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Jain Association in North America (JAINA)
135 Clark St.
Newtown, MA 02459

It is my pleasure to inform you that at the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) Religious Relationship Task Force Meeting that the Jain Youth Study Programs (Yellow, Green, Blue and Red Levels) have been accepted for “Individual Awards” within the provision of the 25 Unit Rule.

In that, JAINA or Individual Jain Temples do not sponsor a cumulatively 25 traditional Scouting Units (Cub Scout Packs, Boy Scout Troops and Venturing Crews) the Youth Awards must be categorized as “Individual Awards”. In that, JAINA anticipates more than one of each award, there is a provision under the 25 Unit Rule, to expedite the BSA approval of “Individual Awards”.

1. This provision states that when finalized and printed, one copy of each workbook be provided to this office to be put on permanent file.

2. Every time a youth or group of youths earn their Award(s) a letter or e-mail must be sent to this office, for approval. A listing of the name of the youth(s) the level or award completed, and a certification stating the requirement of the Award being applied for has not changed from those that are on file.

Upon approval of the BSA, the youth may then wear the Universal Religious Awards Knot (Purple Background with a Silver Square Knot) appropriately placed, in accordance with “BSA Insignia Guide” on their Official Boy Scout Uniform.

A copy of the “25 Unit Rule” is attached for your review.

If there are any questions pertaining to this matter, please contact me.

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Enclosure: 25 Unit Rule