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Dear Religious Leaders and Lay Leaders:

Do you have a Boy Scout Troop or a Cub Scout Pack as part of your over-all program? A Girl Scout Troop? A Campfire Boys and Girls Club? The religious leaders and volunteers of the *Eastern Orthodox Committee on Scouting* wholeheartedly endorse the Scouting programs as excellent youth ministry programs. The Orthodox Church and Scouting is a great partnership.

Scouting provides you with the resources and the framework to use as you wish in your parish. Scouting also provides training for your volunteer leaders. The priest and the parish council have the responsibility of appointing Christian leaders to lead and guide the activities of the units. The church should also provide the meeting space and support the unit.

What does Scouting offer a church?

A youth ministry program tailored to the community.

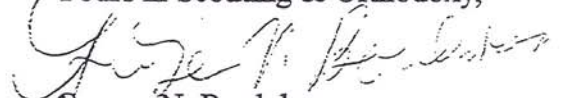
An opportunity to straighten the parish through leadership training and Scout project work.

A cooperative program in which the Church, the school, and the home/family can work together.

An opportunity for a Church-centered wholesome program of education and fun.

The Church's and Scouting's mutual beliefs in duty to God, duty to country, and duty to family provide the base for a positive, long-lasting program which will benefit all parties. For more information on Scouting, please contact your local Scouting office. Or The Eastern Orthodox Committee on Scouting c/o National Youth Ministry, 10 East 79 Street, New York, New York 10021 (212 570 3560).

Yours in Scouting & Orthodoxy,


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