

SCOUTING MINISTRIES



Girl Scouts.



The Office of Scouting Ministries currently has formal relationships with the following youth-serving organizations:

- Boy Scouts of America
- Big Brothers Big Sisters "Amachi" program
- Girl Scouts of the USA
- Camp Fire USA
- 4-H

Scouting Ministry Specialists are being recruited from each of these youth-serving agencies.



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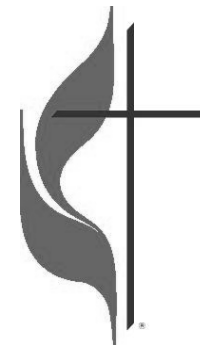
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GENERAL COMMISSION ON UNITED METHODIST MEN

SCOUTING MINISTRY SPECIALIST



*Men Growing in Christ, so others can
know Christ.*

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WHAT IS THE ROLE OF A SCOUTING MINISTRY SPECIALIST (SMS)?

SMS Mission

This position is designed to help local churches consider scouting as a ministry, as well as a new response to one of the four focus areas of the general church: to develop principled Christian leaders.

SMS's will help communicate information to the local church through relationships with the GCUMM office and annual/district scouting coordinators.

SMS Qualifications

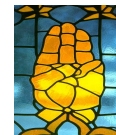
Interested candidates must meet the following prerequisites:

- 18 years of age or older.
- Proof of Youth Protection Training or GCUMM's Safe Sanctuaries and Sexual Ethics online course.
- Annual registration of \$10 will ensure that SMS's will receive ongoing information.
- Read Scouting Guidelines (can be ordered from cokesbury.com).

SMS Roles and Responsibilities

Scouting Ministry Specialists will be responsible for the following:

- Visit/communicate with up to three United Methodist Churches in their area.
- Assist the annual and/or district scouting coordinator.
- Promote scouting ministry training events with adult leaders (Philmont, Sea Base, UM Scouters workshop, etc.).
- Promote scouting recognition awards.
- Promote the P.R.A.Y Awards.
- Enroll each church as a Shepherd Church (SCCR).
- Scout Sunday promotion.
- Support the pastor.
- Consider serving on Council Relationships/Religious Committees (BSA, Girl Scouts, etc.)
- Recruit one additional SMS.



Commonly asked questions

Why is this position needed?

Recent numbers reflect that 6,600 of the 35,000 United Methodist churches have scouting units. The SMS will communicate information related to training, awards and recognition, etc...

What is the difference between an SMS and Annual/District /local Scouting Coordinator?

SMS's are recruited and registered with GCUMM, and are responsible for up to three churches. They are not necessarily a liaison to a youth agency council office like the local church scouting coordinator.

How do I apply to become a SMS?

Visit our website at: www.gcumm.org

Please complete a contact information form. Someone will respond to your request with additional information.

What kind of commitment is required?

Scouting Ministry Specialists are volunteers. The amount of time allocated to the position is determined by the individual's schedule.