



Scout Jumu'ah, Scout Shabbat, Scout Sunday

The Boy Scouts of America designates the Sunday that falls before February 8 (Scouting Anniversary Day) as Scout Sunday, which is the primary date to recognize the contributions of young people and adults to Scouting. However, each chartered organization can use either of two other options to celebrate this special day. An organization can adopt a specific Sunday to celebrate. In the instance of the United Methodist Church, Scout Sunday is celebrated on the second Sunday in February. It also is permissible for a local church to celebrate on the Sunday most acceptable to the pastor and congregation.

The activities of the members of the Boy Scouts of America shall be carried on under conditions which show respect to the convictions of others in matters of custom and religion, as required by the twelfth point of the Scout Law, reading, "Reverent. A Scout is reverent toward God. He is faithful in his religious duties. **He respects the beliefs of others.**"

It is important to recognize your chartered partner during Scouting's Anniversary month. Regardless of when it is celebrated, those institutions that are faith based should be engaged in a congregational celebration where the Pack, Troop, and or Crew plays an active role in the service.

Below are some helpful hints in preparation.

- Set a date in advance, try to do this as part of your annual planning calendar. It is difficult for many clergy to address this opportunity at the year's end with so much happening between holidays and end of the year celebrations.
- Prepare for your unit's role in the presentation
- Announce your event in advance, or as a thank you to the congregation for the support and history together

For congregation's newsletter or bulletin

The Scouting program at (name of congregation) is more than just an activity for our youth to learn about the outdoors. Scouting provides fun, fellowship, and training to our youth as well as youth in our community. It emphasizes honesty, self-reliance, and respect. Through a year-round program, it affects character, citizenship, and personal fitness. But the success of our Scouting depends on our volunteers, who serve in a variety of leadership roles so that our young people may benefit from our Scouting ministry. As the Boy Scouts of America celebrates its anniversary, we salute the splendid volunteers who serve as Cubmasters, Scoutmasters, and Venturing Advisors, and in other positions of leadership. Our Scout unit(s) would like to invite you and your family to be a part of their program. (Unit contact person/information)

- Lead a portion of the service, including a report or readings. Use the youth wherever possible
- Serve as a greeter
- Present the religious emblems to youth and awards to adults
- Commit to some act of service to the congregation in advance of the celebration