

Camp Fire Interfaith Quick Reference Chart

Camp Fire believes that spiritual development is essential to a healthy, wholesome personality and recognizes the importance of organized religion and of religious teachings in the lives of youth.

Camp Fire Corporate Documents for Chartered Councils

The following religious recognitions programs have been created by the various religious groups to encourage youth to grow stronger in their faith. Camp Fire has approved of these programs and allows the recognition insignia to be worn on the official uniform, but each religious organization develops and administers its own program. Check with your council store or contact the religious organization directly to obtain the curriculum booklets.

Information	Starflight	Adventure	Discovery	Horizon	Adult
A.M.E. Church (African Methodist Episcopal Church) Local Council Camp Fire Catalog Camp Fire Customer Services P.R.A.Y., 8520 Mackenzie Rd, Ste. 3, St. Louis, MO 63123-3413 1-800-933-PRAY (7729) / www.praypub.org	Grades 1-3 God & Me (D34000) Student (D33900) Counselor (D34100) Mentor	Grades 4-5 God & Family (D34300) Student (D34200) Counselor (D34400) Mentor	Grades 6-8 God & Church (D34600) Student (D34500) Counselor (D34700) Mentor	Grades 9-12 God & Life (D34800) Student (D33800) Counselor (D34900) Mentor	* God and Service Recognition
Association of Unity Churches Youth Services Division, the Association of Unity Churches, PO Box 610, Lee's Summit, MO 64063 (816) 524-7414	Ages 6-8 God In Me	Ages 9-11 God In Me	Ages 11-13 Light of God		Distinguished Youth Service Award
Baptist Local Council Camp Fire Catalog Camp Fire Customer Services P.R.A.Y., 8520 Mackenzie Rd, Ste. 3, St. Louis, MO 63123-3413 1-800-933-PRAY (7729) / www.praypub.org	Grades 1-3 God & Me (D34000) Student (D33900) Counselor (D34100) Mentor	Grades 4-5 God & Family (D34300) Student (D34200) Counselor (D34400) Mentor	Grades 6-8 God & Church (D34600) Student (D34500) Counselor (D34700) Mentor	Grades 9-12 God & Life (D34800) Student (D33800) Counselor (D34900) Mentor	* Good Shepherd Award
Buddhist National Buddhist Committee on Scouting 701 E Thrift Ave, Kingsland, GA 31548-8213 912-729-6323 / e-mail: bcascout@eagnet.com			Ages 12-14 Karuna Award	Ages 15-18 Karuna Award	
Eastern Orthodox P.R.A.Y., 8520 Mackenzie Rd, Ste. 3, St. Louis, MO 63123-3413 1-800-933-PRAY (7729) / www.praypub.org	Grades 1-3 St. George	Grades 4-5 Chi-Rho	Grades 6-8 Alpha-Omega	Grades 9-12 Alpha-Omega	* Prophet Elias Award
Episcopal Local Council Camp Fire Catalog Camp Fire Customer Services P.R.A.Y., 8520 Mackenzie Rd, Ste. 3, St. Louis, MO 63123-3413 1-800-933-PRAY (7729) / www.praypub.org	Grades 1-3 God & Me (D34000) Student (D33900) Counselor (D34100) Mentor	Grades 4-5 God & Family (D34300) Student (D34200) Counselor (D34400) Mentor	Grades 6-8 God & Church (D34600) Student (D34500) Counselor (D34700) Mentor	Grades 9-12 God & Life (D34800) Student (D33800) Counselor (D34900) Mentor	*St. George Award
Jewish P.R.A.Y., 8520 Mackenzie Rd, Ste. 3, St. Louis, MO 63123-3413 1-800-933-PRAY (7729) / www.praypub.org	Grades 1-4 Shalom	Grades 1-4 Shalom Grades 3-6 Magen David	Grades 3-6 Magen David		
Lutheran Local Council Camp Fire Catalog Camp Fire Customer Services P.R.A.Y., 8520 Mackenzie Rd, Ste. 3, St. Louis, MO 63123-3413 1-800-933-PRAY (7729) / www.praypub.org	Grades 1-3 God & Me (D34000) Student (D33900) Counselor (D34100) Mentor	Grades 4-5 God & Family (D34300) Student (D34200) Counselor (D34400) Mentor	Grades 6-8 God & Church (D34600) Student (D34500) Counselor (D34700) Mentor	Grades 9-12 Lutheran Living Faith	* Lamb Award * Servant of Youth
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Local Council Camp Fire Catalog Camp Fire Customer Services P.R.A.Y., 8520 Mackenzie Rd, Ste. 3, St. Louis, MO 63123-3413 1-800-933-PRAY (7729) / www.praypub.org	Grades 1-3 God & Me (D34000) Student (D33900) Counselor (D34100) Mentor	Grades 4-5 God & Family (D34300) Student (D34200) Counselor (D34400) Mentor	Grades 6-8 God & Church (D34600) Student (D34500) Counselor (D34700) Mentor	Grades 9-12 God & Life (D34800) Student (D33800) Counselor (D34900) Mentor	* God and Service Recognition

Protestant & Independent Christian Churches Local Council Camp Fire Catalog Camp Fire Customer Services P.R.A.Y., 8520 Mackenzie Rd, Ste. 3, St. Louis, MO 63123-3413 1-800-933-PRAY (7729) / www.praypub.org	Grades 1-3 God & Me (D34000) Student (D33900) Counselor (D34100) Mentor	Grades 4-5 God & Family (D34300) Student (D34200) Counselor (D34400) Mentor	Grades 6-8 God & Church (D34600) Student (D34500) Counselor (D34700) Mentor	Grades 9-12 God & Life (D34800) Student (D33800) Counselor (D34900) Mentor	* God & Service Recognition
Roman Catholic Churches Local Diocesan Youth Director Catholic Committee or National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry 3700-A Oakview Terrace NE, Washington, DC 20017 202-636-3825	Ages 7-9 Family of God	Ages 9-10 I Live My Faith	Ages 12-14 Marian Medal	Age 15 Marian Medal Ages 16-18 Spirit Alive	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Medal
United Church of Christ Local Council Camp Fire Catalog Camp Fire Customer Services P.R.A.Y., 8520 Mackenzie Rd, Ste. 3, St. Louis, MO 63123-3413 1-800-933-PRAY (7729) / www.praypub.org	Grades 1-3 God & Me (D34000) Student (D33900) Counselor (D34100) Mentor	Grades 4-5 God & Family (D34300) Student (D34200) Counselor (D34400) Mentor	Grades 6-8 God & Church (D34600) Student (D34500) Counselor (D34700) Mentor	Grades 9-12 God & Life (D34800) Student (D33800) Counselor (D34900) Mentor	* God and Service Recognition
United Methodist Church Local Council Camp Fire Catalog Camp Fire Customer Services P.R.A.Y., 8520 Mackenzie Rd, Ste. 3, St. Louis, MO 63123-3413 1-800-933-PRAY (7729) / www.praypub.org	Grades 1-3 God & Me (D34000) Student (D33900) Counselor (D34100) Mentor	Grades 4-5 God & Family (D34300) Student (D34200) Counselor (D34400) Mentor	Grades 6-8 God & Church (D34600) Student (D34500) Counselor (D34700) Mentor	Grades 9-12 God & Life (D34800) Student (D33800) Counselor (D34900) Mentor	* God and Service Recognition

* Available only from PRAY

How do we get started on these programs?

1. Youth must obtain the specific booklet for their religion.

- Check with your council store or contact the religious organization directly (see above chart).
- Each Camp Fire youth member needs his/her own booklet to document progress.
- Some religions offer adult manuals for counselors and mentors.

2. Parents should review the program guidelines.

- Some programs require that the youth be an official "member" of the religious institution.
- Age/grade requirements vary from program to program.
- Each program sets its own guidelines as to who may serve as counselor. Some programs require clergy to serve as counselor, other programs allow parents or other family members to serve as counselor.

3. Families should talk to their religious leaders and if possible show them the booklet before beginning any program.

- Most programs require that they be completed under the auspices of that religious organization.
- Many programs require the signature from the local religious leader.

4. Youth must complete the requirements, obtain the proper signatures, and follow the instructions to order the recognition item.

