



# National Buddhist Committee on Scouting

## Purpose

The *National Buddhist Committee on Scouting* is comprised of laypersons and ministerial advisors sponsored by the *Buddhist Churches of America*\*. The responsibilities of the committee are to maintain the integrity of the awards by creating requirements for the Buddhist religious award programs, approve certified instructors and present certificates and medals to participants who have completed the program.

## Authority

The *National Buddhist Committee on Scouting* is recognized by the *Boy Scouts of America*, the *Girl Scouts of the United States of America*, and the *Camp Fire USA* as the sole administrator of Buddhist religious awards for each organization. It serves the youth of all denominations and sects of Buddhism in America.

### **\*Buddhist Churches of America**

- Founded in 1899, *Buddhist Churches of America* is an incorporated religious organization.
  - The BCA administers the religious emblems program for all Buddhist denominations in America.
  - The BCA is affiliated with Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha in Kyoto, Japan
- *Buddhist Churches of America* is governed by a Board of Directors comprised of:
  - Bishop
  - Board President
  - Ministerial Association Chairperson
  - District-level board members
  - Board members-at-large
  - Representatives from the recognized *Buddhist Churches of America* affiliated organization
- *National Buddhist Committee on Scouting* works with the community Buddhist religious leaders to develop the Buddhist religious program.

