



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: November 17, 2016

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B-P Bits:



Jamboree de la Paz 1938.

“There are two ways of climbing a mountain. One man goes steadily upward following the track that has been made by others. The other climber is equally anxious to reach the top but he looks wider. He looks ahead and higher and also looks back. So in our work – indeed in any work of life – we should look forward, well forward, with high aims and hopes; look around with joy and goodwill; look back with thankfulness at what has been accomplished and then press on with renewed vigor, with helpful initiative, and with broadened outlook, towards the highest goal and not forgetting to give a hand to others as we go. But when you look – look WIDE; and when you think you are looking wide: LOOK WIDER STILL.”

Collectors' Corner: Kandersteg – International Scout Center in Switzerland



1953



Winter Activities



1931 World Rover Moot Pin



2012



1992 W.R. Moot Pin



Swiss Mini Adventurer Friendship Award

WORLD FRIENDSHIP FUND UPDATE

In 2015, the U.S. Fund for International Scouting Committee (USFIS) approved the following grants:

- Guatemala Scout Association's request for assistance in hosting the 2015 Inter-American Leadership Training
- Scout Association of Mongolia's Safe Scouting project providing a shower, modern toilet facilities, and clean water for hand washing at their National Scout Camp
- Scout Association of Dominica's Scout Den construction to be used for troop meetings, council meetings, and training camp
- The construction of the Bhutan Scout Association's National Scout Center

Any recognized National Scout Organization can request grants to enhance their growing organization. Every February, May, and October, the USFIS reviews these grant requests and grants approval.

SCOUTING IN: MYANMAR



Union of Burma Boy Scouts

The Burmese national Scout emblem prior to disbandment—the red devices in the center are *chinthe*, a Burmese mythical creature similar to a griffin. The text on the scroll reads "Scouts"



Myanmar Scout Badge (Current)

Scouting in Myanmar was started in 1922 and disbanded in 1964; the current organization was formed in 2012 and became a member of the World Organization of the Scout Movement in 2016. It has about 25,000 members.

Scouting was founded in Burma as part of the British Indian branch of The Scout Association during the colonial period, introduced in 1910 for British dependents. By 1913, Lone Scouts were found in Burma. Later, Scouting was opened to the Burmese. In 1922, Burmese Scouting became a separate branch of the British headquarters in London, but shared the same Chief Scout as India, the Viceroy.

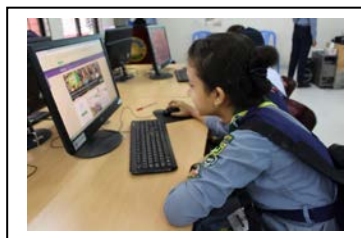
At the start of WWII, organized Scouting did not survive the advent of the Japanese in Burma. Before and during the period of the invasion, Scouting was going on steadily, and in the large towns they were trained to help in air-raid precaution work. Upon independence, the Union of Burma Boy Scouts (UBBS) was recognized in the spring of 1948. Because of the war and its aftermath, Scouting had almost disappeared, but former Scouters and Old Scouts made strenuous efforts to revive it.

Democratic rule ended in 1962 when General Ne Win led a military coup d'état. Almost all aspects of society were nationalized or brought under government control including the Boy Scouts. On 1 March 1964, the military government dissolved the UBBS. The assets of the association were turned over to the Ministry of Education, which was authorized to form its socialist youth organization.

In the decades following, Scouting units existed underground and the firm believers of the Principles of Scouting continued the program.



Cub Scout Badge



On this October 15, JOTA-JOTI broke a number of Scouting records, becoming the biggest Scouting event by participant numbers that the world has ever seen. JOTA-JOTI had over 11,000 groups registered, some of these with over 500 participants! The final numbers are not in yet, but it is estimated that around 1 MILLION Scouts and leaders from around the world engaged online and by radio. New initiatives were also launched during JOTA-JOTI weekend, amongst which were the first ever Crowdcast Campfires, where expert speakers from around the world were broadcast across the web to viewers in every Scout Region. The Campfires were on topics that have been highlighted over the past year under the Reaching Out to All work stream which focuses on increasing the diversity of Scouting, and included: Young People with Disabilities; Diversity and Inclusion in the Inter-America Region; Measuring Social Impact; Young People in Poverty and Disability.

24th WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE GUIDELINES FOR BSA CONTINGENT REGISTRATION

Guidelines for a World Scout Jamboree (WSJ) are that no contingent (youth, unit leaders, and IST—International Service Team, or what we in the BSA refer to as staff) is allotted more than 10 percent of the expected attendance. For example, for a WSJ expecting 50,000 people, no National Scout Organization (NSO) would be permitted to bring more than 5,000 people (youth, unit leaders, and IST). The host (typically only one) cannot represent more than 20 percent of the total attendance at the jamboree.

We are awaiting the allocation from the 2019 WSJ Host Team for the BSA contingent. Any youth who is 14 years old and not yet 18 years old will have only this opportunity to attend a WSJ as a participant. The allocations to these youth will be our highest priority.

At the National Service Center, the 2019 WSJ Host Team is a separate department from the BSA International Department. The 2019 WSJ Host Team is led by Executive Director Marty Walsh.

It is up to this team to determine the structure of the event on the BSA property, including the event price; allocations for NSOs; and the footprint of WSJ-specific programs on the Summit property. The price for the BSA contingent to the 2019 WSJ follows a system we are familiar with for our jamborees. For a BSA national Scout jamboree (NSJ), the Summit publishes a price and then each council produces a council-specific price to attend. For the 2019 WSJ, after the Host Team publishes a price to attend the jamboree, we will publish the BSA contingent price to attend.

Be sure to indicate your interest by signing up on the BSA contingent website at www.scouting.org/worldjamboree. We expect a soft launch at the 2017 National Scout Jamboree with the BSA contingent logo and contingent leader announced. We expect registration to launch in the fall of 2017 or early 2018.

The dates of the 24th World Scout Jamboree are July 22 through August 2, 2019. For more information about the 2019 WSJ Host Team, see www.2019wsj.org.