



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.

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B-P Bits:



Author of “*The Matabele Campaign 1896*”, 500 pages using his diary and sketch book. “They deal with a campaign remarkable for the enormous extent of country over which it was spread, for the varied components and inadequate numbers of its white forces and especially for the difficulties of supply and transport under which it was carried out. Personally, I was particularly lucky in seeing a good deal of Matabeleland and something of Mashonaland as well as in having a share in the work of organization in the office and afterwards testing its results in the field. Incidentally I came in for a good taste of the best of all arts, sciences, or sports – “scouting”. For these reasons, I have been led to offer these notes to the public. The “thumbnail” sketches claim the one merit of having been done on the spot, some of them under fire.”

Collectors' Corner: BSA Order of the Arrow Chenilles



One of the buttons in the World Bureau site is “Explore” and in there is “Scout Places”. Take a look around and see Scout Camps like this one in Denmark

Stevninghus Scout Center, Aabenraa, Denmark

At Stevninghus you are welcome by yourself, in small or big groups or as a participant in the ‘Blue Summer Jamboree’, which brings together about 24,000 Scouts every fifth year. We are open all year and are in the office every day from 8:00 – 15:00. Stevninghus is a large Guide and Scout camp. Here are a lot of possibilities for sleeping in door as well as out on the estate. Most of the site is farmland with continual grass.

Scouting in the United Kingdom:



Membership badge used Prior to 1967



Highest rank – Queen's Scout Badge

The Boy Scouts Association was formed in 1910, in order to provide a national body in the United Kingdom which could organize and support the rapidly growing number of Scout Patrols and Troops, which had begun to form spontaneously following the publication of *Scouting for Boys* and *The Scout* magazine in 1908. It was also the wish of Baden-Powell to wrest control of Scouting from his book's publishers as it was felt the Scout Movement was not given the status it deserved as the publisher C. Arthur Pearson Limited controlled much of Scouting.

Originally, Scouting was for boys aged between 11 and 18. However, many girls and younger boys wanted to join in. Edwardian principles could not accept young girls participating in the rough and tumble, and "wild" activities of the Scouts, and so the Girl Guides were created by Baden-Powell and his sister, Agnes, to provide a more "proper" program of activities. The solution for younger boys was the creation of the younger Wolf Cubs Section, which was trialed from 1914 and openly launched in 1916. Later, many of those who had grown out of Scouts still wanted to be a part of Scouting resulting in another section, the Rover Scouts, for those over 18 being created in 1918. After years of trial schemes, the Senior Scout Section was officially launched in 1946, allowing Boy Scouts aged fifteen to eighteen years to form separate patrols or troops, with age appropriate activities and badges.

The Boy Scouts Association and its programs in Britain went largely unchanged until it underwent a major review in the 1960s. As a result, the word "boy" was dropped from the association's name which was changed to *The Scout Association* and major changes were made to the sections and their respective programs. The youngest section were now named Cub Scouts, the Boy Scout section was renamed simply as the Scout section and the Senior Scouts and Rover Scout section was replaced with Venture Scouts for 16 to 20 year olds

.In 2002 the Association launched its new vision towards 2012, which heralded a period of change.^[39] Venture Scouts were discontinued and two new sections were introduced: Scout Network for 18–25 year olds, as well as an Explorer Scouts for 14–18 year olds. A new program was introduced, complete with a new range of badges and awards covering a wider variety of topics such as Public Relations and Information Technology.

A new Strategic Plan entitled Scouting for All was launched in 2014 to outline the Association's focus between 2014–2018, It proposed four key areas of activity: Growth, Inclusivity, Youth-Shaped Scouting and Community Impact.



Syrian Refugee Scouts Take Possession of Scout House in Turkey

Ever since the wars in Syria started, Turkey has been welcoming large numbers of refugees, many of whom continue to stay in refugee camps in the southern border region of the country. "Among the many children and young people living in refugee camps are some 4500 Syrian Scouts", explains Tahir, from the Scouting and Guiding Federation of Turkey. "In each of the camps, we program activities. This provides a welcome break in the otherwise monotone routine in the refugee camps and helps the young people forget the atrocities of war in their home country." With the help of the local governor, a suitable building was identified in the area and after some refurbishments the "Boynuyoğun Scout House" was handed over this month.