Having had a military career, B-P earned many medals and decorations. These included 16 British honors including a baronetcy and a peerage. Scouting honors include the British Silver Wolf in 1909, BSA’s Silver Buffalo in 1926, and the World Scouting Bronze Wolf in 1935. B-P received 21 foreign decorations including the Wateler Peace Prize in 1937. Honors came from Chile, Spain, Portugal, France, Greece, Denmark, Poland, Hungary, Afghanistan, Belgium, Austria, Lithuania, Czechoslovakia, Sweden and Estonia. Six Universities also bestowed honorary doctorate degrees.
Help Provide Funding and Supplies for Scouts Across the World!

February 1-15 is this year's fundraising campaign for BSA's World Friendship Fund, providing two weeks for our members to focus on these critical efforts throughout the world. It's a great opportunity for both leaders and youth to help fellow Scouts who are in need of their support.

Around the world, WFF donations have supported:
• Building and rehabilitation of Scout camps
• Earthquake and tsunami relief
• Funding for sanitation and transportation needs
• Ecological, handbook, and uniform projects
• And so much more

For more information and details on how to donate, please visit your local national Scout Shop or scouting.org.
South Africa’s anti apartheid icon, Nobel prize laureate and a great supporter of Scouting, Nelson Mandela – passed away on 06 December 2013. Scouts from around the world have received this news with great sadness. Scott Teare, the Secretary General of WOSM said: “He is and will remain a great inspiration for all Scouts around the world. Today, over 40 million Scouts join the rest of the world in mourning for this great loss and we pray for his soul to rest in peace.”

In 1976, the South Africa Scout Association took the courageous and unprecedented step of defying an unjust system and opened its doors to all young South Africans in a single united Association. Upon becoming President of South Africa in 1994, Dr. Mandela recognized this pioneering role of Scouting in integrating South African society when he accepted to become the Association’s Patron. Under his patronage, the Scout Movement has made tremendous progress and is one of the largest youth organizations in South Africa.

“The international Scout movement is a world leader in youth education, and has particular relevance to the needs of youth in Africa and the emerging democracies around the globe. I am pleased with the progress of Scouting in South Africa, and in the steps which are now being taken to make the programme accessible to more young people. The importance of a high moral code, which is at the foundation of the Scout movement, cannot be stressed too highly.”

In recognition of his commitment to the dignity and freedom of all people, his support for the development of young people and their education, and his contribution to the growth of Scouting in South Africa and beyond, Madiba was awarded the Africa Elephant Award, the highest Scouting Award given by the Africa Scout Committee on the African Continent.

Scouting in Costa Rica:

The Asociación de Guías y Scouts de Costa Rica is the national Scouting and Guiding association of Costa Rica. Scouting was founded in Costa Rica in 1915 and became a member of the World Organization of the Scout Movement in 1935. Guiding started in 1922 and became a member of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts in 1946. The association has more than 11,000 members of both genders.

An interesting aspect of Scouting in Costa Rica is a University course on Scouting. This course is mandatory for all future teachers. The course highlights the educational value of Scouting.

Scouting in Costa Rica has an emphasis on community service, rural Scouting and nature conservation projects. The Association has a National Office and 8 regional offices throughout nine regions of Costa Rica.

Program:
Lobatos (Cubs)-ages 7 to 11, Scouts-ages 11 to 15, Tsuri/Senior Scouts-ages 15 to 17, Rovers-ages 18 to 21.

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