



Scouting Around the World

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The International Committee meets the third Thursday, every other month at the Marriott Scout Service Center, 7:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

Upcoming meeting date: January 19, 2017

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B-P Bits:



On the outbreak of World War I in 1914, Baden-Powell put himself at the disposal of the War Office. No command, however, was given him, for, as Lord Kitchener said: "He could lay his hand on several competent divisional generals but could find no one who could carry on the invaluable work of the Boy Scouts."

Soon after he had married, Baden-Powell had begun to have problems with his health, suffering several bouts of illness. In 1934 his prostate was removed, and in 1939 he moved to a house he had commissioned in Kenya, a country he had previously visited to recuperate. He died in Kenya, at Nyeri, near Mount Kenya, on January 8, 1941.

Collectors' Corner: Asia Pacific Region badges



The Secretary General of World Organization of the Scout Movement, Scott Teare, will retire from his position later this year. For the past four years, Scott has played a pivotal role in the restructuring and management of the World Scout Bureau throughout the six Scout regions. Scouting continues to positively impact the lives of young people and communities worldwide, thanks to his exemplary leadership and passion for the movement.

Scouting in Bhutan



The membership badge of Bhutan Scout Tshogpa incorporates the color scheme of the flag of Bhutan and the fleur-de-lis is wrapped in a *khata*, the traditional ceremonial scarf.



Scouting in Bhutan has existed since the 1980s as annual scout camp initiated by a Non-Governmental Organization—Bhutan Youth Development Association (BYDA). Their focus was on school children and some scouting programs had been conducted. However, it did not take root since they could not make scouting popular among the youth and strong support could not be mobilized.

In 1994, the Asia Pacific Region provided some support towards establishing formal scouting in Bhutan. In January 1996, having realized the usefulness and potential of the Scout program for all round development of youth, Bhutan Scouts Association (BSA) was established. Consequently, in 1999, BSA became a full-fledged member of the World Organization of the Scout Movement.

The scouting program in Bhutan which is based in school has three sections: Cub (primary schools), Scout (secondary schools) and Rover (tertiary institutes). Currently, there are 825 trained leaders and 29,896 scout members registered with the Association (2015 status).

To maintain continuity of the scouting program and to pursue it as a lifelong education, Community Based Scouting was introduced in 2009. To date, there are more than 1000 members enrolled as Community Based Scouts. The aim is to provide opportunity to scouts to continue scouting as a life-long member. It is a unit formed outside the school system and is open to all. It is formed by a group of youth with common goals and interest in community service and personal growth through voluntarism. It is run by volunteer leaders and functions under the supervision and close collaboration of the BSA.

Objectives are: To provide service for community development
To provide leadership skills to the youth to be responsible and productive
To enhance knowledge and skills in project planning and implementation
To equip the youth with necessary life skills to tackle every day challenges
To inculcate a strong sense of voluntarism and motivate others
To provide opportunity to pursue scouting as a lifelong education

Welcome
to the newly
appointed
Secretary
General



"I'm confident Scouting continues to hold a solution for youth development in the 21st century. I look forward to working with World Scouting team to expand the Movement and deepen its social impact, while continuing to create a better future for children and young people." - Ahmad Alhendawi

Announcing the new Secretary General of WOSM, Ahmad Alhendawi of Jordan. Mr Ahmad Alhendawi will start in March of 2017 after completing his term as the first-ever United Nations Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth. As the Secretary General of WOSM, Mr Alhendawi began his involvement in Scouting at the age of 13 when he joined the movement in Jordan. He has maintained an interest and involvement in youth support, the Scouting movement, and non-formal education throughout his career. His previous experience includes work as the Youth Policy Advisor in the League of Arab States, and Team Leader for a League of Arab States program on institutional development to strengthen Arab youth policy and participation. Among other roles, he has also served as a Team Leader for the National Youth Policy Project in Iraq, a Youth Program Associate at the Iraq office of the UN Population Fund (UNFPA), Emergency Program Officer at the non-governmental organization, Save the Children.