



# 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 19, 2015

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## B-P Bits:



From his earliest days in India, BP sent sketches home to England. Payment for his work helped him indulge, as a subaltern, in polo. "What a game it is," he wrote: "with four keen fellows on one side pitted against four equally keen on the other, mounted on fast and handy ponies, with a hard, level ground to keep the ball a'rolling, - no game comes near it. It is the quintessence of football, hockey, pigsticking, and race-riding fused together...the hard, light, white ball comes flying through the thick of the players, and away they rush to it...on they go, with every man and beast strained to the utmost. Now they turn, with one accord, as a flock of pigeons on the wing..."

## Regimental Polo Team in India

## Collectors' Corner: Boy Scout Bolo Ties



Japan 5<sup>th</sup> NJ



World Jamboree Norway



BSA Eagle Scout



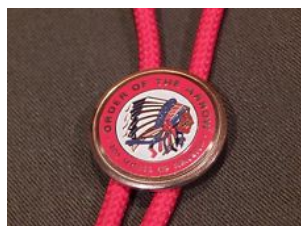
WJ Holland



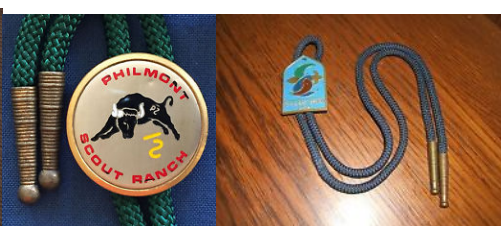
BSA '97NJ



Japan 75<sup>th</sup> 1982



BSA Order of the Arrow



BSA Philmont



BSA SE Region



Thailand



Schiff Scout Reservation



You can use this Program Guide to bring the Jamboree Program and experience to your troop meeting. The target of this JIJ guide is not only participants of 23rd World Scout Jamboree in 2015, but also all of Scouts and leaders all over the world. These activities can be used at any time at the patrol/unit meeting. You can adopt these activities for your own situation, depending on the size of the troop, the experience of the membership, and the facilities in your meeting place. Go to the WJ site and download the guide.

## SCOUTING IN BELGIUM:



Guides and Scouts  
Movement of Belgium



The Scouting and Guiding movement in Belgium consists of 15 to 20 separate organizations serving about 160,000 members. Nearly all organizations are grouped by languages and religions. The Crown Scout rank is the highest a Boy Scout can achieve. Gidsen- en Scoutsbeweging in België (Dutch) or Guidisme et Scoutisme en Belgique (French) (GSB) is the national Guiding and Scouting federation in Belgium. The members of the federation are:

- FOS Open Scouting (FOS; interreligious, coeducational, Flemish)
- Guides Catholiques de Belgique (GCB, Catholic Guides of Belgium; Roman Catholic, in most sections girls-only, mainly in the Walloon region and Brussels; only WAGGGS-member)
- Les Scouts - Fédération des Scouts Baden-Powell de Belgique (FSC, Catholic Baden-Powell-Scout Federation of Belgium; Roman Catholic, partly coeducational, Walloon region and Brussels; only WOSM-member)
- Scouts en Gidsen Vlaanderen (Scouts and Guides of Flanders; until 2006: *Vlaams Verbond van Katholieke Scouts en Meisjesgidsen* (Flemish Catholic Scout and Guide Association), VVKSM; Catholic, coeducational, Flemish)
- Scouts et Guides Pluralistes de Belgique (SGP, Belgian Pluralist Scouts and Guides; interreligious, coeducational, Walloon)
- There are also some German-speaking units in the German-speaking community of Belgium, mostly affiliated to the Walloon associations.

The Scout Motto is *Sois Prêt* (Be Prepared) or *Toujours Prêt* (Always Prepared) in French, depending on the organization and *Wees Paraat* or *Wees bereid* in Dutch.

The first Scout Troop was founded in Brussels in 1909. Englishman Harold Parfitt founded the first Scout Troop for British boys, belonging to the British colony in that city. Belgians (notably Henri, son of Antoine Depage) observing the troop's activities also took an interest in Scouting and soon Belgian Scouting began.

Boy Scouts of Belgium (BSB) was founded on December 23, 1910. The first all-Belgian troop was founded in Brussels. They used the British badges, rules and uniforms. This association was open to all boys.

As early as 1911, the BSB founded a Girl Guide or Girl Scout troop but World War I and the German occupation hampered their development, so the founding of GGB was not until December 17, 1919. They also used British badges, rules and uniforms.

Belgium was again occupied by the Germans during World War II, and the Nazis tried to unite all youth-organisations in one national socialist youth movement. Scouting meetings and camps were banned; however, some underground activities were conducted. Scouting resumed after the liberation. BSB and GGB merged into one organization in July 1945. Each section remained separate, and there were no mixed groups until well into the 1980s.