



The Indian Waters Council has established a Religious Relationships Committee. Dan Wagner is the Committee Chair. Tara Holberg is the Staff Adviser and the Committee falls under Programs, where Kenneth McIver is Vice President.

The purpose of the Committee is to assist the Council in its effort to fulfill Scouting's belief that:

“No member can grow into the best kind of citizen without recognizing an obligation to God.”

In addition, the Committee helps the Council to:

- support Scouts and Scouters in doing their Duty to God
- provide opportunities for members/families to expand their faith
- offer ways to learn about other faiths and local religious organizations.

We want to work with existing Religious Emblems Counselors and Coordinators to provide support; to promote wider use of the Religious Emblems programs; to nurture (or establish) associations with our existing faith-based charter partners as well as develop relationships with new faith-based charter partners.

This past summer, the Committee promoted the new initiative by the BSA's National Religious Relationships Committee: “Scouts Read Sacred Texts Worldwide” as well as set-up a “Prayer Wall” at Camp Barstow during the four weeks of Summer Camp where Scouts, Leaders and Staff could post prayer requests and praise/thanksgiving notes. We plan to again offer (and expand!) both of these activities in 2025.

An ongoing project is to develop a page on the Council website that is a one-stop shop for information, resources and links for Religious Emblems Programs, Religious Activities and Faith-Based Opportunities for Scouts and Scouters.

We have a number of other projects planned as well. We will keep you posted. Of course, we are always interested in hearing your ideas on how we can help Scouts, Scouters & Families do their Duty to God and expand their faith.

The Committee is also looking for additional members – anyone interested in serving on the Council Religious Relationships Committee is invited to contact Committee Chair Dan Wagner at CarolynDan@gmail.com.