See the funny side - A fellow who can’t see the funny side makes himself miserable and grumpy, groused at everything and will probably go on doing so all his life until he is dead and then he will probably abuse the undertaker for making his coffin too long for him! I once made a man an officer in my force simply because he was full of jolly good humor. He knew nothing about soldiering; but that did not matter to me - he was valuable as a general cheer-up. And I never regretted taking him on. You could hear him laugh all over the camp and when the men heard it they all felt like laughing too, seeing the fun of the thing even when there was precious little fun in the mud and slush, the danger and disease. But we managed to smile.

Collectors’ Corner: Philmont

- Philmont map
- First Aid
- Early issues
- 60th Anniversary
- Conservation
- Leadership
- Back Country Camp
- BSA Triple Crown Hi Ad

AFGHAN SCOUTS RALLY ITS MEMBERS TO IMPLEMENT SCOUTS GO SOLAR

The Afghanistan National Scout Association, in partnership with the Ministry of Education is rallying its members to scale up its green initiatives and to implement Scouts Go Solar in all its activities in order to raise awareness about the benefits of using renewable sources of energy and the adverse effects of environmental degradation and climate change. To reach this goal, the very first Scouts Go Solar Workshop for Scout Leaders was conducted in Kabul in July 2018, which was subsequently followed by the very first Scouts Go Solar Camporee in August 2018.
Kevin O’Keefe has just joined the International Division and is now the coordinator for accepting applications for contingent leaders for international trips. We’ll be accepting applications rather than nominations for Contingent Leadership positions in an effort to find the very best leadership for our contingents with passion and drive. If you or someone you know is interested in filling a position in the Contingent Leadership for our 2 trips in 2020, please direct them to the website for the most up-to-date application and position descriptions: https://www.scouting.org/international/bsa-contingent/. We’re now accepting applications for Contingent Leaders and the Contingent Management Team (CMT) for the 2 events we have committed to participating in as the official point of contact for the BSA. For 2020, these events are Brazil in January and Poland in the summer. Check the website for details and updates. Example forms are attached below.

New World Scout Ambassador Bear Grylls Launches the Largest Global Youth Mobilization for the UN’s Sustainable Development Goals

Bear Grylls, the new Chief Ambassador of World Scouting, launched the initiative in the presence of several guests of honor including Their Majesties King Carl XVI Gustaf and Queen Silvia of Sweden, and heads of international organizations. According to Craig Turpie, Chairperson of the World Scout Committee, “Scouts for SDGs is all about the youth of today thinking globally and acting locally being the change that they want to see in the world.” Scouts for SDGs builds on these efforts with an aim to engage 50 million young people in a coordinated effort to deliver two million local projects and an additional three billion hours of service for the SDGs by 2030.
BSA INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT - BSA CONTINGENT LEADER POSITION DESCRIPTION

With more than 160 member organizations within the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM), there are many international Scouting events each year. They provide a great opportunity for our BSA members to connect with the world, to learn about other countries, people, and cultures through Scouting activities, and to make new friendships as part of their Scouting adventure. The personal leadership of the contingent leader is one of the most important factors in effective administration of an international event. Two key deliverables are (1) assembling the contingent to give the participants a once-in-a-lifetime experience that is safe and available at a reasonable cost and (2) showcasing the United States and the Boy Scouts of America to the world during the event.

**DUTIES**

Before the event:
- • Cooperate with world, region, BSA, and event leadership at all times.
- • Help determine contingent logo.
- • Maintain policies and coordinate efforts of other unit Scouters.
- • Participate in Head of Contingent meetings or have designated delegate attend.
- • Review event bulletins and communicate deadlines and other important information to participants and staff.
- • Work through the unit leaders to ensure fulfillment of the duties by their youth leadership.

On-site:
- □ Accompany the unit to and from the event.
- □ Attend daily contingent leader meetings and communicate information to participants and staff.
- □ Be personally responsible for the health, safety, and morale of the unit.
- □ Be responsible at all times for the proper behavior and conduct of the members of the unit, and ensure unit follows the Code of Conduct.
- □ Receive a report from the unit leaders on bed checks completed by youth leadership each evening after taps.
- □ Work through the unit leaders to ensure fulfillment of the duties by their youth leadership.

**SKILLS AND COMPETENCIES**
- □ Strong project management skills
- □ Experience in representing the BSA at the international level
- □ Ability to build a team (Contingent Management Team, International Service Team)
- □ Ability to lead teams of volunteers and staff to prepare:
  - o Financial Plan (e.g., budget, cash flow, procurement)
  - o Administration and Registration Plan (e.g., payments, refunds, travel details)
  - o Marketing and Communication Plan (e.g., website, participants’ handbook, presentations)
  - o Service and Support Plan (e.g., patrol/crew and unit leader selection, get-to-know-you camps, on-site support)
  - o Travel Plan (e.g., ground, air, transfers)
  - o Logistics Plan (e.g., contingent kit, tents, supplies)
- □ Polished behavioral competencies in leadership, teamwork, flexibility, communication, and initiative
- □ Understanding of the multicultural nature of world Scouting and ability to demonstrate sensitivity and openness to all, regardless of background, ethnicity, religious beliefs, or sexual orientation

**RELATIONSHIPS**
- □ You will be appointed by and report to the BSA International Department.
- □ You will lead the Contingent Management Team.
- □ You will liaise with the event registration team, event delivery team, and contingent leaders from other national Scout organizations.

