

The God and Country Series SOTV and Scouting 2010

The God and Country program 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 and 5
- 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.

In contrast to previous years, the student book for each level will be available at the first meeting of each group on January 24. Parents and scouts **DO NOT** have to buy the student book ahead of time. The leaders ask that the students **bring money (or check made out to Bob Elliott for \$4)** to the first meeting to pay for the student book. 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. Louise Elliott will facilitate the sessions. On meeting dates, Louise will talk with the scouts and have them share their projects with the group. The parent acts as the counselor and signs off after each project.
- **God and Family** (grades 4,5) - will compare families and pizza. The scout will make a pizza as they study how their families can grow together in God's love. The program consists of 6 work sessions facilitated by Jim King between January and the end of April, as well as the awards ceremony in May.
- **God and Church** (grades 6,7,8) - will require that the scouts study what Christians believe about God at work, learn how Christians live their faith in daily life, and engage in activities which are the outgrowth of their own faith. Bob Elliott will facilitate this program beginning in January, consisting of several group sessions, church and community service, and a variety of sessions meeting with different church personnel as well as a visit to another denomination'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. Bob Elliott will facilitate this level of the program. The program consists of several group sessions and five 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 - r.elliott14@comcast.net **OR** 1208 Summit Oaks Dr., Burnsville, MN 55337

Any more questions: please contact Bob Elliott at r.elliott14@comcast.net or 952-953-4336

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: January 24, 2010 (introduction and first session)

Meeting 2: February 7, 2010

Meeting 3: February 21, 2010

Meeting 4: March 14, 2010

Meeting 5: April 11, 2010

Meeting 6: April 25, 2010 (make-up session if needed, cancelled otherwise)

God and Family (Grades 4 & 5) 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: January 24, 2010 (introduction and first session)

Meeting 2: February 7, 2010

Meeting 3: February 21, 2010

Meeting 4: March 14, 2010

Meeting 5: April 11, 2010

Meeting 6: April 25, 2010

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

Meeting 1: January 24, 2010 (introduction and first session)

Meeting 2: February 7, 2010

Meeting 3: February 21, 2010

Meeting 4: March 14, 2010

Meeting 5: April 11, 2010

Meeting 6: April 25, 2010

Meeting 7: May 2, 2010

Meeting 8: May 9, 2010 (make-up session if needed by anyone, cancelled otherwise)

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

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

Meeting 1: January 24, 2010 (introduction and first session)

Meeting 2: February 7, 2010

Meeting 3: February 21, 2010

Meeting 4: March 14, 2010

Meeting 5: April 11, 2010

Meeting 6: April 25, 2010

Meeting 7: May 2, 2010 (make-up session if needed by anyone, cancelled otherwise)

Meeting 8: May 9, 2010 (make-up session if needed by anyone, cancelled otherwise)

In addition to the 7 sessions scheduled with the counselor, 5 service projects will be completed.

AWARDS CEREMONY: MAY 16, 2010 AT 1:00 P.M. 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
2010 Registration Form**

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

(Please use one 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

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