



Scouting Around the World

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National Capital Area Council International Committee

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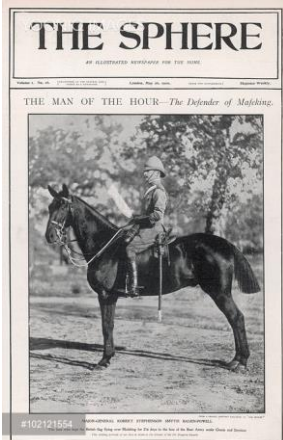
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The International Committee meets the third Thursday, every other month at the Marriott Scout Service Center, 7:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

Upcoming meeting date: March 16, 2017

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B-P Bits:



Man of the Hour, Hero of Mafeking

Aids to Scouting for N.C.O.S and Men was written by B-P for his 5th Dragoon Guards and had the following chapters: Pluck and Discretion, Finding the Way in Strange Country; Quickness of Eye; Keeping Yourself Hidden and Dodging the Enemy; Tracking; Reading the Spoor; Getting Across Country; Sketching; Reporting; Headings for Reports; Despatch (sic) Riders; Care of Man and Horse; Spying; Scouting on Service. In the conclusion, B-P says: "To be successful as a Scout, you must have plenty of what the Americans call "jump" and "push". "Jump" being alertness, wide-awakeness, and readiness to seize an opportunity: "push" being a never-say-die feeling. When in doubt as to whether go on or to go back think of the Zulu saying "If we go forward, we die, if we go backward we die, better go forward and die". As youth started playing the game of Scouting by reading these lectures, B-P realized his military handbook had to be rewritten for them.

Collectors' Corner: International Camp Staff - Each year, the Boy Scouts of America invites Scouts and Scout leaders ages 18 to 30 from around the world to come to the United States to spend the summer as an International Camp Staff member of a BSA summer camp or Cub Scout day camp.



Japan



Taiwan



Taiwan



Taiwan



Taiwan



BSA



Singapore



Japan/Kandersteg

Vision 2023, Scout Population Explosion Today, the Scout Movement has about 40 million members and volunteers from about 217 countries and territories around the world with 160 National Scouting Organization's, of which 6 million are adults. At the last World Scout Conference in Slovenia 2014, a new goal tagged Vision 2023 was designed. The goal is to make Scout the largest youth organization and reach 100 million membership by the year 2023. Vision 2023 is premised on the desire that, "By 2023 Scouting will be the world's leading educational youth movement, enabling 100 million young people to be active citizens creating positive change in their communities based on shared values."

Scouting in Bolivia:



Asociación de Scouts de Bolivia

The Asociación de Scouts de Bolivia (ASB) was founded in Bolivia in 1911 and became a member of the World Organization of the Scout Movement in 1950. ASB has 7,898 members as of 2011. Guiding was introduced to Bolivia in 1915. Founded in 1958, the girls-only organization became an associate member of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts in 1966 and a full member in 1978.

Scouting is active in rural and urban areas of the country, and open to all young people of all religions. 90% of all members are Catholic, and the church sponsors many groups. The prides itself on having members of many social classes, both the cities and rural areas. There has been a great effort to make Scouting available to handicapped and disadvantaged youngsters, including youngsters in state orphanages. Many Scout activities involve community service projects such as environmental protection, food production, tree planting and literacy. The Scouts have built several community development centers with the help of the German Scouts, American Scouts, and Spanish Scouts, among many others.

Program: Lobatos-ages 6 to 10; Exploradores-ages 11 to 14; Pioneros-ages 15 to 17; Rovers-ages 18 to 21.

Interreligious dialogue for peace at the WSIS 2017



The 5th World Scout Interreligious Symposium (WSIS) was held from the 27th to 29th of January 2017 at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington, New York. It is organized by members of the Boy Scouts of America's Religious Relationships Committee and the Interreligious Forum of World Scouting, an informal network of religious groups/organizations in Scouting and supported by the World Scout Bureau.

130 Participants with an interest in interreligious dialogue and with spiritual and religious aspects of Scouting, and those concerned with growing Scouting among religious communities attended the symposium from over 40 countries. The Participants discussed The Duty to God principle in Scouting and the different spiritual development aspects.

European Scout Voluntary Program (formerly camp staff program)

Through the European Scout Voluntary program, young leaders from the Boy Scouts of America have the opportunity to learn more about Scouting in Europe by working at a European Scout center. Scout centers in Europe do not operate in the same way that BSA camps do. The staff members of a typical European Scout center are usually involved in many different aspects of operating the center rather than specializing in one particular area. All participants in the European Program must be between 18 and 30 years of age and must be volunteers registered with the Boy Scouts of America. To ensure that the experience is worthwhile, participants should be prepared to commit themselves to work for a minimum of six weeks. For information regarding available centers, please go to <http://rovernet.eu/site/esvp-map>. Throughout that page you will access the initial information about the participating sites. From there you can choose a site and complete the application. Participants pay for their own travel but usually the Europeans will reimburse a minimum of 30% of the overall travel costs.