

ASC NATIONAL SIKH SCOUTING INITIATIVE

The American Sikh Council spent over ten years to plan, develop, organize, write and get the Sikh Religious Awards Workbooks approved by the Boy Scouts of America (BSA). With the active [Scouting program and initiatives](#), American Sikh Council will continue to lead efforts in promoting scouting among the Sikh American youth. We continue to add resources for Sikh Scouting including plans to setup a dedicated website for this initiative. <http://www.gardenstatescouting.org/sikhs-and-scouting>

Sikh Religious Awards Study Workbooks

Sikh Religious Awards Study Workbook Grades 1-3 Youth



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Sikh Religious Awards Study Workbook Grades 4-5 Youth



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Sikh Religious Awards Study Workbook Grades 6 - 8 Youth



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Sikh Religious Awards Study Workbook Grades 9 - 12 youth



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The above **four SRA workbooks** are from **grades 1-3; 4-5; 6-8 and 9-12**. All the workbooks can be done by Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, non-Scouts and by any youth of any Faith. Currently there are several dozen across the country in the program with many non-Sikhs doing it and learning about the Sikh heritage. This is an additional resource for educators and others to teach over 5 million Scouts and 2 million Scout leaders, about the Sikh heritage, identity and the 'turban'/'dastar'.

One in a series

RELIGIOUS EMBLEMS

Sikh Faith

For their religious emblems, Sikh Scouts learn about Sikh articles of faith, history and the inspirational lives of their Gurus (Divine Teachers).

KHANDA

Sikh Cub Scouts, Tigers to Bears (grades 1-3), can earn the **Nirbhau emblem**. Cub Scouts learn the basic concepts of the Sikh faith.

IK ONKAR

Sikh Webelos I and II Scouts (grades 4 and 5) can earn the **Nirvair emblem**. Webelos Scouts learn an overview of the Sikh faith.

KHANDA

Sikh Boy Scouts in middle school (grades 6-8) can earn the **Gyan Kharg emblem**. These Scouts learn more detailed concepts and examples from the Gurus' lives.

IK ONKAR

Sikh Boy Scouts in high school (grades 9-12) can earn the **Khalsa emblem**. These Scouts learn about the inspiring lives of all 10 Gurus.

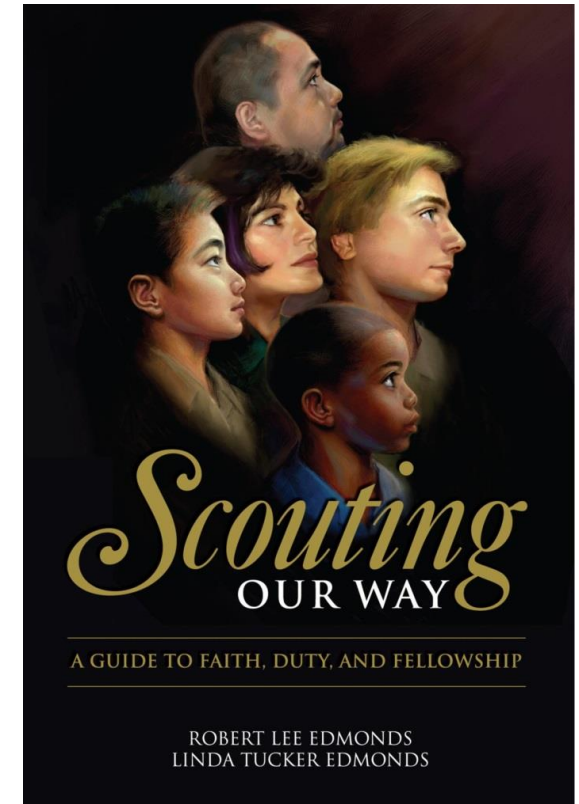
For more information, contact your local council or go to: boyslife.org/links/religiousawards

BOYS' LIFE + MAY 2015 51

The continuing trail blazing work done by American Sikh Council on the Sikh Religious Awards was featured in the May 2015 issue of 'Boy's Life' for Cub and Boy Scouts

across America. All four Sikh Religious Emblems were introduced for the first time ever by highlighting the emblems with the captions while describing each of the emblems, all under the heading 'Sikh Faith'. The circulation of 'Boy's Life' magazine is 1.1 million, and there are approximately 1.5 million Cub Scouts and 1 million Boy Scouts across the nation.

