



# 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.

Upcoming meeting date: March 21, 2013

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## BP Bits:



One of Baden-Powell's influences was Ernest Thompson Seton, who founded the Woodcraft Indians. Seton gave Baden-Powell a copy of his book *The Birch Bark Roll of the Woodcraft Indians* and they met in 1906. The first book on the Scout Movement, Baden-Powell's *Scouting for Boys* was published in six installments in 1908, and has sold approximately 150 million copies as the fourth best-selling book of the 20th century. There is a rather large debate as to how much B-P used Seton's ideas in his own Scout movement. Obviously the American Indian lore did not hit home in the UK, but all of the outdoor camping skills did. As a side note, the American Contingent to the 1929 World Jamboree had with them souvenir editions of the Universal Indian Sign Language book. The photo is of B-P wearing a Plains war bonnet during a 1935 visit to Canada.

## Collectors' Corner: Ireland's Scouting History



Until 1922, Scouting in Ireland came under the UK Boy Scouts Association. When the country became independent, the Irish Free State Scout Council came into existence, which later became the Boy Scouts of Ireland, then the Scout Association of Ireland (SAI). In 1928, with the approval of the Church, the Catholic Boy Scouts of Ireland (CBSI) was formed. In 1949, the Boy Scouts of Ireland were recognized by the World Organization of Scout Movements as the 'official' Scouting organization. Relations between the SAI and CBSI improved and in 1965, the Federation of Irish Scout Associations was formed, allowing both associations to be recognized. In 2004, the two associations merged, re-inventing themselves as Scouting Ireland. Scouting Ireland operates across the whole of the island of Ireland. In the north (Ulster), they work in co-operation with the UK Scout Association, which also has a large number of groups there.

Thanks to Alan Shives in the UK for this info – the editor is always looking for interesting material.



On 25th October 2012 after hurricane Sandy passed by Haiti, the Emergency Cells of the Scouts of Haiti (CUSH) were called upon. In the town of Damien, north of Port-au-Prince, hundreds of homes and temporary shelters were flooded by swollen rivers. The emergency cell of that area rushed to the aid of the people to help evacuate families and to clear houses. The latest figures from Hurricane Sandy reported 52 deaths, 20 missing and 18,000 affected families. The Emergency Cells of the Scouts of Haiti (CUSH) consist of teams of 40 to 50 Scouts trained in first aid, lifesaving, rescue excavation, firefighting and psychosocial support. There are 16 emergency cells spread across the country. Scouts are properly equipped and are always ready to act in case of a (natural) disaster.



Every year more than 4 million pilgrims from all over the world are travelling to Saudi Arabia to do the fifth Pillar of the Islam, a religious duty that needs to be carried out at least once in their lifetime by each able-bodied Muslim who can afford to do so. The pilgrimage occurs from the 8th to 12th day of Dhu al-Hijjah, the 12th month of the Islamic calendar. Because the Islamic calendar is a lunar calendar, eleven days shorter than the Gregorian calendar used in the Western world, the Gregorian date of the Hajj changes from year to year. This year the dates were 17-29 October 2012. During Hajj, thousands of Scouts of the Saudi Arabian Scouts Association assist pilgrims from the moment they enter the country until they leave again, as well as assisting with logistics in Mecca.



**Scott Teare**  
the new **Secretary General**  
of **World Scouting**

**These are changing times in World Scouting and there are lots of new developments with the World Scout Bureau. Under the circumstances, what kind of challenges, risks and opportunities do you anticipate in your new role?**

*There are resolutions from the World Scout Conference that give direction to the World Scout Committee that challenge us to do better things in a wide-range of areas. Society changes. People change. The way we work changes. The very face of Scouting has changed. If the World Scout Bureau – and this includes the Central Office and our six Regional Offices – are to remain relevant in a fast-changing society... then there is a need to re-think how we operate. However, changes need to happen for the right reasons and without interruption of services.*

See the full interview at [www.Scout.org](http://www.Scout.org)