for their faith.)*

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Leader/Girl: On my honor, I will try to serve God and my country, to help people at all times, and to live by the Girl Scout Law.

Congregation: *What does the Lord require of you but to do justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. (Micah 6:8)*

Leader/Girl: I will do my best to be honest and fair, friendly and helpful, considerate and caring, courageous and strong, and responsible for what I say and do.

Congregation: *Be strong and of good courage, fear not. For the Lord thy God goes with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. (Deuteronomy 31:6)*

Leader/Girl: I will do my best to respect myself and others, respect authority, use resources wisely, make the world a better place, and be a sister to every Girl Scout.

Congregation: *And thou shall love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. And these words which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart. (Deuteronomy 6:5-6)*  
*Thou shall love thy neighbor as thyself. (Leviticus 19:18)*

## On My Honor 2012 - Event Summary

Service Unit Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Troop # \_\_\_\_\_


Date Completed: \_\_\_\_\_ # of girls participating: \_\_\_\_\_

To receive the On My Honor Patch and a 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary commemorative rocker, please share what activities you participated in to fulfill the requirements to Discover, Connect, and Take Action in your Faith Based Community.

DISCOVER: \_\_\_\_\_  
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CONNECT: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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TAKE ACTION: \_\_\_\_\_  
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	<u>OMH Patch</u> <u>100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Rocker Order</u>
	<p><u>Patches</u></p> <p>Number of girls patches FREE _____ Number of adults patches (limit 2) FREE _____ Extra adult patches: _____ x \$1.50 per patch = \$ _____ Total # patches _____</p> <p><u>Year Rocker</u></p> <p>Number of 2012 rockers for girls and/or adults: _____ x 50¢ per rocker = \$ _____</p>
<b>Please send payment for patches &amp; rockers with this Event Summary. <u>Check or Money Order</u> only. NO cash please.</b>	
<i><b>For office use only:</b> # _____ Patches # _____ Rockers Mailed out on _____ by _____</i>	

**Submit this form to:**

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**Drawing Entry – Deadline: April 15, 2012**

*For events held during Girl Scout Week (March 11-17, 2012)*

Please include \_\_\_\_\_ in the drawing for the Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting binder (limit 12).  
(Individual girl's name OR Troop #)

Level of Binders requested \_\_\_\_\_

This request is being made by:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_