Did you know that if you or your unit participated in Scout Sunday, Sabbath or Jumuah by wearing your Scout uniform to your church or temple, you have qualified to receive the **Messengers of Peace award patch**.

If you participate in Scout Sunday / Sabbath /Jumuah in such a manner you must remember to fill out the proper Messenger of Peace paper work on line.

**Messengers of Peace Has Three Dimensions**

- Personal Dimension
- Community Dimension
- Environmental Dimension

**Personal Dimension:** any project that impacts a single person or a small group of people. It is relatively easy to accomplish and conduct as an individual or as a unit.

Examples are:

- Conduct a book drive
- Making & donating boxes to feed the hungry
- Assisting home maintenance for a needy family of the community
- Helping or conducting a holiday party for less fortunate families

- **Participating in Scout Sunday or Sabbath When: February 5, 2018**
Scout Sunday

When: February 5, 2018

Why: Scout Sunday always falls on the Sunday before February 8—the anniversary of the BSA!

While Scout Sunday is officially on the calendar for February 4, charter organizations are encouraged to celebrate on whichever Sunday works best, such as the United Methodist Church, who will celebrate Scout Sunday 2018 on February 11. Be sure to check with your charter organization to find out when to celebrate.

Scout Sabbath

When: February 9 and 10, 2018

Why: Scout Sabbath, or Scout Shabbat, always falls on the Saturday after Scout Sunday. This year’s celebrations start on Friday, February 9 at sundown through Saturday, February 10.

Similarly to Scout Sunday, charter partners may choose to celebrate Scout Sabbath at a different time. You can learn more about these dates from your council or your local Jewish Committee on Scouting.

Scout Jumuah

When: February 9, 2018

Why: The National Association of Muslim Americans on Scouting has marked Scout Jumuah for February 9, 2018, to celebrate Scouts and Scouters in the Muslim community. Of course, units may choose to observe this special day at another time that works best for them.

Learn more about Scout Jumuah from the National Association of Muslim Americans on Scouting here to get a head start on planning your festivities!
Why these dates? As Bryan on Scouting explains, “scheduled in close proximity to the BSA’s birthday on Feb. 8, these three days celebrate the connection between Scouting and our faith-based chartered partners.”

12 ways to celebrate Scout Sunday, Scout Sabbath and/or Scout Jumuah

Wear your Scout uniform to worship services.

Present religious emblems to Scouts, leaders and Venturers who have earned them in the past year.

Recruit several Scouts or Scouters to read passages from religious text.

Involve uniformed Scouts as greeters, ushers, gift bearers or the color guard.

Invite a Scout or Scouter to serve as a guest speaker or deliver the sermon.

Hold an Eagle Scout court of honor during the worship service.

Host a pancake breakfast before, between or after services.

Collect food for a local food pantry.

Light a series of 12 candles while briefly explaining the points of the Scout Law.

Show a video or photo slideshow of highlights from the pack, troop, crew or ship’s past year.

Bake (or buy) doughnuts to share before services.

Make a soft recruiting play by setting up a table near the entrance to answer questions about your Scout unit.
**How do I submit a Messengers of Peace project?**
To designate a Messengers of Peace project, simply select Messengers of Peace as the partner organization when entering a service project through the Journey to Excellence website (www.scouting.org/Awards/JourneyToExcellence).

I haven’t submitted a Journey to Excellence project before. How does the process work?
Follow these steps:

1. Go to www.scouting.org/Awards/JourneyToExcellence and click on the “Service Hours Website” link. (Volunteers with a MyScouting account can also reach the Journey to Excellence service hour website by clicking on the “Service Hours” link on the left side of the screen in the “Unit Tools” section.)

2. If you have login information, enter it now. Otherwise, click the “New Users Click Here” link to create an account. Note that you will need your unit ID (five to 11 digits) and your unit number (four digits, no letters), which you can get by calling your council service center.

3. Once you’ve logged in, enter the following information:
   - Date of the project
   - Number of registered Scouts participating
   - Number of non-Scouts (brothers, sisters, friends)
   - Number of adult leaders participating
   - Number of other adults participating
   - Total hours worked (number of workers times the number of hours they worked)
   - Organizations that joined you on the project
   - Who or what organization benefited from the project
   - Number of items collected (if applicable)

4. Select “Messengers of Peace” as the partner organization.

5. Click the “Submit” button. When you submit your information, you will be asked whether you have any additional projects to record. To print a certificate, click “Print Certificate.”