For additional international events, please visit https://www.scout.org or click here for the WOSM International Events List 2017-2021.

Mexico suffered two major earthquakes in mid-September, one in the south and the other near Mexico City. More than 400 people have lost their lives, buildings have been destroyed, and infrastructure has been badly affected.

To support relief teams, the Scouts of Mexico have been working hard to ensure the emergency operations run as smoothly as possible. These heroes have been working tirelessly, setting up a command center at the national office, collecting and delivering food and medical supplies, keeping rescuers fed and hydrated, and launching a Scout Donation Platform campaign.

As the devastation unfolds, the need for help continues to skyrocket. And the Scouts continue to serve. Support their efforts on the Scout Donation Platform, https://donate.scout.org. Please note: U.S. tax receipts are only available on the Scout Donation Platform for those donations of $5,000 USD and above.

Scouts from across the country upheld a Jamboree tradition by participating in a World Friendship Fund collection on Saturday, July 22. Each unit received a collection bag, and unit leaders shared information about the global brotherhood of Scouting and the purpose of the fund: to help develop the Scouting movement around the world.

In doing this Good Turn, the Scouts at the 2017 National Scout Jamboree contributed more than $10,000 to the fund. Base Camp Charlie was recognized for making the largest contribution.

Contact your local council to get World Friendship Fund brochures, coffee can labels, or posters to help Scouts hold their own collection. Ask the council to order the items from the National Distribution Center via bin inventory. You will need these item numbers:

- Brochure, No. 130-159
- Label, No. 130-620
- Poster, No. 130-609

We also can accept World Friendship Fund donations online! To donate online or to download the brochure, please visit www.scouting.org/international/worldsupport.
Youth and adult Scout leaders from 24 of the world’s national 
Scout organizations, directors of the State Partnership Program 
(SPP), and BSA international staff gathered for the SPP 
International Scout Night on Wednesday, July 26, at the 
Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve during the 
national jamboree.

The event, held in preparation for the 2019 World Scout 
Jamboree, set in motion a new avenue for the SPP to support 
U.S. national policy objectives by connecting with our worldwide 
partners through Scouting.

The evening included food, fellowship, a campfire activity, and 
sharing of information about the National Guard’s support for 
Scouting and the SPP program in general. Pairs of 
representatives from the following national Scout organizations 
(NSOs) took part in the event:

Azerbaijan  Guatemala  Peru
Bangladesh  Haiti  Philippines
Barbados  Honduras  Poland
Colombia  Jamaica  Senegal
Dominica  Liberia  Slovenia
Dominican Republic  Morocco  Thailand
El Salvador  Nicaragua  Trinidad-Tobago
Ghana  Nigeria  Uruguay

Our international Scouting friends attended the very successful 
2017 National Scout Jamboree in full force. Thirty staff, 75 adult 
leaders, and 305 youth were welcomed from these 48 countries!

Algeria  Cameroon  El Salvador
Argentina  Canada  Ethiopia
Aruba  Colombia  Finland
Australia  Curacao-  France
Netherlands Antilles  Dominican Republic  Germany
Azerbaijan  Brazil  Ghana

Haiti  Nicaragua  Spain
Honduras  Nigeria  Sweden
Hong Kong  Norway  Taiwan (Republic of China)
Ireland  Pakistan  Thailand
Japan  Peru  Trinidad and Tobago
Kenya  Philippines  Uganda
Korea  Poland  United Kingdom
Kuwait  Saudi Arabia  Uruguay
Liberia  Sierra Leone
Madagascar  Slovenia

2017 BSA NATIONAL JAMBOREE NUMBERS
Thank you to all of the councils and high-adventure bases that participated in the International Camp Staff Program during the 2017 camp season! They provided a fantastic, cross-cultural experience for our international camp staffers as well as all the BSA Scouts and Scouters who had the opportunity to go to a council camp or a high-adventure base.

