

The God and Country Series SOTV and Scouting 2017

The God and Country program for Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, American Heritage Girls and non-Scout siblings provides your child with the opportunity to grow in faith and in service to God and to others.

The program is divided into four grade levels:

- God and Me for grades 1, 2, and 3
- God and Family for grades 4, 5 and 6 (*NOTE: 6th grade can now do this or God & Church*)
- God and Church for grades 6, 7 and 8
- God and Life for grades 9 through 12

Scouts are eligible to earn all four awards during their scouting careers – and we encourage them to do so.

The student workbook for each level will be available at the first meeting of each group. Parents and Scouts **DO NOT** have to buy the student book ahead of time. The leaders will ask that the students **bring money (cash or check made out to Bob Elliott for \$4.50) for each Scout** to the first meeting to pay for the student workbooks. Other than the awards at the end of the session, this is the only cost for the program.

- **God and Me** (grades 1, 2, 3) – consists of five group sessions and the awards ceremony in May. Parents work with the Scouts to help their Scout think about the story of his/her life, to think about Jesus' life and to think about how God is a part of the Scout's life. On meeting dates, the counselor will talk with the Scouts and have them share their projects with the group.
- **God and Family** (grades 4, 5, 6) – will compare families and pizza. The Scouts will make a pizza as they study how their families can grow together in layers in God's love, like a pizza is built in layers. The program consists of 6 work sessions, a pizza party during the 6th session and an awards ceremony in May. **NOTE: Boys can start the classes as 5th grade Webelos and complete them as 5th grade Boy Scouts.**
- **God and Church** (grades 6, 7, 8) – will require that the Scouts study what Christians believe about God's work, learn how Christians live their faith in daily life, and engage in activities which are the outgrowth of their own faith. This program consists of several group sessions, church and community service, and a visit to another religion's place of worship.
- **God and Life** (grades 9 to 12) – will help the Scout understand God's call in his/her life and in the life of the church. The program consists of several group sessions and five individual service projects.

Registration: If you are interested in your Scout being a part of this program, please complete the attached registration form and return it to Bob Elliott at r.elliott14@comcast.net or 1208 Summit Oaks Dr., Burnsville, MN 55337

Any questions? Please contact Bob Elliott at r.elliott14@comcast.net or 952-953-4336

2017 Meeting Dates and Times: The following chart lists each award and the corresponding dates and times the class will meet. Each class meets at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church.

God and Me (Grades 1-3) Sunday afternoons from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

At least one parent must attend with his/her child for each session.

Meeting 1: Feb 26 (introduction and first session)

Meeting 2: Mar 5

Meeting 3: Mar 19

Meeting 4: April 9

Meeting 5: April 23

Meeting 6: April 30 (this is a make-up session and might get cancelled if there is no need for it)

God and Family (Grades 4, 5, 6) Sunday afternoons from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

At least one parent must attend with his/her child for each session.

Meeting 1: Feb 26 (introduction and first session)

Meeting 2: Mar 5

Meeting 3: Mar 19

Meeting 4: April 9

Meeting 5: April 23

Meeting 6: April 30 (this is a make-up session and might get cancelled if there is no need for it)

God and Church (Grades 6, 7, 8) Sunday afternoons from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Meeting 1: Jan 22 (introduction and first session)

Meeting 2: Jan 29

Meeting 3: Feb 12

Meeting 4: Feb 26

Meeting 5: Mar 5

Meeting 6: Mar 19

Meeting 7: April 9

Meeting 8: April 23

Meeting 9: April 30

We will be attending a service of another religion sometime during this time period. In addition, each student must complete church and community service hours for this award.

God and Life (Grades 9, 10, 11, 12) Sunday afternoons from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Meeting 1: Jan 22 (introduction and first session)

Meeting 2: Jan 29

Meeting 3: Feb 12

Meeting 4: Feb 26

Meeting 5: Mar 5

Meeting 6: Mar 19

Meeting 7: April 9

Meeting 8: April 23

Meeting 9: April 30 (this is a make-up session and might get cancelled if there is no need for it)

AWARDS CEREMONY: MAY 7, 2017 SPECIAL SERVICE at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church. Each participating Scout (grades 1-12) will receive his/her award/patch at this special recognition service. More details to follow.

**God and Country Series
2017 Registration Form**

**Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church
12650 Johnny Cake Ridge Road
Apple Valley, MN 55124**

(Please use separate registration form for each child. Please complete the entire form.)

Scout's name: _____

Current grade in school: _____

Troop Number: _____ OR Pack Number: _____

Parent(s) name(s): _____

Address: _____

Telephone: (_____) _____

E-mail: _____

Mail the completed form to
Bob Elliott
1208 Summit Oaks Drive
Burnsville, MN 55337

OR email all the requested information to
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