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ITEM	PRICE	QTY	SUBTOTAL
Application fee	\$50		
Patch	\$3.50 each (\$3.00 ea.- 10 or more)		
TOTAL			\$

Enclosed is my: _____ check
 _____ credit card info

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MAIL APPLICATION TO:

CENTER FOR SCOUTING MINISTRIES
1000 17th Avenue South
NASHVILLE, TN 37212

INSIGNIA

THE BISHOP'S AWARD OF EXCELLENCE INSIGNIA IS TO BE ISSUED ONLY TO MEMBERS OF UNITED METHODIST CHURCH-SPONSORED UNITS WHICH HAVE EARNED THE BISHOP'S AWARD OF EXCELLENCE. THE INSIGNIA MAY BE WORN UNTIL THE NEXT SESSION OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE, OR FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR. THE INSIGNIA MAY BE WORN BY BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA, CAMP FIRE USA, GIRL SCOUTS OF THE U.S.A., AND 4-H YOUTH MEMBERS.

IN KEEPING WITH CURRENT BSA AND GSUSA UNIFORM POLICIES, THE PATCH MAY BE WORN AS FOLLOWS: BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA CONSIDERS THIS A TEMPORARY INSIGNIA WHICH CAN BE SEWN IN THE CENTER OF THE RIGHT POCKET OF THE UNIFORM'S SHIRT. GIRL SCOUTS OF THE U.S.A. STIPULATES THAT THE RELIGIOUS RECOGNITION BE WORN BELOW THE MEMBERSHIP STARS ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE BLOUSE, LEVEL WITH THE MEMBERSHIP PIN, WHEN NEITHER SASH NOR VEST IS WORN.

HERE ARE SOME WAYS FOR DISPLAYING TEMPORARY INSIGNIA OTHER THAN ON THE OFFICIAL UNIFORMS: 1) STOLE FOR WORSHIP LEADERS, 2) SPECIAL NECKERCHIEF, 3) SPECIAL NECKERCHIEF SLIDE, 4) BSA RED PATCH VEST, 5) WALL PLAQUE, 6) CAMP FIRE ROBE OR BLANKET, 7) MOUNTED IN A FRAME FOR DISPLAY, AND 8) TROPHY HIDE.

BISHOP'S AWARD OF EXCELLENCE



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The Bishop's Award of Excellence is authorized for the purpose of recognizing outstanding United Methodist Church units which have met the established criteria.

Upon nomination by the Scouting Coordinator, and approval by a proper committee or representative of the annual conference, the Bishop's Award of Excellence is presented by the presiding bishop to the pastor, the unit leader, and at least one member of the unit at the next regular session of the annual conference. The award is good for one year and may be earned again.

CRITERIA

Within the past nine months (since the last regular session of the annual conference) the unit shall have qualified on all the following:

1. Twenty percent or more of the registered youth members of the unit shall be working currently toward or have completed the appropriate religious emblem program for their corresponding age level and religious affiliation.
2. Twenty percent of the registered adult leaders must have membership in The United Methodist Church.
3. The unit must participate in the annual Scouting Ministries Sunday observance in the local church.
4. The unit must plan and complete one service project in each of the following categories:
 - a. in the local church; e.g., grounds work day

- b. in the community; e.g., litter pick-up
 - c. related to the conference, national or world programs of the United Methodist Church, e.g., hunger relief (Society of St. Andrew), work service or UMCOR.
5. The unit leader and the Scouting Coordinator must review the unit sponsor agreement* program plans with the pastor annually.
 6. The unit shall observe regular worship services when away from the church on Sundays for camping experiences or trips.
 7. The unit must have a person assigned to encourage active participation in religion, respecting the faiths of all. Boy Scout troops must have a registered unit chaplain (adult) and chaplain aide (youth).

**Sponsorship (charter) agreements are required by BSA. They are optional with other civic youth organizations, but encouraged.*

WE HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS UNIT HAS MET ALL QUALIFICATIONS AND CRITERIA STATED IN THIS BROCHURE:

SIGNED: (ALL SIGNATURES ARE NECESSARY)

Bishop

Conference Scouting Coordinator

Local Church Scouting Coordinator

Fee of \$50 must accompany the application to cover cost of processing, certificate, and banner. See other side to order patches. Only one unit per award/certificate, please.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Type & # of unit
(e.g., GSUSA Brownie Troop 123)

Name of sponsoring church

Church address

City, state, zip

Annual Conference

Date to be awarded
(required-date is put on certificate)

PLEASE ALLOW A 30-DAY PROCESSING TIME. IF LESS, APPLICATION MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A \$25 RAPID PROCESSING FEE.

PLEASE SEND RECOGNITION ITEMS TO:

Name

Address

City/State/Zip

Area code/phone #

Email