Check out these pictures and stories of participating international camp staffers, and don’t forget to apply for the 2018 camp season by visiting http://www.scouting.org/International/applications.aspx.

“I have been keeping Antoine at my house. I picked him up from the airport in Atlanta. I went to see him back in April and he toured me around Haiti while I was there for a mission trip with my church. He starts camp today. We have enjoyed his stay with us. Thank you for your service to international Scouts and our Scouts going over there.”

—Randall Barnett, Scouter from the Daniel Boone Council who hosted an ICSP counselor from Haiti, Antoine Jean-Brice

“I am absolutely loving life at the Florida Sea Base, and I really want to thank you and all the international staff for making this possible. Here are photos of when I caught a 12-pound tuna fish from the sea and of all my lovely colleagues with our catch of the day!

“I love talking about international Scouting with my Scouts and leaders whenever possible, from answering questions about the difference between crisps, chips, and fries for Brits and Americans to telling them about my time at the World Scout Jamboree. There is a whole world out there, as you know!”

—Angela Stoddard, ICSP counselor from the United Kingdom, working at Florida Sea Base
Jamboree-on-the-Air (JOTA) and Jamboree-on-the-Internet (JOTI) are coming up soon! Have you already added JOTA and JOTI to your unit, district, and/or council calendars? If not, don’t forget to mark Oct. 20–22, 2017, as JOTA and JOTI weekend!

It’s an opportunity to meet Scouts from around the world, complete requirements for Cub Scout adventures, and complete part of the requirements for the International Spirit Award. JOTA and JOTI are also great ways to tie into STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math). JOTA introduces Scouts to the fun and technology of amateur radio, and you can prepare your Scouts for safe internet use by incorporating the BSA’s training tool, Cyber Chip, before they participate in JOTI.

Does your unit or council want to participate in JOTA, but you don’t have an amateur radio station? Icom America and the Boy Scouts of America have a sponsorship agreement that began in 2012 and now extends through 2018. One aspect of that agreement is that Icom America will provide up to 10 complete amateur radio stations for use by local Scout councils. Development loans of up to one year in duration can be requested for starting a radio Scouting program, or an event loan may be arranged to support special events like JOTA at the council level. For more information, an application, and a loan agreement form, go to www.scouting.org/filestore/jota/pdf/AmateurRadioStationLoanProgram.pdf. Be sure to visit JOTA’s webpage, www.scouting.org/jota, and JOTI’s webpage, www.scouting.org/joti, where you can learn how to participate, download participation certificates, order this year’s patches, and MUCH MORE. We hope you have lots of fun and success during these exciting events!
2017 NATIONAL SCOUT JAMBOREEE

By Soham Patel
Foxtrot international commissioner,
Orange County Council, 17 years old

Vibrant sunsets, endless celebrations, long-lasting friendships. These are some of the phrases that the Venturers and international Scouts at the national Scout jamboree may have used to describe their stay in Foxtrot Base Camp.

Over the summer, a few thousand Scouts made this campsite on the hill their home away from home while enjoying boundless opportunities for fun at the Summit Bechtel Reserve. With participants and staff coming from all 50 states and 37 countries, Foxtrot became the place to be at the jamboree.

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The 2017 National Scout Jamboree marked the second time the Boy Scouts of America hosted Scouts from all over the world at the Summit Bechtel Reserve. International contingents varied in size from two participants all the way to 52, and unlike last time in 2013, the international contingents camped in the same sites as our BSA Venturing contingents. This mix of young adults led to some interesting experiences for Scouts attending the jamboree as well as staff.

