

**Highland Park Presbyterian – Troop 82**  
**Religious and Campout Church Service information**

**Scouting America Religious Guidelines:**

Scouting America maintains that no member can grow into the best kind of citizen without recognizing an obligation to God.... Scouting America, therefore, recognizes the religious element in the training of the member, but it is absolutely nonsectarian in its attitude toward that religious training. Its policy is that the home and organization or group with which the member is connected shall give definite attention to religious life. See [scouting.org](https://www.scouting.org)

**Troop 82 Specific Guidelines:**

1. Highland Park Presbyterian Church charts Troop 82 each year as a ministry of the church. The mission of HPPC is: **“Leading all generations to find and follow Jesus for the flourishing of our city and beyond”** Learn more about HPPC at [hppres.org](https://hppres.org).
2. Troop 82 welcomes boys and families from all faiths. Religious affiliation is not a requirement for joining Troop 82 however a belief in God is required per Scouting America’s guidelines referenced above.
3. At Troop 82 meetings and campouts our prayers and worship services will focus on the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
4. When Troop 82 is participating in non-troop specific BSA events (such as Jamboree, Camporee, etc.) where Scouts of a different religious persuasion are attending Troop 82 will use the Scouting America Interfaith guidelines in an effort to show respect for the religious choices.
5. Troop 82 welcomes the participation of non-Christian members in all ceremonies and services conducted by the troop. However, Troop 82 will not permit such participation to involve proselytizing other religions to Troop 82 Scouts.
6. Troop 82 encourages families with questions regarding our Faith Guidelines to speak with the Troop Committee Chairman or Scoutmaster