

Dear Scout and youth Leader,

I'm writing to give an update on **scouts and youth read sacred texts**, an exciting opportunity to strengthen your group's connection to God's Word with minimal planning.

Here's what Roger Krone, the president & CEO of Scouting America said: *“By reading the sacred texts of their own faith traditions, Scouts join a shared experience with peers across communities and around the world – deepening their understanding while reflecting on enduring values. At its heart, the event encourages lifelong habits of reflection, respect, and growth.”*

Scouts Read Sacred Texts Worldwide is an interfaith event that encourages young people across the globe to read their own faith's sacred texts between now and the U.S. National Day of Prayer on **May 7, 2026**.

Why This Works for Your Scout unit:

This is a flexible, low-effort way to engage your scouts in meaningful sacred texts/Bible reading which helps them do their duty to God.

Scouts and all youth can participate:

- During regular meetings
- At home with their families
- As part of existing Sunday school or small group programming

Youth decide what sacred texts/scripture to read, how long to read, and what fits their needs.

The Results Speak for Themselves:

In 2025, over 5,680 scouts and youth participated worldwide, reading for more than 1400 hours across 43 U.S. states and 14 countries. As of this morning, we already have a total of 7668 registrations which is a new record.

Getting Started is Simple:

Visit <https://ScoutsReadSacredTextsWorldwide.org> to learn more and register your group.

Join us on Cub Chat live on April 10th at 2:00 CST to learn more:

<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/cubchatlive/>

Registration takes just minutes, and you can access materials to help promote the event to your youth.

This is an easy win—a chance to inspire your scout's spiritual growth with something you can integrate into your existing calendar.

Questions? Contact [ScoutsReadSacredTexts@gmail.com](mailto:ScoutsReadSacredTexts@gmail.com)

Finally, here is a graphic that can be used for social media:

Sincerely,

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