

My Promise, My Faith FAQ's

Is Girl Scouts teaching religion through MPMF? No, Girl Scouts is a secular organization. The GS Promise and Law are in alignment with many faith organizations' teachings; and, MPMF and the GSLE provide girls an opportunity to strengthen their faith journey as they grow their leadership skills.

How does the MPMF award relate to the other religious recognitions? The MPMF pin complements faith-based religious recognitions. A girl can choose to earn one or both awards in any order at the appropriate grade level. More information about religious recognitions is found at http://www.praypub.org/partner_gsusa.htm or by contacting the faith organizations.

How often can a girl earn the MPMF award? Every year she is a Girl Scout. She is encouraged to select a different line of the Law each year, although she may choose to repeat a portion of the Law at a different program level as long as the specific activities she does are different or reflect a different level of understanding of the Law or her faith. A girl does not have to have earned the award at a younger grade level to begin earning it, nor is she required to earn it every year.

Where are the MPMF pins worn? See The Girl Guides to Girl Scouting.

Where can a girl wear her faith's religious recognitions? Religious recognitions can be worn alongside the MPMF pin or anywhere else she chooses below MPMF.

How much time does a girl have to complete the award? Girls can complete MPMF requirements any time during the membership year. Girls who attend the optional MPMF Kick-Off event may want to complete the steps immediately after the event; others may take several weeks or months to do so.

Does a girl have to attend a MPMF Kick-Off event to earn the award? How many times can a girl attend a MPMF Kick-off event? A girl does not have to attend a Kick-off event to earn the award. She may work independently with a Girl Scout volunteer or her family to select a line of the Law to work on. Conversely, there is no limit to the number of times a girl can participate in a MPMF Kick-off event (other than space limitations and fairness to all girls.) However, once a girl has attended an event and/or completed her first MPMF recognition, it is not necessary for her to repeat the event in subsequent years. Of course, it is a fun way to focus on the Girl Scout Law.

When is it appropriate to present the MPMF award? These awards can be presented to girls at any time once they have completed the requirements, but it is more fun and meaningful, if they are presented in a special ceremony or Court of Awards. Also, many faith organizations

acknowledge religious recognitions earned by girls in their faith community during GS Sunday or GS Shabbat. The MPMF recognition can be incorporated into these ceremonies.

How can my council develop Faith Collaborations: MPMF has been welcomed by several key national faith organizations; use MPMF as an opportunity to cultivate new partnerships. For consultation on faith collaborations contact Gladys Padró-Soler, Director of Inclusive Membership Strategies at gpadro-soler@girlscouts.org.