Every day, Foxtrot staff planned an evening activity for all of our participants. One evening, Scouts could expect to try their hand at lassoing a fake bull and enjoying Old West saloon music. The next evening, they could be transported across the world and watch a Thai stage show about a royal court and its king. In campsites, dinner on Tuesday could be homemade mac-and-cheese while on Wednesday it might be Huancaina—Peruvian nachos with beef and tomatoes. In fact, it was not uncommon for sites to come together and cook communal-style, allowing the host crews and the international crews to take turns preparing dinner. One evening, the contingents from Saudi Arabia, Algeria, and Kuwait opened their dinner to the entire camp. Tables with varieties of Saudi desserts and rice lined the pavilion, and Arabic music and dancers congregated in the middle. With all this happening, you should not have been surprised if you heard the sound of Trinidad and Tobago steel drums playing away to tropical beats or saw Korean Scouts teaching games to their site mates.

“I never get experiences like this,” shared Ricardo of Scouts Australia. “My family originally came from Colombia. At this national jamboree I get to meet Scouts from my home country, and it’s so easy to become friends because we already share a common interest: Scouting.”

Matthew May, an international staffer from Scouts UK, happened to spot a young lady from Kenya. During an extended time working in Africa, he had picked up conversational Swahili. Upon seeing her, he started a conversation in Swahili, and she was thrilled to meet someone who could use her mother tongue.

In any other place in the country, stories like these would be considered pure luck, nothing more than a coincidence. Yet these were just a few of the happy accidents occurring at Foxtrot Base Camp during the jamboree. Perhaps we could even say they were an integral part of the experience. Scouting is a brotherhood that includes 38 million young men and women. What is a national jamboree, then, but a family reunion with just a small segment of your immediate family?

Venturers weren’t the only ones who had fun with the international Scouts. Eh Too, one of our international youth staff from Jacksonville, Florida, was a refugee from Burma to Thailand. Since coming to the United States, he had known almost no Thai people beyond his family in their new community. At the jamboree, he sought out the contingent from Thailand and, much to his surprise, discovered that the Scouts from Thailand knew the village where he had lived and even spoke the same dialect of Thai that he had grown up learning.
A few other important facts to mention regarding the overwhelming success of international participation at the 2017 National Scout Jamboree:

• Trinidad and Tobago graciously played the steel drums for other basecamps and at the Summit Center.

• Foxtrot Base Camp displayed the flags of every country present on our famous flag row, which was assembled and provided by the international contingent support staff at Foxtrot.

• International contingents enjoyed the closing show where they were able to display their flags.

• The Order of the Arrow hosted a fantastic international campfire where international contingents were able to display customs and performances from their countries.

• The West Virginia National Guard hosted an evening for their international partners that was enjoyed by all.

• Staff from international exhibits were able to coordinate several volunteers from international contingents to assist with the interpreter strips and talk about international Scouting at the Summit Center.

• Several countries hosted get-togethers in their sites where they displayed cultural items and provided refreshments to the Venturing community.

• Foxtrot's talent show was a fantastic mixture of Venturing and international cooperation.

• Twenty-five percent of the international contingent staff was under the age of 23, providing new leadership opportunities for young adults. They did a fantastic job!
The III Interamerican Scout Moot will be held in Cusco, Peru, from July 27 to August 5, 2018. It is an official event of the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM), hosted and organized by the Scout Association of Peru for young people ages 18 to 25.

There are many international Scouting events each year, with more than 160 member organizations in the WOSM. These events provide a fantastic opportunity for BSA members to connect with the world, to make new friendships as part of their Scouting adventure, and to learn about other countries, people, and cultures.

The activities of this Interamerican Scout Moot will be developed within the framework of sustainable development objectives, the Scouts of the World program, and the educational objectives of the Youth Scout Forum.

The Moot will be a privileged space for the exchange of intercultural experiences between participants and members of the community, offering the opportunity to develop collective projects, all participating in “Creating a Better World.” Activities will include the following three modules:

**Adventure module.** The Andean Mountains are a particularly attractive setting for adventure sports such as *via ferrata*, zip-lining, mountain biking, rafting, hiking, horseback riding, climbing, and others.

**Tourism module.** We will have the opportunity to visit the Sacred Valley of the Incas and learn about the impressive architecture in Pisac, Ollantaytambo, Maras, Moray, and Sacsayhuaman, as well as the historical monuments in the Imperial City.

