

LOCAL CHURCH 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 support of 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; ● Host a Scout Sunday allowing the youth to have leadership within the service; ● Appoint a liaison member to assist the other volunteers on the troop committee (formerly the Scouting Coordinator); ● Provide resources to assist unit with activities (i.e., books, sports equipment, transportation, etc.); ● Publicize Boy Scouts through inhouse publications; ● Provide support for fundraisers; ● Provide financial assistance, if deemed appropriate; ● Encourage church leaders, consultants, and other adults to contact scouting leaders to offer assistance with troop activities; ● Not be responsible for screening any scout leaders, including the suitability of church volunteers; and ● Not be responsible for supervision of scouting activities. 	<p>Boy Scouts and/or Local Council will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Be responsible for all Scouting activities on church property; ● Facilitate delivery of the Scout program; ● Provide training and/or orientation to Boy Scout volunteers; ● Encourage appropriate interaction between the Scouts in the unit and the local church; ● Support the aims and efforts of the local church in areas compatible with Boy Scouts of America; ● Provide appropriate insurance coverage for all members and guests using the facility; ● Be responsible for the actions of all members and guests; ● Boy Scout Council will conduct sufficient background checks for all unit volunteers and committee members to ensure safety of youth and families involved; ● Boy Scout Council will screen unit volunteers and committee members, including church volunteers, for suitability as scout leaders; and ● Limit the adult participation to only those who pass the background check and screening. 	<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 the stability of the group; ● Make Scout membership available to youth grade K-12 in the congregation and community as applicable; ● Support church through service projects as possible/needed; and ● Serve and assist with service during Scout Sunday.
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The Local Council agrees that 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, 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.

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The Local Council agrees to maintain liability insurance of adequate types and amounts to cover its activities and its use of local church's property, to meet this indemnification obligations, and to protect the local church, and its officers, employees, members, and volunteers, against such claims, damages, costs, and expenses. The Local Council shall add local church as an additional insured on all such policies and shall provide a certificate of insurance evidencing such within 30 days of signing this agreement, and at any time thereafter upon the request of local church. 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.

The parties acknowledge and agree that this Local Church Facilities Use Agreement is made in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and that the interpretation and performance hereof shall be governed in all respects by the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, excluding its choice of law rules. The parties agree that the exclusive venue for the resolution of any dispute arising from the provisions of this Local Church Facilities Use Agreement shall lie with any court of competent jurisdiction in city or county where the local church is located only if the dispute is heard in a Virginia court. If the dispute is heard in federal court, the dispute shall be heard in the appropriate division of either the Eastern or Western District of the United States District Court.

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: _____
Email: _____ Phone: _____

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Local Church:

1. Please read and complete page 2
2. Sign and complete the information below
3. Return the signed Local Church Facilities Use 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: