



# Ten Reasons to Consider Scouting as a Youth Ministry

- 1. Outreach.** The ministry revolves around the profound concept of reaching out to others.
- 2. Evangelism.** Scouting is one potential entry point for persons to join the church, which then has the opportunity to introduce, nurture, and strengthen a relationship with a religious or civic organization.
- 3. Intergenerational.** Scouting and civic youth ministry offer opportunities for older adults as well as youth to participate.
- 4. Coeducational.** Some Scouting programs exist for both girls and boys.
- 5. PRAY Awards** (formerly God and Country program). The God and Country series is an age-appropriate study series that focuses on discipleship, family, and service.
- 6. Develop Servant Leaders.** Each youth organization has inherent building blocks that the local faith-based organization can transform into effective ministry.
- 7. Intentionality.** The Scouting program can be an effective, intentional outreach ministry.
- 8. Make Disciples.** Considering one or a combination of the previous reasons, a local faith-based organization may develop a consistent list of prospects. Nurturing children, teens, and families through outreach and evangelism and incorporating them into the life of an organization may have tremendous, eternal results for the youth, their families, and their faith journey.
- 9. Communities.** Through a spirit of family, community, and service, Scouting can be part of the foundation of a stronger community.
- 10. Leadership.** At its core, Scouting is about developing character, fitness, and leadership in young people. Through strong faith and community leaders, we are better able to serve as an example of our faith with those around us.

