



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: tentative July 20, 2017 dinner meeting

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B-P Bits:



Upon hearing the Scout motto, someone asked Scouting founder Robert Baden-Powell the inevitable follow-up question. "Prepared for what?" "Why, for any old thing," he replied. In 1907, Baden-Powell, devised the Scout motto: Be Prepared. He published it in *Scouting for Boys* in 1908. He wrote that to Be Prepared means "you are always in a state of readiness in mind and body to do your duty." More than a century later, preparedness is still a cornerstone of Scouting. As Scouting has spread to include National Scout Organizations around the world, the motto has been adapted and translated into dozens of languages. French-speaking Scouts strive to be *Toujours Prêt*, "always ready." That's also the English translation of the motto used in many Spanish-speaking countries: *Siempre Listo*. Be Prepared becomes *Budi Pripravan* in Croatian, *Sii Preparato* in Italian and *Wees Geréed* in Afrikaans, spoken in South Africa and Namibia. In any language, Baden-Powell's original intent survives. By spending time as Scouts, young people learn to handle anything life puts in front of them. They learn to Be Prepared..

Collectors' Corner: Boy Scout Rings



Eagle Scout



1st Class



Cubs



1971 World Jamboree



OA Vigil



BSA



Venturing Silver Award



1953 Nat'l Jam



1933 World Jamboree



Vietnamese Scouts partner with Habitat for Humanity to build houses for people living in two districts of Thap province, including a bridge and water supply system.

Scouting in: Liechtenstein



Pfadfinder und Pfadfinderinnen Liechtensteins (*Scouts and Guides of Liechtenstein*, PPL) is the national Scouting and Guiding association of Liechtenstein. Scouting began in Schaan in 1931 and Guiding started in Vaduz in 1932. The Scout Association became a member of the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) in 1933. The Girl Guides of Liechtenstein became a full member of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) in 1952. At the end of World War II, Rangers and Rovers helped in refugee camps. In 1989 both organizations merged and formed the present *Pfadfinder und Pfadfinderinnen Liechtensteins*.

The Scout emblem incorporates the national colors of the flag of Liechtenstein. All members wear the same uniform. The Brownies and Cub Scouts branch has a yellow scarf, all others wear a blue and red scarf which also symbolizes the national colors. Each division draws up its own program. Leaders organize various activities for all branches at local and national level and these are adapted to meet the requirements of the individual in the community. During Lent, Guides organize a Soup Day in most villages together with the Liechtenstein Lent Charity. In 1986 the Liechtenstein Scouts and Guides started a community development project in cooperation with the Egyptian Scout Federation. The aim of this "Palm Tree Project" in El Arish, Egypt was to establish a palm tree factory (which can process all parts of a palm tree including the dates) and therefore provide jobs for the inhabitants of the region.

The PPL is organized into four age branches: Bienli/Wölfle (Brownies/Cub Scouts – ages 7 to 11); Pfadfinderinnen/Pfadfinder (Guides/Scouts – ages 11 to 15); Pionier (Pioneer – ages 15 to 18); and Ranger/Rover (age 18 and older).



Scouts receive award from HM King of Sweden for outstanding contribution towards creating positive impact in communities

A select group of Scouts, Scout leaders and teams from around the world received the coveted Messengers of Peace Hero Award, an accolade bestowed by the government of Saudi Arabia on behalf of His Majesty King Salman bin Abdulaziz al Saud of Saudi Arabia. The Award was first introduced in 2012 to recognize Scouts, volunteers and professionals as heroes in their communities for their outstanding work towards creating a better world. One of the youngest recipients is 16-year-old Katie Hancock from the United States of America, who was recognized for her swift action in raising funds locally and delivering goods to families affected by the severe floods in Lubbock, Texas, this year. Throughout the world, Scouts work towards creating positive change and establishing peace in their communities in many different ways – from assisting in relief operations after devastating natural disasters in Haiti and Ecuador; helping displaced communities in conflict areas such as Syria and Lebanon; preventing bullying in schools in Costa Rica; encouraging interactions, integrating communities and working with refugees in Europe; to leading social mobilization initiatives in Ebola-stricken Sierra Leone, and the recipients of the Award have significantly mobilization initiatives in Ebola-stricken Sierra Leone contributed to raising the profile of Scouting in these areas.