Scouting Around the World

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National Capital Area Council International Committee

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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.

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B-P Bits:

Aids to Scouting for NCOs & Men was revised by B-P and reprinted in 1915 especially for the 5th Dragoon Guards and for instructors of military Scouts. His Forward states “The question is how best to set about inculcating moral military qualities into the young soldier. The Russians, who formerly believed in the “machine” theory, have now come round to the individual training, and they effect it by training each man as a Scout. The French Army long ago translated and adopted Aids to Scouting as a textbook for the same purpose. Therefore I hope that this new edition of this little book may be found useful for practical training of the individual at the present juncture, when so many thousands of men are coming forward for the defense of their country.” (WWI)

Collectors’ Corner: Boy Scout Ceramic Statues

The “Ticket to Life” project (TTL) is a Kenya Scout Association initiative which began more than ten years ago. It is based on a Peer to Peer method using Scouts to interact with homeless children and reintegrate them into society. It does this by welcoming them, if they choose, into Scouting through mentoring, personal development, team spirit, challenge, education, self-exploration and discovery of self-worth and esteem. The program began in Nairobi but quickly spread to 20 other cities and towns in Kenya. Subsequently TTL has crossed international boundaries and reached eight other countries, including The Philippines, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Mongolia, Pakistan, and most recently, Thailand.
Scouts Canada is a Canadian Scouting association providing programs for young people of all genders aged 5 to 26, with the stated aim “to help develop well rounded youth, better prepared for success in the world.”. Scouts Canada, in affiliation with the French-language Association des Scouts du Canada, is a member of the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM). 2015-16 youth membership stands at 61,438.

Scouts Canada's programs are co-educational and it states it is committed to diversity. Scouts Canada has a policy not to discriminate for reasons of gender, culture, religious belief or sexual orientation. Although Scouts Canada's principles requires a basic spiritual belief, it states that members are not required to subscribe to a religion or belief in God.

A branch of The Boy Scouts Association was established in Canada under UK's The Boy Scouts Association's Overseas Department. The Canadian General Council of The Boy Scouts Association was incorporated by an Act of the Canadian Parliament on June 12, 1914. The Canadian General Council continued to be represented internationally by The Boy Scouts Association of the UK until 30 October 1946, when the Canadian General Council became a direct member of the Boy Scout World Conference, now WOSM. Canada continued to be a branch of The Scout Association of the United Kingdom until 2007. In 2007, the organization's name was amended to Scouts Canada. In 1972, Scouts Canada began accepting female participants as part of its Rover Section. This was expanded in 1984 to include the Venturer Section. In 1992, co-ed scouting was an option for all program sections and became policy for all sections in 1998.

Under the WOSM's constitution, only one organization is recognized in each country. Canada is the only country in which this recognition is held jointly. Many other countries also have more than one Scouting organization and some of these have formed national federations which are the WOSM members. Scouts Canada and L'Association des Scouts du Canada send a joint delegation to meetings of the WOSM.

Welcoming refugees - In Sweden it’s just called Scouting

People fear the unknown and fear making mistakes, creating barriers to positive change around the world. For Scouts - the world’s greatest change-makers - this is not a problem, because when faced with a challenge they do what they do best - they lead. When thousands of refugee children started settling in Sweden fleeing war, violence and danger, Scouts up and down the country started to ask themselves this question: What can I do to help? Letting their values based leadership take control, Scouts quickly admitted that they are not experts in crisis management or infant psychology, and that they cannot process these 'newly arrived' citizens, but they can offer something extremely valuable, something the other actors in society cannot offer, 110 years of experience, youth development and of creating community leaders through the simplicity of learning by doing. In one word, they can offer Scouting!

PRESS RELEASE Korea Scout Association to host the 25th World Scout Jamboree: Come 2023, Korea Scout Association will stage one of World Scouting’s biggest events – the 25th World Scout Jamboree. The Jamboree is expected to draw the participation of tens of thousands of participants to the proposed venue, SaeManGuem Area in Jeollabuk-do Province, which is 220km from Seoul.