**Scouts of the World—Cusco Base.** WOSM, within the Scouts of the World program, will use Cusco as a base to work on projects of sustainable development proposed for the Scouts of the World recognition. The ancestral ceremonies of the Inca Empire brought to life at the opening and closing ceremonies of the III Interamerican Scout Moot will provide the cultural, historical, and commitment framework for each participant to assume their role in “Creating a Better World.”

Along with experiencing the III Interamerican Scout Moot, the BSA contingent will also go on a day trip to the historic Inca ruins of Machu Picchu! To join the BSA contingent at the Interamerican Scout Moot, you must be a registered member of the BSA and age 18 to 25. Members older than 25 can join the Moot’s International Service Team (IST). More information on BSA contingent pricing and registration will be announced soon. Please continue to check our website, www.scouting.org/international. If you would like to join our distribution list and start receiving updates, send an email to international@scouting.org. To visit the Interamerican Scout Moot website, go to http://www.scout.org.pe/mootperu2018/en/#moot.
BSA CONTINGENT ATTENDS WORLD SCOUT MOOT IN ICELAND

The Boy Scouts of America was represented by a contingent of nearly 60 Scouts who participated in or served on the international service team (IST) for the 15th World Scout Moot in Iceland, July 25–Aug. 2, 2017.

Brad Ward, a BSA Moot participant from Norwich, New York, said, “It was a fantastic experience. It was life-changing in that I got to learn how other groups and cultures go about running and participating in Scouts. I made so many close friends during the Moot. The majority of us will continue to stay in touch throughout our lives and travel between our different countries to visit because the bond we created was so strong. By the end of it, a lot of us would refer to our tribe as more of a family because we would do everything together. We would always be traveling in groups of 20–25 because we were all such good friends. This was by far the best life experience I have ever participated in.”

More than 5,000 Scouts ages 18–25 from more than 100 countries participated in the World Scout Moot. Another 1,000 IST members served as staff and “tribe advisors.” The BSA contingent gathered at a campground in Reykjavik the night before the Moot opening ceremony. The contingent consisted of men and women, Boy Scouts and Venturers from across the U.S., from California to Maine. At the opening ceremony, participants met their “tribe,” a group of 40 participants from around the world.

Participants departed from the Reykjavik Sports Center with their tribe to one of 11 expedition centers around the island country. In patrols made up of 10 international Scouts, participants engaged in a wide range of fun and high-adventure activities, including glacier walks, puffin watching, mountain climbing, and visiting museums. Each tribe participated in a service project that benefited the local community. Nearly all expedition centers were near a town hot-spring pool, so everyone had a chance to enjoy Iceland’s favorite pastime of soaking in a hot tub.

On the fifth day of the Moot, participants boarded buses headed for Iceland’s national Scout camp, Ulfljotsvatn. The next several days were full of educational programs on environmental sustainability, Iceland’s history, global impact, respect for religious beliefs, arts, and innovation.

Some participants had a chance to travel to the Althingi site, home of the world’s oldest parliamentary institution. These Scouts engaged in a forum to discuss issues facing world Scouting. The resolutions that came from the forum were presented at the 2017 World Scout Youth Forum in Azerbaijan.

The BSA contingent sponsored a “S’Mores Demonstration” for International Day, where each country put on a demonstration illustrative of their nation’s Scouting or cultural heritage. Thousands of Scouts lined up to learn how to toast marshmallows and make a s’more.

The evenings were a time to meet new friends, dance to world music in the Dutch “Fire and Ice” disco, and learn new games or songs at one of the international coffeehouses.

One participant summed up her experience: “The Moot was the best Scouting experience of my life. Better than the World Jamboree in Japan! I loved living with people from around the world and getting to learn about their lives, cultures, and viewpoints. I left the Moot feeling more connected to the world and more concerned about peace. I know that the friendships I made in Iceland will last forever.”

