

Date program to start _____ If in the future check ____

Number of scouts anticipated to earn this emblem _____

Location of counseling meetings _____

Address of meeting place _____

Day of week meetings to be held _____

Frequency of meetings _____ Time of meetings _____

Name of person co-counseling this emblem _____

Name of co-counselor's parish _____

Date of co-counselor's current emblem certification _____

Date this certification form sent to the Diocesan Scout Chaplain _____

NOTE: Diocesan and scouting policy requires two adults to be present at all times when working with youth. Both emblem counselors need to be certified in the religious emblem being counseled. Both counselors must be registered in the appropriate scouting organization. The workbooks for these programs will be issued to certified emblems counselors at the training sessions provided all the proper background checks and registrations are completed and verified. No session can begin and no workbooks will be issued until Certifications and the Intent form have been signed and approved by counselor's own pastor and submitted to the chaplain along with proof of scouting registration for verification.

In the event that one of the co-counselors cannot be present when an emblem counseling session is to be conducted, one or more of the parents must be present to observe that session. It is not permitted to counsel alone to be consistent with the Diocesan Child Protection Policy and Scouting's Youth Protection Policy. Those parents helping as observers need not be registered in a scouting organization when acting as a temporary observer.

The Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting (DCCS) requests that all scout workbooks and counselor guidebooks be obtained through the DCCS. Following these policies will avoid any misunderstanding about the qualification of the counselor and the compliance with the Diocesan Child Protection Policy. It will also allow the DCCS to prepare for the number of medals needed upon completion.

The Girl Scout troops are owned and operated by the Girl Scouts USA through the local Girl Scout Council. A parish or church organization sponsorship is a sponsorship without ownership. The Catholic religious emblem programs for Girl Scouts are diocesan owned. The counselors working with youth on these programs, therefore, must be Catholic in good standing in their parish. The parish of that counselor has the responsibility to appoint them and must follow the diocesan guidelines established therein. The Boy Scout packs, troops, or venture crews are owned and operated by the parish under the unit charter agreement with the BSA. Adult leaders are appointed by the pastor under this agreement. The BSA conducts a national criminal background check and provides approved training on abuse prevention for all BSA adult leaders that meet current youth protection guidelines.

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