Scouting Around the World

February 2017

National Capital Area Council International Committee


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: 16 March, 2017

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B-P Bits:

“The Father I Knew” from Boys’ Life 1961: “My father married rather late in life and he was 56 when I was born. I was only 3 when he developed the Cub Scout program…but was made an honorary one. I was taken to the First World Jamboree in London and for the first time saw the enthusiasm with which my father was greeted by boys from all over the world. As I grew older, my father took me on journeys in Britain and on the Continent. It was on these trips that I really came to know him and came to appreciate his keen sense of humor, his artistic ability, and his supporting instincts.” Peter Baden-Powell died in 1962 at the age of 49. He had served in Rhodesia in the Mounted Police and later in the Native Affairs Department of the Rhodesian Government. He had two sons Robert B-P III and David Michael B-P.

Collectors’ Corner: Boy Scout Jigsaw Puzzles

1950’s wooden 1950’s wooden Rockwell World Bureau Leyendecker

Snoopy Camp Eagle’s Nest Joe Csatari old

The Seychelles Scouts Association (TSSA) declared a full member of WOSM on 14 DEC 2016

TSSA was founded in 1927 and flourished rapidly across Mahe, Praslin and La-Digue, the three main islands through churches and schools. Most parishes had Scout troops which formed part of their youth ministry. Until 1977, Scouting was the principal National Youth Movement in the country.
Scouting in Lithuania:

Scouting first came to Lithuania in 1909, as part of tsarist Russia. The indigenous Lithuanian Scout movement began in 1918, when the first Scout patrol was founded in Vilnius by Scouter Petras Jurgėla. In 1922, the first Scout General Assembly united the Lithuanian Scout Movement into the Scout Association of Lithuania. Lithuania was a member of the World Organization of the Scout Movement from 1923 to 1940. Scouting prospered until 1940, when occupation forces banned Scouting.

In the years after World War II, a displaced Scouting movement started in the camps for displaced persons, and provided a makeshift but quite effective camp postal system. Many of the Scouts-in-Exile soon moved to the United States and Australia. The organization was able to continue its work abroad, and grew into a large organization with Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and academic Scout divisions in Canada, the United States, Australia, England, Germany, Italy, Argentina, Uruguay and Brazil.

On April 29, 1989, on the eve of Lithuanian independence, the Scout Movement in Lithuania was reestablished and Scouting activity restarted. In November, 1989, after the fall of communism, Scouting formally reemerged in the newly democratic Lithuania. In 1992, Scouting in Lithuania applied for membership in WOSM. Their constitution was approved by the World Committee. However, serious conflicts with the organization of Lithuanian Scouting, especially former Scouts, resulted in the vote being suspended. From 1992 to 1995, attempts were made to insure democratic decision-making processes and to simplify structure, with little progress made.

A new association, formed by the majority of youth leaders in all regions of Lithuania as well as by key members of the former National Council, was created in the spring of 1995 under the name Lietuvos skautija. It was registered by the Ministry of Justice in September, 1995. A meeting was called in November, 1996, open to all active leaders registered in any of the several Scout Associations existing in Lithuania. A new constitution, conforming to WOSM requirements, was adopted and a new National Council was elected. Lithuania was readmitted as a national member organization of WOSM on July 25, 1997 with a membership of around 1,500 boys and girls as of 2014. National jamborees are held every 5 years.

The Scout Motto is Budėk!, translating as Be Prepared in Lithuanian; the response is Vis budžiu!, I am always prepared.

The Scout Oath is: Do not expect anything from others, always give them what you can. Live for your Motherland and mankind; be a friend of nature and animals. Be a gentleman and a protector of the poor and weak, and always take the right road. Strengthen your body and soul and educate yourself. May your will be as a bowstring resiliently drawn. Follow Saint George, the patron of Scouts: exterminate the evil in the world, but first of all in yourself. First think of others and only then yourself. Grow up as a mighty oak tree and do not bow down as a weeping willow. Be better tomorrow than you are today or than you were yesterday. Keep God in your heart and remember your motto "Be Prepared".

Program: Cub Scouts 6 to 10; Scouts 10 to 14; Venture Scouts 14 to 18; Rover Scouts 17 to 29; Sea Scouts; Air Scouts.

The Ticket to Life (TTL) program started in 2009 in Manila, the Philippines. The objective of the program is to provide non-formal education to less fortunate children particularly street children through Scouting, helping them to stay away from vice and equipping them with life skills. Through these activities, they learn about group interaction, Scout craft, rope works, first aid and citizenship. These children now have a better chance at life and will serve as an inspiration to younger children in their communities.
FEB 25, 2017
INTERNATIONAL
SCOUTING DAY
At the Sultan Qaboos Cultural Center

Scouts in the Washington, D.C. area are invited to set foot in Oman for half a day to learn about the nation, its people, and culture at the Sultan Qaboos Cultural Center (1100 16th St NW). Participate and experience: Omani culture, Scouting around the world, Painting activities, and Scouting in Oman. This is an incredibly fun and interesting way of meeting requirements for Citizenship in the World MB or the International Spirit Award. Pre-registration required via NCAC website: no walk-ins can be accommodated. All adults (18 years old & above) must show photo ID. Doors open ½ hour before each session – please be prompt. See you there!

REGISTRATION DETAILS:

https://scoutingevent.com/082-11532

$8 per person

Two Sessions:

9:30 am to 12:30 pm
1:30 pm to 4:30 pm