

# God and Country Program

## God and Me

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God and Me (grades 1–3) encourages children to tell the story of their lives, think about the life and teachings of Jesus, and, finally, 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.

## God and Family

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God and Family (grades 4–5) helps children understand their relationship to God in the context of family, friends, community, and the future. Parents, with the help of their pastor, are encouraged to serve as counselors.

## God and Church

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God and Church (grades 6–8) is a thorough study of the church's structures and objectives. It also requires the youths to participate in service projects to help them better understand the mission of the church. The pastor (or an appointed lay church member) should serve as counselor.

## God and Life

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God and Life (grades 9–12) helps youth better understand their lifelong relationships to God and prepares them to face decisions on how they will relate to the world. A counselor or minister is designated by the church to work with this age group.

## Adult Mentor Program

The Adult Mentor program is designed for an adult to work with a young person who is enrolled in the God and Country program. It prepares adults to be positive Christian influences and to share their faith with youth as they work together on the God and Country curriculum.

## God and Service



The God and Service Award recognizes deserving adults who serve youth in the church through Scouting (and other civic youth agencies). It is conferred by P.R.A.Y.

# Steps to Organizing a Unit

- Minister is informed about Scouting.
- Official church board adopts Scouting and minister appoints a chartered organization representative.
- Chartered organization representative appoints organizing committee of parents and interested church members.
- Orientation session is held with the members of congregation and parents of youths.
- Organizing committee selects unit leaders and committee members.
- Leaders are trained in Youth Protection and program planning (Fast Start).
- Program is planned for at least first six months.
- Youth members are recruited.
- Unit meetings begin.
- Unit is installed and charter is presented at a formal service in the church.

For further information, contact:

(Use local council stamp.)



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# Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and Scouting



## Building Values Together



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## Cub Scouting

Cub Scouting activities involve the parents, adult leaders, and friends of Cub Scouts in home-centered programs that teach life skills, habits, values, and attitudes consistent with the interests of their church. Millions of boys and their families participate in Cub Scouting, the largest of the three Boy Scouts of America membership divisions. Cub Scout activities encourage character development, physical coordination, family unity, and enthusiasm for learning.



## Strong Values, Strong Leaders

Strong Values, Strong Leaders . . . Character Counts! The Boy Scouts of America is delivering a clear message to our youth, our Scouting parents, and the general public that morals, values, spirituality, manners, ethics, caring, respect, duty—all the elements of good character—are important as we enter the next century. The theme also helps remind us of the importance of becoming more competitive, more productive, and in closer touch with our real mission of providing a program of ethical values for young people.

There may never be a more important time than now to let the country know that Scouting still believes in America's young people and that they are worth the investment of both time and dollars. After all, today's children will be the parents and leaders of our nation tomorrow.



## Boy Scouting

Boy Scouting encourages boys to develop physical, mental, and emotional fitness and to adopt and live by meaningful personal standards as a cornerstone for success in life. These values include the basic principles in the Scout Oath and Scout Law. Activities include fitness and leadership training, wilderness adventures, and merit badge incentives for boys mastering hobby, life, and career skills.



## Venturing

Venturing is an effective coed young-adult program designed to improve character, citizenship, and fitness. Venturers exercise leadership, citizenship, fitness, social, outdoor, and community service endeavors. Venturing provides a variety of challenging activities to teach young people ages 14 through 20, or 13 with completion of the eighth grade, the real-world meaning of values, ethical decision making, and life skills. Venturing teaches leadership and problem-solving skills to help youths mature into confident, successful adults. Venturing crews organize around a special vocation or interest of the youth members. The specialty clusters include outdoors, sports, arts and hobbies, youth ministry, and Sea Scouting.

