



# BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®

## NATCHEZ TRACE COUNCIL

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The Natchez Trace Council is focused on finding a solution for your Scouting unit that works best for all parties. These solutions are the culmination of a lot of discussions at all levels of the United Methodist Church and the Boy Scouts of America. All Scouting is local – our Scouts benefit from the relationship with your church and the volunteers that operate the unit's program.

In focusing on your unit(s), the Natchez Trace Council wants to emphasize that your unit leadership should remain focused on providing, and planning, a quality program for your Scouts as we work together to find the best option for the families who have children in your pack or troop.

Your Scouting professional (district executive) will be given the necessary training and documents to assist you and will be contacting you to set a meeting to discuss the ongoing relationship between your church and the Boy Scouts of America. Please feel free to share any questions and concerns you have about how to move forward.

This meeting should include institution head/executive officer, chartered organization representative, committee chair and unit leader (IH/EO, COR, CC, UL) to determine how the unit will proceed.

Based on your decision, we need to choose one of the following options (additional details at <https://www.natcheztracecouncil.org/files/45960/ntc-umc-options-guide>):

**1. Stay as Current chartered organization (sponsor)**

This continues the existing charter relationship; the UMC continues to provide a meeting place, the unit(s) continue to identify with the UMC as their chartered organization, and liability insurance coverage continues.

**2. Meeting space only – New Charter Organization (other than United Methodist Church)**

The Natchez Trace Council, unit, and local United Methodist Church work to secure a new charter organization that aligns with the principles, policies, and leadership standards of the Boy Scouts of America. Under this method, the approved Facilities Use Agreement with the local United Methodist Church will enable the unit to continue to meet at the church and to store equipment at the church's discretion. Liability insurance coverage continues.

**3. Meeting space only – Group of Citizens charter group**

While the formation of units in connection with existing organizations is preferred, when conditions warrant, the Local Council may grant a charter for the formation of a unit independent of any relationship with an existing organization. Liability insurance coverage continues.

The current charter partner agreement between UMC and BSA has been extended, and our 2023 rechartering season is upon us – meaning we must bring resolution with one of the methods outlined above by the time of your Scouting unit's registration, either January or February 2023.

Your local Scouting professional will be reaching out to you soon. Should you need further assistance, please contact Owen McCulloch, [owen.mcculloch@scouting.org](mailto:owen.mcculloch@scouting.org), 662-842-2871. Through all of this, we remain focused on the service we provide to our units and delivering a quality Scouting program to all youth.

Yours sincerely,

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