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.

Upcoming meeting date: July 16, 2015

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B-P Bits:

Remarks of Maj Burnham at the Dedication of Mt Baden Powell 1931:
“The Chief in all his years of war had seen that it was carried on by youth. It was about this time that there was planted an acorn of thought that was to grow into a mighty oak. There was a better way. Now the acorn began to grow. It cast its cool shade over England, and almost overnight, the entire Empire. Now it leaped the Atlantic and soon it girded the whole world, reaching every nation and the far islands of the seas. The Scouts of the world have a power greater than all the dynamite ever made because it leaps national boundaries and even overcomes racial hatreds. So those of us who have lived our allotted span of life look with calmness upon a rather troubled world. We, like the ancient fire worshippers, can draw joy and comfort from the knowledge that the sacred fires in the hearts of the Scouts symbolized by their myriad camps, will follow the setting sun. The Powers of Darkness shall not prevail.”

Collectors’ Corner: Scout Camp Badges

- Kandersteg, Switzerland
- Killaloe, Ireland
- Scouts Canada
- Gilwell Park, UK
- Deinendorf, Zellhorn, Austria
- Vässarö, Sweden
- Kibblestone, UK
- Haliburton Scout Reserve, Canada
- Croatia

HM Queen Máxima, patron of Scouting Nederland, joined hundreds of Scouts and Guides to celebrate the official opening of Scoutinglandgoed Zeewolde, the newest International Scout Centre in the country.
Scouting in Colombia:

There are four Scouting associations in Colombia:

Asociación Scouts de Colombia (Scout Association of Colombia); member of the World Organization of the Scout Movement; co-educational, 13,348 members

Asociación de Guías Scouts de Colombia (Girl Scout Association of Colombia); member of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts; girls-only, 627 members

Corporación Scouts de Antioquia (Scouts Corporation of Antioquia, CSA); prospective member of the World Federation of Independent Scouts, operating in the province of Antioquia, divided in districts inside the region whose main center is in the metropolitan city of Medellín. The CSA traces its origin to the beginning of the Boy Scouts in Colombia with Sir Jorge Cock Quevedo in 1918. More than 1,500 Scouts are currently enrolled in this movement.

Asociación Colombiana de Escultismo (Colombian Scout Association, Scouts ACE); member of the World Federation of Independent Scouts

Scouting first appeared in Colombia in 1913, introduced by Miguel Jimenez, who was living in England at the time. He returned to Colombia and brought Scouting back with him.

Outdoor activities and community service are important parts of the Scout program in Colombia. Scouts participate in national festivals and holidays. They help in sports events, disaster relief and first aid situations. There is also a strong emphasis on conservation and ecology. Sections are Manada (Lobatos) - ages 6 to 11; Tropa (Scouts) - ages 11 to 15; Comuidad (Caminantes) - ages 15 to 18; and Clan (Rover Scouts) - ages 18 to 25

This project in Malaysia planted more mangrove trees to increase and strengthen the existing mangrove forest, cleaned out the rubbish which was trapped inside the mangrove forest, and assisted in collecting data for ongoing environmental analysis. The clean mangrove trees benefit the fishermen’s harvest and help protect the coast from Tsunamis.

H. H. Pope Francis, who is the head of the Roman Catholic Church, spoke to some 100,000 Scouts from the Associazione Guide e Scout Cattolici Italiani (AGESCI, one of the two National Scout Associations in Italy) who had gathered on Saint Peter’s Square on 13 June 2015. “Don’t forget: be open to dialogue with everybody!” Describing the ideal Scout, Pope Francis said he or she must have “a capacity for dialogue and build bridges in a society that is used to putting up walls…always remember, please, do build bridges!”