Have You Seen the Light?

How enlightened are you when it comes to knowing and applying the religious principles of the Boy Scouts of America? It is a little more involved than simply understanding the 12th point of the Scout Law. Take a few minutes to complete this quiz. It’s just for fun. We’re not going to record any scores or grades. Let’s just find out how much we know.

1. True or False—Circle one

The Boy Scouts of America maintains that no member can grow into the best kind of citizen without recognizing an obligation to God.

2. Multiple Choice—Circle all of the correct answer(s)

The 12th point of the Scout Law includes the following responsibilities:

a. personal religious obligations
b. duty to country
c. respect for the beliefs of others
d. all of the above

3. Multiple Choice—Circle all of the correct answer(s)

The word “nonsectarian” means

a. nondenominational
b. ecumenical
c. not affiliated with any specific religion
d. all of the above

4. Multiple Choice—Circle all of the correct answer(s)

Which of the following could be a violation of a religious belief?

a. recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America
b. removing one’s hat when indoors and/or during a meal
c. expecting everyone to taste a particular food
d. attending a program event or activity on a Saturday
e. drinking coffee, tea, or cola
5. True or False—Circle one

In accordance with their agreement with the Boy Scouts of America, some churches sponsoring Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity, or Venturing units can require members of their units to participate in religious ceremonies and services distinctive to that church.

6. True or False—Circle one

An interfaith worship service is one that all Scouts and Scouters may attend. It requires careful planning to ensure that it does not violate the beliefs of any religion.

7. True or False—Circle one

Some religions have specific requirements that cannot be fulfilled through an interfaith worship service. Other arrangements might be necessary for Scouts of those faiths to fulfill such commitments.

8. True or False—Circle one

Of the eight major religions in the world, all are represented in the BSA’s religious emblems program.

9. Multiple Choice—Circle all of the correct answer(s)

“Duty to God” and “religious duties” are important components of:

a. The Cub Scout Promise
b. The Law of the Pack
c. The Scout Oath
d. The Scout Law
e. The Venturing Oath
f. The Venturing Code
g. All of the above

10. True or False—Circle one

Appropriate graces for meals at Scouting events do not refer specifically to a “central figure”—Jesus Christ or Allah, for example.