These above four (4) medals can be earned by the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts or any non-Scout upon completion of any or all of the four books previously mentioned.

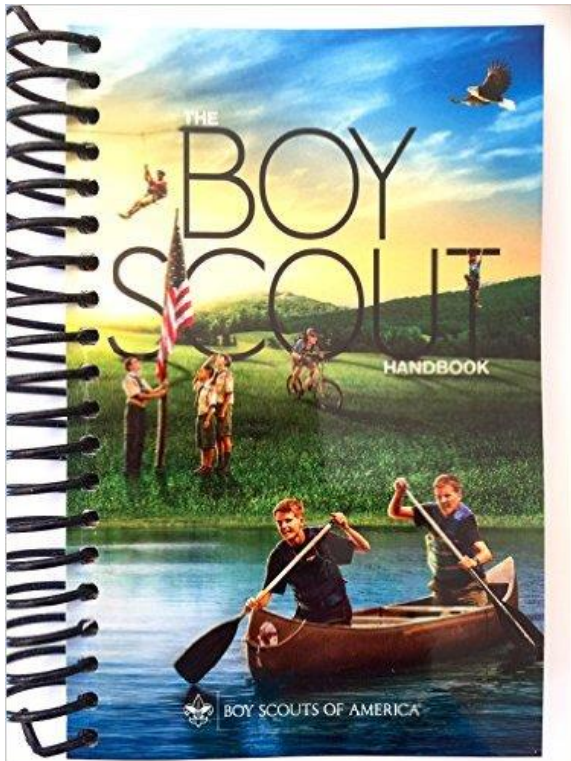


For the first time Sikh prayers have been included in the brand new edition published by Dr. Robert Lee Edmonds and Linda Tucker Edmonds in **late May 2015**. 'Scouting Our Way' contains prayers under three sub-headings, namely Duty to God, Duty to Self and Duty to Others **with a prominent photograph of two Sikh-American Eagle Scouts**. Prayers from various Faiths are included in a simple yet beautiful manner creating a commonality,

and universal brotherhood while trying to follow the Creator through responsible citizenship. This new book is placed in every Boy Scout Council store across the nation and is also available on:

<http://www.amazon.com/Scouting-Our-Way-Guide-Fellowship/dp/0989202607>

Sikh Eagle Scouts in the New Boy Scout Handbook - 2016



The Boy Scout handbooks are printed every few years. Currently **150,000 handbooks** have been printed as of **January 31, 2016** and more will be printed this year. This year's Boy Scout handbook has featured **two Sikh Eagle Scouts** and placed their pictures very prominently. **One photo is in the Introduction called, "Your Scout Uniform" on page 21 and the other is in Chapter. 14, "The Eagle Scout Service projects" page 418.**

<http://www.scoutstuff.org/handbook-bs-13th-ed-perf-bd.html#.VrFXQLrKM8>

The Tenth Sikh Master Guru Gobind Singh proclaimed that a Sikh must be **"Tiyaar Ber Tiyaar"**, in other words **"Be Prepared"**, exactly like the motto of the Boy Scouts. Every Sikh child should be in Scouts as it is the best place to build character, discipline and learn many life skills required to be the leaders of the future.

National Boy Scouts Jamboree -2017



ASC planned, organized and participated for the first time in July 2013 in the National Boy Scouts Jamboree. The Sikhs had the most successful exhibit with over 10,000 brochures disseminated and over 1,500 turbans tied till we ran out of turban material. ASC volunteers interacted with thousands of young Scouts for over 10 days educating and changing the perception of the Sikh identity. **This year we are again participating in the National Boy Scouts Jamboree, July 19 - 28, 2017 at the Bechtel Summit, Mt. Hope, West Virginia to interact, give literature and tie thousands of turbans to over 40,000 Boy Scouts and adult leaders.**

The approx. budget for the year 2017 is \$150K – YOUR SUPPORT IS VITAL FOR OUR SUCCESS.
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