

PLACE OF WORSHIP FACILITIES USE AGREEMENT

The purpose of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) program is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values and principles taught in the Scout Oath and Scout Law. Churches may support youth through the BSA youth program by providing space. The Local Council provides the support, service, and volunteer verification necessary to help the youth succeed in their Scouting development.

<p>The church will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Be responsible for the actions of their staff, guests and volunteers not involved in Scouting activities ● Provide meeting space taking into consideration growth ● Provide onsite storage and other support as the local church deems appropriate ● Host a Scout Sunday allowing the youth to have leadership within the service ● Not be responsible for training, screening, or background checks for Boy Scout staff, volunteers, or church volunteers ● Not be responsible for supervision of scouting activities 	<p>Boy Scouts will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Be responsible for all Scouting activities on church property ● Assure Scouting activities on church property and/or assisted by church staff or volunteers are delivered consistently with the United Methodist <i>Safe Sanctuaries</i> policy and the BSA <i>Guide to Safe Scouting</i> ● Provide training, conduct sufficient background checks, and screen all Boy Scout staff, volunteers and church volunteers, for suitability as scout leaders and participants in scouting activities, limiting adult participation to persons who pass the background checks and screening and complete the training ● Support the aims and efforts of the local church in areas compatible with Boy Scouts of America ● Provide appropriate insurance coverage as described below ● Be responsible for the actions of all members and guests 	<p>The adult leaders and youth in the Scout group will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Keep the local church informed of troop/group activities ● Keep the meeting space clean and orderly ● Include the local church in appropriate activities ● Recognize and actively publicize the local church's contribution to scouting ● Make Scout membership available to youth grade K-12 in the congregation and community ● Support the local church through service projects as possible/needed ● Serve and assist with service during Scout Sunday
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The local council agrees the local church and its officers, employees, members, and volunteers will not be liable for any damage or injury to person or property by reason of the action or inaction of the local council or its officers, employees, members, agents, volunteers, and invitees. The local council agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the local church and its officers, employees, members, and volunteers ("protected persons") from and against any and all claims, damages, costs, and expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees, arising out of or connected in any manner with the local council's, and its officers', employees', members', agents', volunteers', and invitees', use of and/or presence upon any portion of the local church's property. The local council agrees to maintain adequate liability insurance to meet this indemnification obligation and to protect the protected persons as stated above. Adequate liability insurance is deemed to be a commercial general liability including sexual misconduct policy of \$1 million per occurrence/\$3 million aggregate. The local council shall add local church as an additional insured on said policies and provide a certificate of insurance showing coverage within 30 days of signing this agreement, and at any time thereafter on request. The local council and local church may immediately terminate this agreement at any time, and for any reason, upon providing written notice to the other.

Acknowledging the above-stated policies, _____ (local church) agrees to support

(Troop/Pack/Unit No.) _____ for the period beginning ___/___/21, and ending 12/31/2021, and agrees to work

with the Boy Scout Liaison / volunteer to fulfill the responsibilities of this agreement.

Boy Scout Liaison: _____ Title: _____

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Email: _____ Phone: _____

Local Church:

1. Please read and complete page 1
2. Sign and complete the information below
3. Return the signed Place of Worship Facilities Agreement to your local council

Church Representative Authorization (Pastor or Admin. Council Chair):

(Print Name)

(Signature)

Address

City: State: Zip:

Phone: Email:

Boy Scout Council Representative:

(Print Name)

(Signature)

Address

City: State: Zip:

Phone: Email:

A note from the Center of Scouting Ministries Director:

This Place of Worship Facilities agreement is the basis of an amazing opportunity for both the church and the Boy Scouts. Thank you both for being willing to see the youth in your community. Your willingness to care will set a far stronger course for your community. I cannot express the depth of my gratitude for this new relationship. May it be blessed. Know that you are supported. If you have questions, we are here for you. The Center for Scouting Ministries is your resource at the General Commission on United Methodist Men.

Yours in service,

Steven Scheid, Director
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