

# Scouting Around the World



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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:**



Committee Chairman: Jay Eidson

1911 Discipline: % a small camp so very much can be done by example. You are living among your boys and are watched by each of them, and imitated unconsciously by them and probably unobserved by yourself. If you are lazy they will be lazy; if you make cleanliness a hobby it will become theirs; if you are clever at devising camp accessories, they will become rival inventors; and so on. When it is necessary to give orders, the secret for obtaining obedience is to know exactly what you want done and to express it very simply and very clearly. If you add an explanation of the reason for it, it will be carried out with greater willingness and much greater intelligence. If you add a smile, you will get it carried out with enthusiasm. A pat on the back is a stronger stimulus than a prick with a pin.+

### **Collectors' Corner: Air Scout Section Badges**







**June 8, 2019**. For World Oceance Day, World Scouting is teaming up with UN Environment to create a new movement for action in the battle against plastic pollution.

Already, some 27,000 Scouts, Guides and university students have undertaken a new Plastic Tide Turners Challenge Badge since its introduction in five countries across Africa, including Ghana, Kenya, Uganda, Mauritius and Tanzania. For the first time in World Scouting¢ history, the badges will be made from ocean recovered plastic Since the badge was introduced in February, the influence of Scouts in Tanzania has supported the introduction of a new single-use plastic bag ban which is now being considered in Ghana. In universities in Kenya, whole campuses are going disposable plastic free and new recycling facilities are being installed in cities following pressure from young people to act.

#### Scouting in Hong Kong



Emblem 1950øs to 1980øs



Current emblem

Scout training was first introduced to boys in Hong Kong in 1909 and 1910. Rev. Spink started a Boys' Brigade Company attached to the St. Andrew's Church in Kowloon, in response to popular requests for Scouting activities in the expatriate community. By 1911, British merchants and military personnel had started to organize Boy Scout troops in the city. On 16 April 1912, Lieutenant-General Baden-Powell arrived in Hong Kong and discussed with the Hong Kong Government the establishment of a branch of The Boy Scouts Association of the United Kingdom. In order to protect Scouting activity and institute its constitution, the Hong Kong branch was incorporated in the Boys Scouts Association Ordinance, 22 of the Law of Hong Kong on 1927. After amendments in 1939. 1950. 1975 and 1997. the ordinance became chapter 1005 of the Law of Hong Kong. In 1967, in line with the name change of the Boy Scouts Association, the name was changed to the Scout Association, Hong Kong Branch. The sovereignty of Hong Kong was transferred to The People's Republic of China (PRC) on 1 July 1997, but Hong Kong Scouting remained unchanged. Thirteen years previous to Hong Kong's sovereignty transfer, the UK and the PRC had reached an agreement on the future of Hong Kong. Under the framework of the agreement, Scouting is part of the way of life in Hong Kong, and can be preserved for fifty years. With Scouting being protected under this declaration, Hong Kong remains a full member of WOSM today. One increasing trend is to practice the PRC anthem and teach the knowledge of the PRC flag, with the British anthem and flag emphasized only in historical context. Since the sovereignty change, the association encourages Scouts to participate in cultural exchange programs in mainland China albeit that political symbols such as the anthems and the flag of the People's Republic of China become sensitive in exchange activities.

## SCOUTING OUTSIDE OF THE US

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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Hong Kong Scouts Open New Centennial Building

The 21 story building incorporated many sustainable building designs, including sun shading fins to reduce energy penetration and natural ventilation for the staircase and lift lobbies. The building accommodates an Integrated Training Centre, Aviation Training Centre, a Performing Arts Centre and an Art Gallery, as well as logistic facilities such as Scout Shop, Scout Library and Multi-purpose Hall. The Aviation Training Centre is equipped with two full motion flight simulators, one desktop flight simulator and one A330 FMGS trainer for Ventures, Rover Scouts and Leader Training. Intermediate Air Activity Training has 12 Logitech desktop flight simulators. All precision flight controls are the leading manufacturer of FAA-approved aviation training devices.