



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: May 21, 2015

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B-P Bits:



Best Wishes to you all, and Good Scouting on Founders Day 2015

The Scout Staff was at one time part of the Scout Uniform. B-P adopted it because of its usefulness during his military campaigns in the jungle country of West Africa – for guarding his face when pushing through heavy bush, feeling his way in the dark, etc. B-P said: “Personally, I have found it an invaluable assistant when traversing mountains or boulder strewn country and especially in night work in forest or bush. Also by carving various signs recording his achievements, the staff becomes a record as well as a treasured companion to the Scout. The staff is useful for all kinds of things, such as making a stretcher, keeping back a crowd, jumping over a ditch, testing the depth of a river – there are many other uses for the staff. In fact, you will soon find that if you don’t have your staff with you, you will always be wanting it.”

Collectors' Corner: Boy Scout Timepieces



BSA



Cuckoo Clock



World Bureau



2011 WJ



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Eagle Scout



Cub Scout



Wall Clock

World Scout Environment Program: Today, there are many more environmental challenges than when Scouting started. It is, therefore, more important than ever to keep the environment element central to Scouting, to make Scouting a positive force for change. Through environmental education and action, Scouting can really make a difference. It has and will continue to.

Scouting in Algeria:



Algerian Muslim Scouts

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The AMS dates back to the 1930's, when the first Scout troop was founded under the name of Ibn Khaldun troop in Meliana by Sadek el-Ghoul. Shortly after, another one was founded in Algiers under the name of El-Fallah troop by Muhamed Bouras in 1935. It gained official recognition in June, 1936. Then, Scout troops expanded to other cities of the country. Under Mohamed Bouras, the league of the Scouts Moslem Algerian was created and obtained the approval of the government of the Popular front in July 1939. Encouraged by Oulémas reformists, the movement propagated patriotic ideas, was guided by nationalist chiefs, and carried out many demonstrations, like that of May 8, 1945 during which Bouzid Chaal, a young Scout, died. Many Scouts then took part in the war of independence, with the call of the moudjahidine. Algeria became a member of the WOSM in 1963.

Members are actively involved in national construction and community development projects. They have constructed schools, improved roads, planted trees and conducted literacy campaigns.

The Scout Motto is "Kun Musta'idan" or *كن مستعداً*, *Be Prepared* in Arabic, and *Sois Prêt* in French. The noun for a single Scout is *Kashaf* or *el-Kechaf* or *فاشك* in Arabic. A Scout is called *Askuti* in Berber.

The Scout emblem incorporates elements and color scheme of the flag of Algeria. It also has the crescent of Islam.



KAMPALA, UGANDA: 10 – 13 MARCH

2015 This year's Africa Scout Day celebrations were held between 11-13 March 2015 at Kaazi National Scouts Camping Site in Kampala, Uganda; hosted by the Uganda Scouts Association.

In September 2010, the Africa Scout Committee resolved to give the Africa Scout Day celebration a regional outlook, by assigning a National Scouting Organization to host the main celebration; whereby Scouts and Scouters meet, along with their partners, to showcase their achievements and promote the "spirit of world kinship, cooperation and mutual assistance amongst Scout Organizations within the Region". It is also in this spirit that we call upon all NSO to use the opportunity of the Africa Scout Day to showcase their achievements at all levels and take stock of the contribution Scouting is making towards a better Africa and a better world. Every year, a regional event to mark the Africa Scout day is organized, with a main theme that varies from year to year. The event brings together Scouts from different countries in Africa and beyond for a 3 day camp; during which they will undertake numerous learning and community service activities.

Scouting in Cambodia sees consistent growth: Cambodian Scouting is approaching its seventh year after becoming a full member of WOSM in 2008 with currently over 10,000 members.