



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 17, 2014 – dinner meeting

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BP Bits:



“Leave the world a better place” B-P prepared a farewell message to his Scouts, for publication after his death. His advice of “try and leave this world a little better than you found it” is as relevant – if not more today and continues to inspire young people all over the world. The message is undated but probably was written before 1929 because it was signed "Robert Baden-Powell" instead of "Baden-Powell of Gilwell". Lady Baden-Powell said that this letter, in an envelope addressed "to the Boy Scouts," along with other papers was always carried with them on their travels in an envelope marked "In the event of my death".

Collectors' Corner: French Districts – very colorful with many varieties, interesting colonies.



Scouts join hands and help fellow citizens in flooded regions of the Balkans this Spring

The situation was so critical that the government declared a nationwide state of emergency. Scouts were active in providing emergency shelter and relief to evacuated people. Scouts organized a communication centre in Belgrade to coordinate the actions of scout groups across the city. Some of the Scout Groups helped with putting up beds, and assisting with distribution of food and clothing to those evacuated from the flooded areas, while other collected donations.

Transatlantic Council's 70th D-Day Anniversary Camporee:

4500 Scouts from all over Europe came to camp at Omaha Beach from 24-27 April for the 70th Anniversary of D-Day. Sponsored by the Transatlantic Council, Scouts toured the beaches and museums, participated in a wreath laying ceremony at the American Cemetery, had a banquet Saturday night and then watched fireworks. Four Scouters from National Capital Area Council also volunteered as Commissioners for the event and had a wonderful time even though it rained every day. This event might be held again in three years which has been their normal schedule.



Scouting in Israel:



Israel Boy and Girl Scouts Federation



Emblem of the Hebrew Scouts Movement in Israel

The Israel Boy and Girl Scouts Federation (Hebrew: התאחדות הצופים והצופות בישראל, *Hit'ahdut HaTzofim VeHaTzofot BeYisrael*) is Israel's national Scouting organization, known in Hebrew as Tzofim. Some 80,000 boys and girls belong to Tzofim in Israel. The first Tzofim groups were founded in 1919. The Israeli Scouts movement became a member of the World Organization of the Scout Movement in 1951, after the establishment of the State of Israel. The first Girl Guide units were also established in 1919; the respective federation became a member of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts in 1963. Tzofim is a non-political organization but upholds Zionist and Jewish values. Scout troops in Israel have always been coeducational. The federation in Israel consists of Jewish, Muslim Arab, Christian Arab, and Druze troops. Tzofim is open to everyone regardless of race, color, creed, or socio-economic standing. Israeli scouts come from all sectors of Israeli society. The Israel Scouts are divided into eight regional hubs: Jerusalem, Central, Tel Aviv, Ayalon, Sharon, South, North, and Tzabar (North America and Western Europe). The scout troop is called a *shevet*, or tribe. In the large cities, there may be several clubhouses in different neighborhoods. Most towns and kibbutzim also have scouts dens. There are two advanced scouting programs: The Wood Badge, held every 2 years for adult scouts, and the Aryeh Croch Israeli Scouting Badge, held annually for 11th and 12th grade scouts. Most of the federation's programs and activities are held in the Scouts Ranch in the north of Israel. Tzofim runs a special project for children with physical and mental disabilities called *Broshim* (*Evergreens*).



Emblem of the Druze Scouts Association



Emblem of the Greek Orthodox Scout Association