

Is Scouting in Your Toolbox?



Like all congregations, yours has a call to ministry - to youth, to families, to your community. When faced with any task, we sort through our tools to find the best ones to meet the challenge. As you look through your congregation's tools for ministry, do you find the programs of the Boy Scouts of America among them? These tools are available to any congregation but you may ask, "How do we use them?"

The National Lutheran Association on Scouting is hosting an opportunity for your congregation to get the answers to this and related questions during the Scouting in the Lutheran Church Conference to be held July 15 to 21, 2018 at the BSA's Philmont Training Center in northeastern New Mexico. This conference is designed for Lutheran congregations, schools, clergy, and all Lutheran Scouters who want to learn more about using Scouting as an outreach ministry to young people and their families. Join us and see how to use Scouting as part of your congregation's youth/outreach/community ministry strategy that contributes to reaching young families and building and sustaining membership.

Our faculty includes leaders of our Lutheran Association, BSA national volunteer and professional representatives, plus guest presenters from affiliated agencies. This will afford the opportunity to learn about the religious education opportunities of P.R.A.Y.'s religious emblems program and how it builds faith in youth. In addition, participants can share with Lutherans from across the country success stories, best practices for developing and maintaining relationships with Lutheran charter partners, and how to best serve our youth and our churches.

Philmont Training Center provides opportunity for families to join their Scouters with a wide variety of family programs. The PTC staff offers a full, organized program for every member of the family – from infants to spouses. Family members will be joined by others in their age group and will participate in a carefully designed, age and ability specific program under the leadership of trained, experienced staff. Groups will get to enjoy hiking, tours, handicrafts, games, campfires, and outdoor activities.

Join us as we enjoy the Philmont experience while growing in faith, knowledge and renewal with like minded, dedicated and experienced Scouters. For full conference center information and registration visit the PTC website at: <http://PhilmontTrainingCenter.org> .

Registration is open now. Come and share the Peace.