- These recognitions or awards are not available in your Camp Fire council store.
- The award should be presented in a meaningful ceremony, preferably in the youth's religious institution.
- The award can be presented at anytime of the year. Camp Fire Sunday/Sabbath in March is a perfect time to recognize recipients.

For more information, contact the religious organizations listed on the Chart, call your Camp Fire council or visit our website at www.praypub.org.

Frequently Asked Questions

About the Religious Recognitions for Camp Fire Youth and Adults

What are the Religious Recognitions Programs?

The Religious Recognitions Programs are programs created by the various religious groups to encourage youth to grow stronger in their faith. All religious recognitions programs have been created by the religious groups themselves, not by Camp Fire. The "Camp Fire Interfaith Quick Reference Chart" lists all the different religious programs currently available and who to contact for more information. Camp Fire has approved of these programs and allows the recognitions to be worn on the official uniform, but each religious organization develops and administers its own program.

I have a Camp Fire program with children of all different faiths. How can I include the religious recognitions programs for my group?

The religious recognitions programs should be presented to the youth and their families as an optional program for them to complete through their religious organization. Religious instruction should always come from the religious organization, not from the Camp Fire program leader. Parents need to be informed of these programs and told where to get the information for their particular faith.

Do boys and girls participate in the same program?

Yes. All religious recognitions programs created for Camp Fire youth are designed as coed programs.

Do Camp Fire youth have to belong to a religious institution?

It depends on the religion. Please check the eligibility requirements for your particular religious program.

Why doesn't my religious institution know about the Religious Recognitions Programs?

Although the Religious Recognitions Programs have been created by the religious bodies at the national level, the local religious institution may not be aware of these programs. It may be helpful to write for more information or even obtain a copy of the curriculum to give to your religious leader.

If the religious recognitions program for my faith has more than one level (for the different grade levels), may my child earn all of these recognitions?

Yes. Youth can earn all levels of their religious recognitions program. However, they must be in the appropriate grade/age level according to program guidelines when they start and complete each level (they may not go backwards and earn younger programs).

How do we get started on these programs?

First, youth must obtain the specific booklet for their religion. This booklet will contain information on all the lessons and service projects that they will need to complete. Each youth needs to have his/her own booklet to document progress. Some religions also provide adult manuals for counselors and mentors. Check with your council to see if they stock these booklets in the Camp Fire council store, or contact the religious organization directly (addresses and phone numbers are listed on the "Camp Fire Interfaith Quick Reference Chart"). Some religious recognitions programs are available through the Camp Fire catalogue.

Second, parents must review the specific guidelines for their particular program: some programs require that the youth be an official "member" of the local religious institution, other programs may not. Age/grade requirements also vary from program to program. In addition, each program sets its own guidelines as to who may serve as counselor. Some programs require clergy to serve as counselor, others allow parents or other family members to serve as counselor. Parents must check specific eligibility guidelines.

Third, families should talk to their religious leaders and show them the booklet before beginning any program. Most of the religious recognitions programs require that they be completed under the auspices of that religious organization, and many require the signature of the local religious leader.

Fourth, youth need to complete the requirements, obtain the proper signatures, and follow the instructions to order the recognition item. (These awards are not available in your Camp Fire council store.)

How long does it take to complete a program?

It depends on the program. Some may be completed in three or four months, others longer.

Who may serve as counselor?

It depends on the program. Some require that clergy serve as counselor, others allow parents or other family members to serve as counselor.

How do I order the recognition items?

Each religious program has its own award. Follow the instructions in your recognition guidelines because the awards come from different places and require submission of different information. These awards are not available in the Camp Fire council store.

How is the award presented?

The award should be presented in a meaningful ceremony, preferably in the youth's religious institution. Some awards come with a sample presentation ceremony.

What are the Adult Recognitions?

The Adult Recognitions are by nomination only: they are honors given to worthy adults for their outstanding service to youth both through their religious institution and Camp Fire. Recipients of these awards are unaware that they are being nominated: an outside party must nominate them to receive an award by submitting the required application, letters of recommendation, and resume. Please check eligibility requirements for specific awards.

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