

## Forming a Local NAUMS Chapter

The purposes of forming a local NAUMS Chapter are to provide the organization and mechanism for implementing the goals, objectives, and programs of NAUMS at the local level and to increase membership in NAUMS.

Chapters should be formed at the lowest level of united Methodist Church organization that will provide sufficient membership and support to carry out the goals and objectives of the Chapter. For example, if a local church or group of local churches can provide the membership, they could consider forming a Chapter.

A District may have the best combination of membership and organization to start a Chapter by using existing church relationships and the District Scouting Coordinator. The District United Methodist Men may be a great source for support in forming a Chapter. In some cases multiple Districts or the Conference may be the best option to start a Chapter, with the long-term goal being to form other Chapters that can operate at the local or District level.

The following are some Goals and Objectives that local NAUMS Chapters could consider adopting:

- Expand the use of Scouting in the churches of the District and/or Conference as an important outreach ministry to youth.
- Encourage United Methodist Men's Fellowships to be involved with and sponsor local Scouting units.
- Expand the use of programs related to Scouting. This includes the God and Country Program, BSA's Chaplain and Chaplain's Aide Programs, the Bishop's Award of Excellence and the Good Samaritan Award.
- Encourage and provide for support for Chaplain Program at summer camps and other Scouting Events such as camporees, retreats and fellowships.
- Provide training for God and Country Counselors, Scouting Coordinators, Chartered Organization Representatives, and Chaplain's Aides.
- Prepare materials to educate seminary students, ordained clergy and lay leaders on the purposes and advantages of the Scouting ministry.
- Promote the recognition of adult leaders with the Cross and Flame Award, the Torch Award, and the God and Service Award.
- Encourage and provide materials for Scout Sunday Worship Services in February and March. Encourage coordinating Scout Week activities with the church.
- Encourage and provide materials for worship services on unit outings.
- Encourage Eagle Scout and Gold Award Service Projects that benefit local churches.
- Encourage service projects with sponsor or Chartered Organization involvement.
- Support and promote District and Conference Scouting activities.
- Support and promote the activities and programs of NAUMS.
- Support long-term camp Chaplain and Chapel needs.
- Support local Scout Council(s) Protestant and Relationships Committee(s).
- Organize an annual fellowship and recognition dinner.
- Encourage support and participation in Philmont Backpacking Bible Project and other related special projects of NAUMS.