BP Bits:

B-P’s father, Reverend Professor Baden Powell, was born in 1796 and was married 3 times. He was ordained in 1820, made a professor of Geometry at Oxford in 1827 where he made significant discoveries in optics. He fought for the principle acknowledging that scientific advances were compatible with Christian religion. This was violently attacked and basically ruined his chances of becoming a Bishop. He died in 1860 after 14 years of marriage and 10 children with his third wife Henrietta Grace Smyth. B-P was only 3 at the time and his father’s death left the family in a challenging situation. B-P’s first lessons were from his mother. Later he attended Rose Hill School where he got a scholarship to Charterhouse School.

Collectors’ Corner: Girl Guides

UK Brownie
Estonia
French Canadian
Canada

Australia

Poland
Zimbabwe
Kuwait
Samoa
Malta
Ireland

Online Jamboree: WOSM announced the October 15th launch of the "permanent online Jamboree" at www.scout.org. Individuals will be able to set up a profile, post content, share, like, and comment. The new user-driven website will allow Scouts to share projects & successes, network, make new friends, and communicate with each other 24/7/365. National Scouting Organizations will also each have their own dedicated page. Check it out!
From the WOSM headlines about the 50th anniversary of the 1963 World Scout Jamboree in Greece, there is a very comprehensive tribute website that has been created. Worth a look. http://www.marathon1963.com/

SCOUTING IN IRELAND:

Scouting Ireland (Irish: Gasóg na hÉireann) is the sole World Organization of the Scout Movement-recognized Scouting association in the Republic of Ireland; in Northern Ireland it operates alongside The Scout Association of the UK. Scouting Ireland is a voluntary, non-formal educational movement for young people. It is independent, non-political, open to all without distinction of origin, race, creed, sexual orientation, spiritual belief or gender, in accordance with the purpose, principles and method conceived by Lord Baden-Powell and as stated by WOSM.

The aim of Scouting Ireland is to encourage the social, physical, intellectual, character, emotional, and spiritual development of young people so that they may achieve their full potential and as responsible citizens, to improve society. Of the 750,000 people between the ages of 6 and 18 in Ireland, approximately 6% are involved in Scouting Ireland. The organization was founded on 21 June, 2003, after a merger between Scouting Ireland C.S.I. and Scouting Ireland S.A.I.. Its headquarters are at Larch Hill, County Dublin.

More history: The Scouting Ireland organization has its basis in two separate Irish Scouting organizations — the Scout Association of Ireland (SAI), and the Catholic Boy Scouts of Ireland (CBSI). The former traces its roots to 1908, and the latter was founded in 1927. In 1965, the CBSI joined with the Scout Association of Ireland to form the Federation of Irish Scout Associations, FISA. Through FISA, Irish Scouts were able to play a full part in international Scouting. Prior to this, because the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) traditionally recognizes only one Scouting body in each country, only the SAI had been recognized by WOSM (since 1949). Similarly, the Northern Irish Scout Council (NISC) had observer status in the Federation, as the CBSI’s membership extended across the 32 counties on the island of Ireland and WOSM usually only recognizes associations that observe political frontiers.

Although aligned through FISA, these two separate Scouting organizations (the SAI and the much larger CBSI) operated as separate entities through the latter half of the 20th century. Then, on January 1, 2004, the two organizations were merged to form "Scouting Ireland". This followed a poll in May 2003, when both associations voted to join together to form a new single association.

Sections:

- Beaver Scouts - Ages 6, 7 and 8
- Cub Scouts - Ages 9, 10 and 11
- Scouts - Ages 12, 13, 14 and 15
- Venture Scouts - Ages 15, 16 and 17
- Rover Scouts - Ages 18 to 25
- Sea Scouts