



# 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: March 17, 2016

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## B-P Bits:



“Aids to Scouting” grew from a very real need. The British Army in India was in a serious action against the Afghans and Nepalese. B-P trained his men in tracking, observation, compass, map reading, use of cover, etc. His training was so successful that he was put in charge of a school to teach scouting to all British Army units in India. B-P put all of his ideas in a training manual along with his sketches and published “Aids to Scouting” in 1898. After B-P became the Hero of Mafeking in 1900, and the training manual became available to the English public school cadet corps, many boys were immediately interested. The boys involved thought of themselves as Boy Scouts and used “Aids to Scouting” as their guide. But B-P became sure of one thing upon arriving back in England – that the manual was not suitable for training boys. After researching other programs for boys and testing his theories at Brownsea, B-P was ready to write what became “Scouting For Boys”. It was published in pamphlet form in 6 parts starting January 15, 1908 and ran through March.

## Collectors' Corner: World Bureau Scout Shop Items



## JOTA-JOTI 2016 Theme: *Discover Our World*

The theme “*Discover Our World*” encourages reaching out to Scouts around the world to engage in conversations and create opportunities for discovery. These opportunities include similarities and differences both culturally and in Scouting programs. This theme will also be used to guide creative options for the JOTA-JOTI logo contest that will be launched 1 March 2016. Check out the JOTA/JOTI website for details at <http://jotajoti.info/jota-joti-2016-theme/>.

## Scouting in Nepal



The Nepal Scouts is the national Scouting and Guiding organization of Nepal. Scouting and Guiding was founded in Nepal in 1952. Program emphasis is on handicrafts, hiking, camping, nature conservation, and community development. Service activities include adult literacy campaigns, food production, child vaccination and drug abuse education. Relief operations are mobilized during earthquakes, floods, landslides, fires and other natural disasters.

As part of the 2007 Centenary, Nepal renamed Urkema Peak in the Himalayas to Baden-Powell Peak.

The membership badge of the Nepal Scouts incorporates elements of the flag of Nepal, and both the trefoil representing the girls and the fleur-de-lis representing the boys, as well as the founding date in both Western and Nepali calendars. The highest rank is the *Everest Badge*.



The National Training Center is 15 kilometers Northeast of Kathmandu in Shivapuri National Park

Finland-Nepal Partnership Project (F-NPP) started in 2010. Its overall object is to strengthen Nepal Scout capacity especially by improving leadership skills. The program also focuses on community development and a latrine construction project in Dhunche, Rasuwa. The latrine is already being used by local villagers, scouts and students.

### UPCOMING CHANGES TO BSA CONTINGENT SUPPORT

In the past, the BSA International Department has performed the coordination and planning of BSA contingents to international Scouting events. The International Department is in the process of updating the process to support BSA members interested in attending international Scouting events, but will no longer act as the coordinator and planner of participation at these events. An important part of the change in the process will be the elimination of the current BSA Contingent Nomination process and the addition of the BSA Contingent Leader Nomination process. Please watch the web page at [www.scouting.org/international](http://www.scouting.org/international) for updates to the process expected to be released in the first quarter of 2016.



Since last summer, the Guides and Scouts in Austria have become more and more involved in refugee and migrant support activities in their local communities. "With this badge, we not only want to offer Scouts and Guides a possibility to clearly show that we are 'Against Xenophobia', but we also want to contribute to raise awareness for this important matter. We hope that local units and groups using the badge will also run relevant activities and provide information to their members before they actually sew it onto their uniform."