

CORNERSTONE'S PACK/TROOP/VENTURE SCOUTING COVENANT

Cornerstone Church annually charters the Scouting Program from the Boy Scouts of America for the purpose of "preparing young people to make ethical and moral decisions over their lifetimes by instilling in them the value of the Scout Oath and Law."

It is the responsibility of Cornerstone's Elder Council and the Chartering Organization Representative to assure the Pack/Troop/Venture Scouting Programs reflect the values, vision, mission, policies and strategy of Cornerstone Church as well as those of the Boy Scouts of America.

As the Chartering Organization, Cornerstone agrees to:

- Support the ministry of Scouting to include Pack/Troop/Venture Scouting Programs as part of its overall program for youth and families.
- Appoint a Chartering Organization Representative (COR) who serves as a liaison between the Scouting Programs and the church.
- Communicate the values, vision, mission, policies and strategy of Cornerstone Church through regular contact with the COR and Pack/Troop/Venture Leadership.
- Create, review and oversee the implementation of the Pack/Troop/Venture Bylaws.
- Organize a nominating committee of church members, including the COR, Pack/Troop/Venture Committee Chairpersons, and Cubmaster/Scoutmaster/Skipper, who will screen and select leaders who meet the church's leadership standards as well as the BSA standards. Nominations are to be presented to the Council of Elders for their blessing.
- The COR, Pack/Troop/Venture Committee Chairpersons, Cubmaster/Scoutmaster/Skipper shall be covenant members of Cornerstone Church. All other leaders must be active in life and ministry at Cornerstone Church or another Christian Church. Leaders who attend other Christian churches must provide a letter of recommendation from their pastor.
- Provide adequate and secure facilities for the Scouting Programs to meet on a regular schedule.
- Insure that Scouts and Leaders follow the Child Safety and Protection guidelines of Cornerstone Church and BSA.
- Provide leaders (lay or clergy) to assist in the spiritual development of the Scouts, especially through the God and Country Scouting Programs.
- Provide opportunities for the COR, Cubmaster/Scoutmaster/Skipper and Pack/Troop/Venture Committee members to meet with the Pastor and/or staff for mutual support and accountability.

As a Pack/Troop/Venture Committee, we agree to:

- Support the values, vision, ministry, policies and strategy of Cornerstone Church as well as that of BSA.
- Support and follow the Pack/Troop/Venture Bylaws.
- Be active in the life and ministry of Christ's Church.
- Take opportunity to attend adult leader's training events to assure qualified and on-target leadership.
- Insure that the BSA's organizational guidelines, training and goals are communicated and followed.
- Provide primary general liability insurance to cover the Chartering Organization, its board, officers, Chartering Organization Representative, and employees against all personal liability judgments.
- Follow the Child Safety and Protection guidelines of Cornerstone Church and BSA.
- Regularly evaluate the quality and overall health of the Pack/Troop/Venture Scouting Programs. (Note: COR shall submit a monthly report to the Pastor or his/her designee.)
- Above all, remember the Pack/Troop/Venture Scouting Programs exist for the benefit of the young people, that they might learn how to fulfill their duty to God and their country.