



# GREATER ST. LOUIS

# 🦋 AREA SCOUTS 🦋

# READ SACRED TEXTS

We invite Greater St. Louis Area Council Scouts & youth across the world to join us again in reading their own faith's sacred texts.

Together, we can recognize our **Duty to God**, participating as a group or on your own.

Read your sacred texts on **May 7th, 2026**, or any time that week.

Join Scouting America, other youth organizations and all faith youth groups in a celebration of sacred texts.

## REGISTER NOW

**INFO & TO REGISTER**

[ScoutsReadSacredTextsWorldwide.org](https://ScoutsReadSacredTextsWorldwide.org)



**QUESTIONS?**

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## Improve retention & new opportunities for advancement

**Scouts Read Sacred Texts Worldwide** is a global event that encourages Scouts to read their sacred texts in conjunction with the U.S. National Day of Prayer. The event **began in our council** two years ago and has since grown significantly.

**How It Works:** Most reading takes place during the first week of May, though Scouts can participate whenever convenient. Youth typically read at home with their families, choosing sections recommended by their parents or faith leaders. The time commitment is flexible—Cub Scouts might read for 1-5 minutes, while older youth may read up to an hour.

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**Advancement Credit:** Participation satisfies the Reverence requirement for Cub Scouts to advance in rank. For Scouts BSA, it satisfies the Scout Spirit requirement to "Tell how you have done your duty to God."

**Why This Matters for Scouting:** This event aligns with Scouting's values, principles, and spiritual aims. It provides leaders with a simple, respectful way to support a Scout's Duty to God by:

- Supporting the Scout Oath commitment to duty to God
- Encouraging personal reflection consistent with BSA principles
- Respecting each Scout's family and faith tradition
- Offering flexibility—it may be completed individually, with family, or as a unit activity
- Requiring no religious instruction from unit leaders

[Register at "ScoutsReadSacredTextsWorldwide.org"](https://ScoutsReadSacredTextsWorldwide.org)

**Recent Impact:** The second annual event included 5,680 Scouts and youth who read for a combined 2,365 hours. Non-Scout siblings and friends were welcome to participate. The event spanned 43 states, 14 international locations, and over 26 different faiths.

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