



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:



“Commanding Officers at the front frequently said that they found soldiers who had been Boy Scouts were specially useful for trench warfare because they knew how to hide themselves and how to creep about in the dark without losing their way. As you know, most of the work of raiding and attacking is done by night in order to avoid being seen by the enemy. One officer who had used Boy Scouts for this work was at his wits’ end when he tried to use other soldiers - they were too clumsy. But to be able to get about by night requires a great deal of practice, and lots of fellows have lost their way, and in consequence, have lost their lives by starting out on night raids thinking that they could do it all right without ever having tried it before.”

Collectors’ Corner: BSA Transatlantic Council



Council Strips



Order of the Arrow Flaps



Camps



Older rounds



Jamborees



Old red&whites



Arcs – camps, countries, events

Scouting improves mental health - Being a Scout or Girl Guide helps to lower the risk of mental illness later in life, according to researchers from Edinburgh and Glasgow universities. From their study of 10,000 people from across the United Kingdom who were born in 1958, they discovered a significant number of those who participated in the movements as children tended to have better mental health at age 50. In fact, former Scouts and Girl Guides were 15% less likely to suffer from anxiety or mood disorders compared with others. Building resilient kids is also another big benefit of being involved in the Scout Movement. Scouts participate in many outdoor activities and major events like Jamborees where they are away from home for up to 14 days, learning how to care for themselves and others.

Scouting in BAHRAIN:



BAHRAIN

Historic membership badge

The Boy Scouts of Bahrain (جمعية كشافة البحرين) was founded in 1953, and became a member of the World Organization of the Scout Movement in 1970. The Boy Scouts of Bahrain has 2,301 members as of 2011.

The small Bahraini Scout organization often participates in cooperative events with neighboring Kuwait and Qatar. Scouts are involved in community service such as cleaning polluted areas and spraying insecticides, giving blood and helping to organize blood donor services, assistance at sports events and taking charge of first aid at schools.

Sections include Al-Ashbal (Cub Scouts)-8 to 12; Al-fetian (Boy Scouts)-12 to 14; Al-Matakadem (Rovers)-14 to 18; and a section for handicapped Scouts.

There are American Boy Scouts in Manama. The troop's membership generally is drawn from Americans and occasionally foreign nationals attending Bahrain School.

The Bahrain School also sponsors a Cub Scout unit for younger boys. There is another BSA Cub Scout unit (Pack 820) that meets on the western side of the island that is unaffiliated with any school. The majority of the membership is American, British, and Filipino.

British Scouting has had a long history of Scouting in the Middle East. In Bahrain, British Scouting organizations have operated from at least the early 1950s with multiple Groups operating previously at different locations.



Scouts play vital role in strengthening the message and culture of peace –

For World Scouting, the subject of peace and peace education has been a constant interest since the inception of the Movement. Our founder, Baden-Powell, had instilled this mindset from the start, inviting Scouts to engage in a “global network of service”, to unite all efforts regardless of nationalities, religion, ethnicities or age, envisioning all Scouts to collaborate to help others and create positive change in the community and the world. We call for all Scouts to take action, to promote and extend this message. We invite you to get inspired, learn, decide on your actions and take action for peace...to create a better world.

1. Acts of kindness – do a good turn

Peace starts with simple gestures. All around you, there's always a chance to make a positive change.

2. Promote Diversity, Inclusion and Dialogue for Mutual Understanding

Find a person who is different from you and take a selfie together, demonstrating your commitment to work for peace and dialogue. Tell us why you are different and why you are committing to work together for peace.

3. Take Action For A Better World

Find inspiration in your community and with friends around the world. Look around the places you spend the most time, talk with friends, parents, people you admire and choose a cause. GET INTO ACTION and invite your community members to join your efforts.