

Paragould First United Methodist Church | BOY SCOUTS 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 by providing space for BSA youth programs to take place. The Local BSA Council provides all support, service, and volunteer verification, training and supervision necessary to help the youth succeed in their Scouting development. The purpose of this agreement is to make clear the responsibilities of the BSA Council, group, and those of the local church regarding scouting programs held on church premises.

The local church will:

- Be responsible for the actions of their own staff, guests, and volunteers not involved in Scouting activities while scouting activities are taking place
- Not be responsible for the screening, training, supervision or retention of volunteers associated with scouting activities
- Provide meeting space & onsite storage for troop
- Appoint a liaison as a contact for volunteers on the troop committee

The Boy Scout Council will:

- Be solely responsible for all Scouting activities on and off church property
- Facilitate delivery of the Scout program
- Provide all screening, including appropriate background checks, training and supervision for all Boy Scout volunteers and committee members initially and on an ongoing basis
- Limit adult participation to only those who pass the screening, background checks, and training requirements
- Require at least two adults to be physically present at all times when scouting events are taking place on any church property
- Encourage appropriate interaction between the Scouts in the unit and the church
- Support the aims and efforts of the church in areas compatible with Boy Scouts of America
- Provide appropriate insurance coverage for all scout program participants and guests using the facility in any way associated with scouting activities, specifically listing the church as an additional insured on the policy
- Be solely responsible for the actions of all members and expressly invited guests during all scouting events
- Abide by the church's Outside Group Facilities Use and Indemnity Agreement, which is incorporated by reference herein
- Ensure that adult leaders and youth adhere to their responsibilities as outlined in this agreement on an ongoing basis

The leaders and youth in the Scout group will:

- Keep the church liaison informed of troop/group activities
- Keep the meeting space clean and orderly
- Cancel any planned activities where two adults cannot be present or whenever it may be unsafe for any reason to proceed
- Include the church in appropriate activities
- Make Scout membership available to youth grade k-12 in the congregation and community as applicable
- Support church through service projects as possible/needed
- Abide by all Council requirements
- Abide by the Church's Outside Group Facilities Use and Indemnity Agreement, which is incorporated by reference herein as if restated word for word

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Acknowledging the above-stated agreement and mutual promises,

Paragould First United Methodist Church and the

_____ BSA Council agree that the Church will support
_____ (Troop/Group # or Unit) in the manner outlined herein only until
12/31/22, so long as both parties keep the promises acknowledged in this agreement.

On behalf of the Boy Scout Council:

Print Name	Signature
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City	State	Zip
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Phone	Email
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On behalf of the Local Church:

Print Name	Signature
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City	State	Zip
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Phone	Email
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On behalf of the Unit/Troop:

Leader	Title
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* Return the signed Facilities Agreement to the local BSA council and to the Local Church *