If you are interested in applying for this position, please submit your completed Contingent Leader Application to international@scouting.org.
BSA International Department
Contingent Leader Application

This form is to be filled out by an adult volunteer applying to lead a BSA contingent participating in an international Scouting event. A copy of this application will be forwarded to the council Scout executive for review and approval. It is the responsibility of the adult volunteer to notify/update appropriate personnel of any changes of information contained in this application.

BSA Member ID: ___________________________ Council: ___________________________ District: ___________________________

UNIT NAME: ___________________________ Event applying to be contingent leader for: ___________________________

Position 1: ___________________________ ___________________________
Position 2: ___________________________ ___________________________

MEMBER INFORMATION:

Salutation: Miss □ Ms □ Mrs □ Mr □
First Name*: ___________________________
Last Name*: ___________________________
Evening Phone*: ___________________________
Daytime Phone*: ___________________________
Email: ___________________________
Street Address*: ___________________________
City*: ___________________________
Language: □ English □ French □ Spanish □ Other: ___________________________

Gender*: □ Male □ Female
Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)*: ___________________________
Other Phone: ___________________________
State*: ___________________________
Zip Code*: ___________________________

EMERGENCY/PARENT/GUARDIAN CONTACT INFORMATION: Require two emergency contacts.

Emergency Contact 1:
Last Name*: ___________________________
First Name*: ___________________________
Daytime Phone*: ___________________________
Evening Phone*: ___________________________
Other Phone: ___________________________
Relationship*: ___________________________

Emergency Contact 2:
Last Name*: ___________________________
First Name*: ___________________________
Daytime Phone*: ___________________________
Evening Phone*: ___________________________
Other Phone: ___________________________
Relationship*: ___________________________

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

Please provide a brief summary of your experience (Scouting and other) with youth and/or international programs and explain how your experience makes you uniquely qualified to be a contingent leader for a BSA contingent trip. *You may attach ONE additional page if needed.
CERTIFICATIONS (Check all that apply)

CPR/AED  First-Aid  WFA/WFR  EMT  RN  Physician  Other Medical
LIFEGUARD  Relevant BSA Training:

PRIOR EXPERIENCE (Check/respond to all that apply)

World Jamborees (Years: Roles: )  World Moot (Years: Roles: )
Non-world BSA Contingent (Describe events, years and roles)

REFERENCES:
Please provide three, non-family references that can attest to your ability to work with youth. Include a minimum of ONE reference from the BSA or other youth serving organization who can confirm your proficiency in leading a group of youth in accordance with BSA protocol. If we are unable to contact the references listed we may request additional references as needed. Please ensure all information provided is accurate, legible and complete.

Reference 1 Name*:  Evening Ph. #:  Other Ph. #:  Email*:  Relationship*:  No. of Years Known:
Reference 2 Name*:  Evening Ph. #:  Other Ph. #:  Email*:  Relationship*:  No. of Years Known:
Reference 3 Name*:  Evening Ph. #:  Other Ph. #:  Email*:  Relationship*:  No. of Years Known:

RISK ADVISORY STATEMENT & SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS:
I understand that participation in Scouting activities involves the risk of personal injury, including death, due to the physical, mental, and emotional challenges in the activities offered. Information about those activities may be obtained from the venue, activity coordinators, or your local council. International Events/Contingent trips carry additional inherent risk and challenges different from the majority of Scouting activities. As an applicant for the consideration of a leadership position for this event I understand the following associated risks/special considerations may be present:
- International travel to the event may be physically and/or mentally taxing. Participation as a leader for this event may require extended travel time or in excess of 6-8 hours.
- Participation at the event will be in a country with an environment potentially much different than that of my place of residence. Circumstances may include but are not limited to: High elevation or changes in elevation, introduction of allergens different than my place of residence, differences in air quality and humidity, differences in water quality and overall differences in climate.
- I understand that as part of my participation as a Contingent Leader, I may be subjected to strenuous physical conditions and/or activities. My inability to participate or complete required duties due to pre-existing conditions may place additional stress and/or hardship onto other members of the contingent. Due to the additional circumstances that may be present at the event that have the potential to impact other contingent members, I agree to disclose any conditions that may pose additional risk to the contingent.
- I agree to complete a BSA Annual Health and Medical Record, Parts A-C prior to my participation at the event. (12 mos. maximum) This form will serve as proof of my physical conditioning and medically able to participate in all parts of this event.

APPLICANT’S AGREEMENT OR CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE: (To be completed by the Applicant)
STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING: (By signing below you agree to the following statements)
- I agree to live by the Scout Oath and Scout Law and to obey and cooperate with event leadership.
- I agree to meet my full responsibilities as a member of the BSA contingent and to wear the official uniform when appropriate.
- I agree further to submit evidence of fitness to make this trip on the official health form signed by a licensed health-care practitioner, and will obtain required immunizations.
- I have or I will have, read, understood, and agree to the Scouter Code of Conduct, and I will abide by the Code of Conduct as a condition of membership.
- I have, or will have completed Youth Protection Training and will be current at time of event. Additionally, I agree to comply with all YPT policies while in this role.

X

Signature  Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

I understand that this application does NOT guarantee my selection as a Contingent Leader and agree to register for the event online and fill out all additional required documents as directed, if approved.

I would like to be considered for future/contingent trip leadership, please send me information about upcoming opportunities.

OFFICE USE ONLY: [ ] SELECTED [ ] NOT SELECTED [ ] NOTIFIED DATE:

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