



# Place of Worship Facilities Agreement

An outline for United Methodist Churches partnering with  
Boy Scouts of America

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 the youth in their community through the support of the BSA youth program by providing space. The Local BSA Council provides the support, service, and volunteer verification necessary to help the youth succeed in their Scouting development.

***Please check the appropriate statements.***

<p>The church will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Be responsible for the actions of their staff, guests and/or volunteers not involved in Scouting activities</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Provide meeting space taking into consideration growth</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Provide onsite storage for troop</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Host a Scout Sunday allowing the youth to have leadership within the service</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Appoint a liaison member to assist the other volunteers on the troop committee (formerly the Scouting Coordinator)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Provide resources to assist unit with activities (i.e. books, sports equipment, transportation, etc.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Publicize Boy Scouts through inhouse publications</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Provide support for fundraisers</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Provide financial assistance</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Provide leaders, consultants and other adults to assist with troop activities</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Will not be responsible for screening suitability of church volunteers as scout leaders</li> </ul>	<p>Boy Scouts will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Be responsible for all Scouting activities on church property</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Facilitate delivery of the Scout program</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Provide training and/or orientation to Boy Scout volunteers</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Encourage appropriate interaction between the Scouts in the unit and the partner / facility owner</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Support the aims and efforts of the partner in areas compatible with Boy Scouts of America</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Provide appropriate insurance coverage for all members and expressly invited guests using the facility</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Be responsible for the actions of all members and expressly invited guests</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Boy Scout Council will provide background check for all unit volunteers and committee members to ensure safety of youth and families involved</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Boy Scout Council will screen unit volunteers and committee members, including church volunteers, for suitability as scout leaders</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Limit the adult participation to only those who pass the background check and screening</li> </ul>	<p>The adult leaders and youth in the Scout group will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Keep the church informed of troop/group activities</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Keep the meeting space clean and orderly</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Invite members of the church to attend appropriate activities</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Recognize and actively publicize the church's contribution to the stability of the group</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Make Scout membership available to youth grade k-12 in the congregation and community as applicable</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Local group is willing to support church through service projects as possible/needed</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Serve and assist with service during Scout Sunday</li> </ul>
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Acknowledging the above-stated policies, \_\_\_\_\_  
(name of Church / facility owner)

agrees to support \_\_\_\_\_ for the period of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Troop/Group # or Unit) (start / end dates: 3 years recommended)

and agrees to work with \_\_\_\_\_ to fulfill the responsibilities of this agreement.  
(Boy Scout Liaison –Boy Scout volunteer)



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Boy Scout Liaison: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### Supporting Place of Worship:

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:

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Email:

### Boy Scout Council Representative:

\_\_\_\_\_

Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature

\_\_\_\_\_

Address

\_\_\_\_\_

City:

\_\_\_\_\_

State:

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Zip:

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Phone:

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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 serve 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 partnership. 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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