

# SCOUTING MINISTRIES

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

- Boy Scouts of America
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of America
- Girl Scouts of the USA
- Camp Fire USA



**Girl Scouts**  
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IN CHRIST,  
SO OTHERS CAN  
KNOW CHRIST

**SCOUTING  
MINISTRY  
SPECIALIST**

GENERAL COMMISSION ON  
UNITED METHODIST MEN

# WHAT IS THE ROLE OF A SCOUTING MINISTRY SPECIALIST?



## SMS MISSION

**T**his position is designed to help local churches consider scouting as a ministry, as well as a new response to one of the Four Areas of Focus of the general church: to develop principled Christian leaders.

Specialists will help provide information to the local church through relationships with the General Commission on United Methodist Men (GCUMM) office and annual/district scouting coordinators.

## SMS QUALIFICATIONS

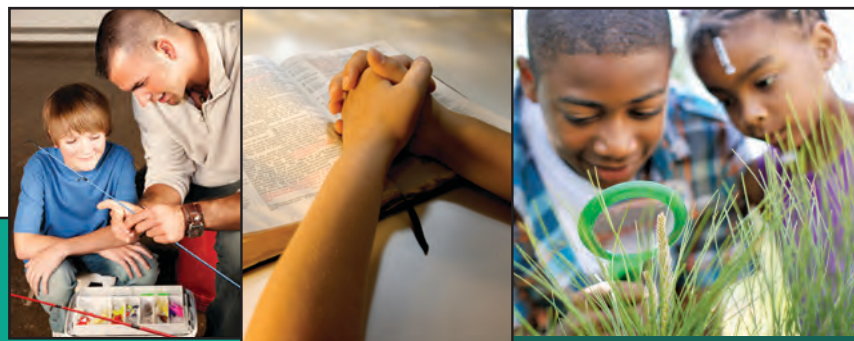
**Interested candidates must meet the following prerequisites:**

- 18 years of age or older.
- Proof of BSA Youth Protection Training and/or Safe Sanctuaries and Sexual Ethics - online course (offered at [www.umscouting.org](http://www.umscouting.org)).
- Registration fees: \$45 ensures your active ministry status for five years.
- Read *Scouting Guidelines* (order from Cokesbury).

## SMS ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

**Scouting Ministry Specialists will be responsible for the following:**

- Visit and communicate with up to three United Methodist churches in their areas.
- Assist the annual and district scouting coordinators.
- Promote scouting ministry training events with adult leaders (Philmont, Sea Base, UM Scouting workshops, etc.).
- Promote scouting recognition awards.
- Promote the Programs of Religious Activities with Youth (P.R.A.Y.) awards.
- Enroll each church as a Shepherd Church.
- Promote Scout Sunday.
- Support the pastor.
- Consider serving on Council Relationships/Religious Committees for the various scouting agencies.
- Recruit one additional scouting ministry specialist.



## COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### Why is this position needed?

Only about 7,000 of the 33,000 United Methodist churches have scouting units. The specialists will help churches understand the value of scouting and communicate information related to training, awards and recognition.

### What is the difference between an SMS and the annual/district/local Scouting Coordinator?

Specialists 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 a local church scouting coordinator.

## HOW DO I APPLY TO BECOME AN SMS?

Visit our website at [www.umscouting.org](http://www.umscouting.org). Please complete a contact interest 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 for the position is determined by the individual's schedule.