



Scouting Around the World

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National Capital Area Council International Committee

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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: 21 March 2019

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B-P Bits:



The boys at B-P's experimental camp at Brownsea in 1907 were not Scouts in the normal sense of the word. It is certain that following the publication of *Scouting For Boys* that there were a number of Scout camps, both official and unofficial held in the early months of 1908. The camp at Humshaugh (pronounced Hums-alf) was to have the distinction of being the first ever for Scouts to be led by B-P. Thirty-six boys came from across Britain and camped at a site near Hadrian's Wall 22 AUG to 4 Sep 1908. The camp was planned to be a model for boys already Scouts and for the world at large. There was press coverage in the national newspapers. By the end of the year, there were 50,000 Scouts in Great Britain and established that camping was the central part of the program.

Collectors' Corner: Hong Kong – very prolific in producing badges



Old and new district badge

2015 World Jamboree Contingent

Cub Scout 100th



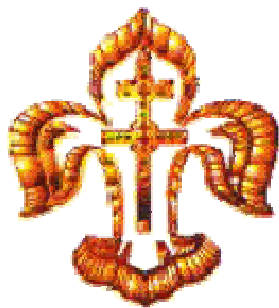
Halloween

2017 Iceland Rover Moot

1961 Jamboree

On 2 December 2018, the biggest demonstration for the climate in the history of Belgium took place in Brussels. Several non-profit organizations initiated it, including the 5 Scout and Guide associations of Belgium. Between 65.000 and 75.000 people, of which a great number of Scouts, Guides and other young people, marched together for the climate, calling political leaders and governments for action.

Scouting in: BELARUS



The emblem is a golden lily with an image of the cross of Euphrosyne of Polotsk.



Current badges

The first scout patrols and troops in the territory of present-day Belarus existed from 1909 to 1922. At that time, the territory of present-day Belarus was part of the Russian Empire. In 1922 after the end of Russian Civil War Scouting had been banned by the Soviet Union, and Scout activities ended.. Some of the Scouts and leaders fled abroad and created exile groups. On January 6, 1988, having revived the traditions of the first scouts, as well as scouts of modern emigration, for the first time in the history of the republic the Belarusian Scout Organization appeared. In the city of Minsk, several adult enthusiasts gathered in the Gorky Park a small group of children who wanted to learn about scouting after a small note in the 7 Days newspaper with a proposal to participate in the revival of the scout movement. At the end of the year, there were about 160 young scouts. After a while, scout united in the Union of Scouts of Belarus (PRS), which was registered on June 14, 1991 at the Ministry of Justice as a republican children's organization. The PRS was the first republican level organization in the country. In 1992,, the PRS was reorganized into the Union of Scouts and Guide of the Republic of Belarus. In 1995, the organization was renamed the All-Belarusian Scout Union. On March 23, 1997, the All-Belarusian Scout Union is transformed into the Belarusian National Scout Association (BNSA. On March 13, 1998, the BNSA was adopted as a member of the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM). The children's public organization "Belarusian Republican Scout Association" is a voluntary, non-political, educational organization for children and young people, open to all, regardless of their origin, race or religion. The main activities of the BRSA are:
Development of international, national, regional, local programs on children, youth and family issues; Participation in the work of public deliberative structures under the authorities; Participation in the implementation of social programs, taking into account the characteristics of Scouting; Implementation of scout programs and joint activities with public and state organizations of Belarus and other countries.

VIETNAM REJOINS SCOUT MOVEMENT - WOSM now has 170 members

As of 10 January 2019, Vietnam formally rejoins the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) after 44 years. Scouting has existed in Vietnam for nearly a century, but official Scouting activities ceased as a consequence of the war in the 1960s and 1970s, resulting in the loss of official WOSM membership in 1975. However, over the past two decades, Scouting has seen a resurgence at the grassroots level with activities for Cubs, Scouts, and Rovers conducted on a weekly basis by trained Scout leaders. Today, there are more than 5,000 Scouts in Vietnam and the country's Scout leadership comprises former Scouts from the business, education, and public service sectors.



Scouting began in Vietnam as early as the 1920s. During this time, early Scout troops consisted mainly of children from the French quarters where local educators such as Tran Van Khac and Hoang Dao Thuy took interest and pioneered the first Scout units in northern Vietnam. The first training centre was created in 1938, and the first Indochina Jamboree was held in 1941 in Vietnam with the participation of Scouts from Cambodia and Laos. Scouting flourished in subsequent years and the Scout Association of Vietnam became a member of WOSM in 1957.