

Troop 107 Statement in Response to Scouting America's **"Declaration of Religious Principle"**

The opening line of the Scouting America's "Declaration of Religious Principle" reads as follows:

In its Charter and Bylaws, the BSA maintains that no member can grow into the best kind of citizen without recognizing an obligation to God.

While the leadership of troop 107 wholeheartedly believe in an individuals right to choose if, why and how to celebrate their faith, we find the above statement to be reductive and exclusionary. Recognition of an obligation to god has no bearing on what kind of citizen you can become. With this, as leaders of Troop 107, we vow to:

- Never ask or require anyone to discuss or participate in any religious activity
- Offer alternatives to all rank requirements that refer to "duty to god"
- Allow and encourage the use of a slightly altered Scout Oath.

On my honor
I will do my best
to do my duty
to myself and my community
and to obey the Scout Law;
to help other people at all times;
to keep myself physically strong,
mentally awake,
and morally straight.