

Roundtable-Scout Sunday

What is Scout Sunday?

First observed in 1914, Scout Sunday is a celebration of the connection between Scouting and our faith-based chartered partners.

When is Scout Sunday?

Scout Sunday is traditionally the Sunday before February 8 (Scouting's anniversary). Nationally, Boy Scouts of America recognizes a few dates for Scout Sunday.

Sunday, February 10, 2019 is Interfaith Scout Sunday

Sunday February 17, 2019 is Scout Sunday at United Methodist Churches

Friday, February 8 through Saturday, February 9 is Scout Sabbath

Friday, February 8 is Scout Jumu'ah

You can use these dates as guidelines but remember the BSA says a local church may celebrate on the Sunday (or day of worship) most acceptable to the faith leader and congregation.

Why should your Scouts participate?

Awareness of Scouting programs- congregation members may not know there is a Scouting program at their place of worship or that they can join anytime.

Service- Scout Sunday is a great time to give back to chartered organizations or local faith-based organizations by performing acts of service.

Duty to God- A Scout does his/her duty to God and their country. Participating in Scout Sunday is a good time to discuss that duty and work toward religious emblems.

Ways to celebrate

- Wear your Scout uniform and sit together at the front of the church, synagogue, or mosque. If your unit is not sponsored by a faith-based organization, wear your uniform to your personal place of worship.
- Serve as ushers during the service and hand out bulletins/programs.
- Conduct a flag ceremony at the beginning of the service
- Recite the Scout Oath and Law during the service
- Lead the Prayer
- Serve as the liturgist
- Collect the offering
- Provide refreshments for the congregation
- Set up a Scouting display in the narthex or foyer
- Ask members of the congregation who were Scouts to stand up. Then ask those who served as Scouts leaders to stand up.
- Formally present the unit's charter to the church, synagogue, or mosque

- Award any religious emblems that your scouts have earned.
- Work on a service project for the church, synagogue, or mosque after services conclude.
- Hold your Troop's Court of Honor or Pack's award ceremony immediately following service.
- Hold a Scouting for Food food drive at the church, synagogue, or mosque.

Planning your Scout Sunday, Scout Sabbath, or Scout Jumu'ah Celebration

- If your Chartered Organization charters other Scouting programs (packs, troops, crews) contact their leaders to make joint plans. Designate one leader to contact the pastor, rabbi, or imam and report back to the group.
- Talk to the pastor, rabbi, or imam and decide on a date for the celebration.
- Ask how your Scouts may contribute that day. Be ready to offer some suggestions of things your Scouts would like to do.
- Promote the day to your families to make sure you get as many Scouts as possible involved in the celebration.
- Pre-order Scout Sunday patches from the Scout Shop.

Resources:

<https://www.scouting.org/resources/info-center/scout-sunday/>

<https://cubscoutideas.com/7236/how-to-celebrate-scout-sunday-and-scout-sabbath/>

<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2018/09/10/when-is-scout-sunday-2019-what-about-scout-sabbath-and-scout-jumuah/>

