

Applicant Name	Youth / Adult	Unit Type and Number

Unit Leader's Signature:

 Verification the above have met the requirements

Date: _____. Council _____

This completed form is required to be presented to the Camp's Trading Post authorizing those listed above to purchase patches and challenge coins.

Patches: X \$8.00= \$ _____.

Challenge coins: X \$20.00= \$ _____.

Total sale: \$ _____.

{Trading post manager – retain this form for later collection and accounting purposes}.

This program was financially made possible through a generous seed grant from the Luther Memorial Church of Tinton Falls NJ. 100% of the 'Duty to God' award program recognition item sale proceeds are dedicated to support our camp's religious connectivity programs, chapel maintenance, summer camp religious services and to sustain the 'Duty to God' Award program. BSA studies have shown that 17% of all Scouts have their first exposure to faith through scouting program. According to the Search Institute, Scouting and Religious Community are two of the 40 Developmental Assets for positive youth development. Thank you for supporting this program.



**Monmouth Council BSA
 'Duty to GOD'
 Award Program**

Monmouth Council's Forestburg / Quail Hill Scout Reservation's "Duty to God" program is designed to expand Scout and Scouter's awareness of God's bountiful creation. Meeting the award requirements directs participants to view our responsibility to the land, air, water and examine and grow our relationship with God.

This award program has been created to help stimulate the religious journey of both scouts and scouters while on their Scouting trail. This award achievement journey is designed to tie together the chaplaincy services at Forestburg and Quail Hill Scout Reservations and the scout's home program. We hope that through meeting the requirements in earning the award the scout's own feelings and views will grow in their religious practices and fulfilling their duty to God.

Requirements may be met through visits to one or both camps. All requirement items, once completed, may be verified by the Scout Reservation Chaplain, unit leader or adult designated by your unit leader mentoring this award. Unit leader's signature required for final certification. Submit the completed and signed form to the FSR or QHSR Trading Post. Only those completing the Award may purchase the restricted sale FSR / QHSR 'Duty to God' Award recognition items through the Camp's year-round Trading Post. 100% of the award recognition proceeds shall go directly to financially support the camp's chapel maintenance, summer camp religious services and 'Duty to God' program.

Requirements:

Successfully complete requirements 1, 2 and 3.

- 1) At two separate times lead your group in a thoughtful prayer: Grace before meals, prior to a hike, during colors or to mark the start of an event. Some component of the prayer must remind us of our individual paths in our daily duty to God.
- 2) Actively lead a total of two (2) devotionals. One must be held at Forestburg Scout Reservation, foot of Darlington Falls or at Quail Hill Scout Reservation's Kiely Pond. The second location observing God creations to be determined by the unit leader or appointed unit adult mentoring this program.
 - a. Prior to departing from the devotional taking a few minutes and lead the group in a moment of silent reflection.
 - i. From the first ask the group to reflect on how each of their families define 'duty to God' and on how each of us are living up to that way of life in your relationship with God.
 - ii. From the second ask the group to reflect on what the line of the Scout oath means to them: To do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law and can they do better.
 - b. Following the devotional discuss individually or as a group with your Chaplain's Aid (youth), unit leader or adult designated by your unit leader mentoring this award; your understanding of the message(s) delivered in the devotional, how the message applies to your daily life and how working on this award improved your relationship with God.
- 3) Complete Three (3) of the following four (4) requirements below:
 - a) Perform one hour in a maintenance service project in or around the camps religious program sites. Request the camp Ranger's guidance on what's needed for the area. Secure the appropriate tools and safety equipment required for the service project. Upon completion return the items in a clean and properly stored state. All guide to safe scouting rules apply.
 - b) Select and read aloud to your group a selection from your appropriate religious text for your belief at the beginning of an adventure.
 - i. The message must in some-way relate to some aspect of the adventure.
 - ii. Follow the reading by requesting each participant to volunteer in offering (in their own words) what they expect out of the adventure the group is about to start.
 - c) Volunteer by actively participating and contributing in assisting the unit or camp's Chaplain in delivering a religious service / devotional or religious program activity.
 - d) Hike to any two (2) locations listed below following BSA guide to safe scouting rules. Along each location spend ten minutes in silence observing the environment around you. Consider the finest details from the soil at your feet to the highest clouds the complexity and harmony of all God's creations for you to enjoy. Give close attention to the finest detail God put in each of his gifts around you for you to enjoy by using each of your senses. Consider the relationship of the environment's inter-dependencies of what you see: the trees / plants / water / creatures (large and small) working in harmony. Consider how all that you see allows you to remain healthy, prosper and to enjoy these gifts. After completing the hikes write down what you saw that you appreciated the most and as it relates to your role in preserving and responsibly sharing these gifts from God. Then what you can do to preserve these gifts. Keep these notes to review from time-to-time as a reminder of what to include in your daily prayers, thoughts, words and deeds.
 - I. FSR Base of Darlington Falls
 - II. FSR High Rock
 - III. FSR Rio East camp site
 - IV. Any FSR approved hiking trail
 - V. QHSR Kiely Pond
 - VI. QHSR Sand Trail
 - VII. QHSR Nature trail
 - VIII. Location determined and approved by your units Chaplain or Chaplain's aid.

