



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: Dinner Aug 15, 2013 area restaurant

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BP Bits:



The "Peace and Train Cruises": Lady B-P had inspected Polish Guides in 1932 and said that a visit by other British Guiders would be of great benefit. B-P persuaded the White Star Line to provide the ship "Calgaric" which visited 9 countries over 17 days. After this very successful trip, another cruise was organized in 1934 on the "Adriatic". This cruise also lasted 17 days and visited Mediterranean ports. The third and final cruise was aboard the "Ordana" in 1938. This cruise visited Iceland, Norway, Denmark and Belgium. These cruises were for adults only. Meanwhile in 1934, Haydn Dimmock who worked at Scout HQ, had an idea for filling a train with Scouts that would go cruising for a week. This came to pass in 1935 and continued on a yearly basis until the outbreak of WWII in 1939. Details of all these cruises can be found in several books published at the time.

Collectors' Corner: Rare Mafekania – From the huge number of artifacts made to satisfy the public's desire to honor the "Hero of Mafeking". From Colin Walker's "Scouting Collectables".



Mangle (squeezing water out of clothes),

Pub Table,

Umbrella Stand,

Horse Brass

Other Ceramics

By taking advantage of the many international and intercultural opportunities available in the Washington, DC area, the National Capital Area Council just introduced The *Global Citizen Award*. The award encourages Scouts to pursue Baden-Powell's vision that Scouting should "educate for peace and understanding between peoples". Other councils and Scout organizations should consider sponsoring similar awards. This award complements the *International Spirit Award* recently introduced by the national headquarters of BSA.

South Sudan joins World Scouting family

The World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) welcomes South Sudan as its latest member. The membership became official on 1 May 2013. The National Scout Organization, South Sudan Scout Association, will be ceremonially welcomed at the 40th World Scout Conference in Slovenia (2014). World Scouting is one of the first global youth organizations to accept the full membership of South Sudan

Scouting was active since the 50s as part of Sudanese Scouting. After independence of South Sudan, 7 groups out of 10 states met and held elections of a constitutive Board to establish the new National Scout Organization recognized by the national authorities and submit an application to become a member of WOSM.



Fast Facts about South Sudan

- The total population of South Sudan is 8.26 million
- The total area of South Sudan is 644,329 sq. km
- More than half (51%) of the population is below the age of eighteen.
- 72% of the population is below the age of thirty
- 83% of the population is rural
- 27% of the adult population is literate
- 51% of the population lives below the poverty line
- 78% of households depend on crop farming or animal husbandry as their primary source of livelihood
- 55% of the population has access to improved sources of drinking water

South Sudan Scout Association today:

- About 2,000 members and covers all the 10 states of the country.
- Good experience on community services like polio eradication campaign; sensitization against river blindness; burying the dead and healing the wounded during the war; tree planting and canal building, going to hospitals, cleaning campaigns, leprosy elimination, first aid, etc.
- The Association has been working on its policies and strategic plan – drafts of its Youth Policy (including child protection), the Association Strategic Plan and programs are under development.
- Strong support by Government and local authorities, community reliance on Scouting, families seem very proud to be parents of Scouts.
- Leadership and management teams comprised of people of high caliber, an excellent approach regarding youth participation, gender balance as well as religious, languages and ethnic origins.
- Already a partnership with neighbors' NSOs (Uganda, Kenya and Sudan) to get more exposure and is planning to attend wood badge training there
- The South Sudan Scout Association has relatively decent headquarters and a number of properties.

In becoming a Member of WOSM, South Sudan Scout Association has become, as it desired, a member of the Africa Scout Region and will also be supported by the Arab Scout Region due the linguistic reality of the country. The Association operates in English and Arabic (7/10 states are Arabic speaking but English is the official language of the country).