Leaders of the BSA contingent were Andy Chapman, Mark Beese, and Alex Call. Chapman was subsequently elected to the World Scout Committee at the World Scout Conference in Baku, Azerbaijan.

The next World Scout Moot will be held in Ireland in 2021. Visit the website, www.worldscoutmoot.ie, for more information from the host country.
The Boy Scouts of America is pleased to announce that International Committee member and OA Vigil Honor member Edward “Andy” Chapman from Houston, Texas, was elected to the 2017–2020 World Scout Committee during the 41st World Scout Conference held in Baku, Azerbaijan, from Aug. 14–18, 2017.

Andy’s platform stated that he could help continue moving the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) in a positive direction, given his volunteer and professional experience. He believes that it is our responsibility as a world organization to help the regions support NSOs in achieving financial stability, leadership development, and youth empowerment. Andy represents a generation that embraces change and is constantly striving to improve the Scouting movement to make a better world.

The day after the election, he was additionally chosen as one of the two vice chairpersons on the Steering Committee.

While Andy was elected to the World Scout Committee, International Commissioner Dan Ownby completed his two three-year terms on the same committee. Dan’s contributions to world Scouting during his tenure on the World Scout Committee are above and beyond what was expected from a committee member. Dan’s guidance on administrative, financial, and leadership projects have changed how world Scouting functions, for the better. We thank Dan for his exceptional contributions to the World Scout Committee.
The following councils do not have an International Representative (IR) on file with our department. If your council is listed below, please nominate an IR to represent your council and help share all the wonderful international opportunities that are available!

To find out who your IR is, visit [http://www.scouting.org/International/InternationalRepresentative.aspx](http://www.scouting.org/International/InternationalRepresentative.aspx).

**CENTRAL REGION**
- Twin Valley Council, #283
- Gamehaven Council, #299
- W.D. Boyce Council, #138
- Muskingum Valley Council, #467
- Mid-Iowa Council, #177
- Pony Express Council, #311
- Sagamore Council, #162
- Glacier's Edge Council, #620
- Blackhawk Area Council, #660
- Mountaineer Area Council, #615
- Northeast Iowa Council, #178
- Anthony Wayne Area Council, #157

**SOUTHERN REGION**
- Northwest Texas Council, #587
- Colonial Virginia Council, #595
- South Texas Council, #577
- Pee Dee Area Council, #552
- Shenandoah Area Council, #598

**NORTHEAST REGION**
- Nashua Valley Council, #230
- Five Rivers Council, #375
- Bucktail Council, #509

**WESTERN REGION**
- Redwood Empire Council, #41
- Great Southwest Council, #412
- Maui County Council, #102
- Chief Seattle Council, #609
- Piedmont Council, #42
- Verdugo Hills Council, #58

**CHANGES IN SUPPORT SERVICE**
If you are moving or live outside of the United States, you can continue to be a member of the Boy Scouts of America. The World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM), of which the BSA is a member, is divided into six regions: Africa, Arab, Asia-Pacific, Eurasia, Europe, and Interamerican (North, Central, and South America and the Caribbean).

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**Transatlantic Council**
For countries in the Europe, Arab, Eurasia, and Africa Regions of WOSM
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**National Capital Area Council**
For countries in the Interamerican Region of WOSM
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- Web—[http://www.ncacbsa.org/directservice](http://www.ncacbsa.org/directservice)

**WHAT IS WOSM?**
“World Scouting,” or the Scout movement at the global level, is governed by the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM).

WOSM is an independent, non-political, non-governmental organization that is made up of 161 National Scout Organizations (NSOs). These NSOs are located in 223 countries and territories around the world. With more than 40 million members in 1 million local community Scout groups, WOSM is one of the largest youth movements in the world.

The BSA became an approved and recognized NSO of WOSM in 1922.
In order to identify who you need to speak to regarding specific programs, see the overview of the department responsibilities below.

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- World and region conferences

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- BSA donations, World Friendship Fund

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