

Ten Commandments Hike

**In Rochester
October 30, 2010
9:00 – 3:00**



What is a Ten Commandments Hike?

- It's Scouts hiking from one house of worship to another in Rochester.
- A variety of faith groups and denominations have each agreed to host one of the Hike visits.
- The route this year includes the B'nai Israel Synagogue, Calvary Episcopal Church, Christ United Methodist Church, First Presbyterian Church, Rochester Church of Christ, Rochester Islamic Center, St. Anargyroi Greek Orthodox Church, St. John's Catholic Church, Salvation Army Church and Zumbro Lutheran Church.
- During each of these visits, the religious leader will take about fifteen minutes to introduce the Scouts to that faith, the worship area, speak about one of the Ten Commandments and answer questions. The Scouts will then move on to the next house of worship.
- The Hike will last approximately six hours and covers approximately 3 miles.

Who may participate?

- All Venturers, Scouts and Cub Scouts, third grade and older.
- Scouts may participate as crews, troops, patrols, dens or individuals.
- Youth Protection Guidelines must be followed.

Why should I encourage my troop, patrol, den or individual Scouts to participate?

- The Hike provides a great opportunity to introduce youth to a variety of faiths and houses of worship. It is intentionally an interfaith and cross-cultural event.
- From the Hike visits, Scouts will be able to gain greater understanding of the religious faiths of fellow Scouts and greater tolerance for their religious beliefs.
- We also plan to introduce the Scouts and the adult leaders to the Religious Emblems Program.
- It's fun!

This is advance notice so your unit committee and/or patrol leaders' council may include the Hike in your program plan for 2010-2011!

Detailed information will be available on the Gamehaven Council website in August and also in the fall kick-off packets.

*Ten Commandments Hike Committee
Hiawatha District*