I expect that every Scout has heard of Dan Beard, one of the Chiefs of the BSA. He is a real backwoodsman, and though getting on in years is a real boy at heart. He writes ripping books of Campcraft, woodcraft, and pioneering. And this is what he wrote to me on my last birthday: "Tell the English Boy Scouts that the National Commissioner of the BSA fully realizes the debt he owes to old England, for the splendid sportsman spirit which they have inherited from her, which in itself is the soul of Scouting. Our American pioneers would never have been the wonderful men they were but for the inheritance from their Mother country. Because the Boy Scouts of England live up to the best traditions of their native land, they can count on the love, friendship, and esteem of the Boy Scouts of America. Very Cordially your friend and brother Scout, Dan Beard."

Only about half the population of South Sudan’s capital has access to safe, clean water leaving thousands of people vulnerable to outbreaks of dangerous waterborne diseases like diarrhea and cholera. After visiting a primary school in Juba and seeing first-hand the filthy water that children were drinking, Patrick Kilo Evans, 22, decided to do something about it. Funded by the Messengers of Peace Support Fund, Evans’ Water for Child project makes sure schools have clean water tanks, and that children and teachers understand the importance of hygiene. It now operates in five schools in Juba and has trained scores of Scouts to educate people about clean water. As a result, Evans says incidences of waterborne illness have dropped sharply. Evans, who started in Scouting in 2002 before South Sudan got its independence, has just been named one of 12 Messengers of Peace Heroes for 2018.
Magyar Cserkészszövetség, the primary national Scouting organization of Hungary, was founded in 1912, and became a member of the WOSM in 1922 and again after the rebirth of Scouting in the country in 1990. In 1909 Hungarian newspapers reported about Scouting in England, and some chapters of Scouting for Boys were published as well. István Kanitz bought Baden-Powell’s book Scouting for Boys and started the first unofficial Scout troop with friends. The first official troops were founded in 1910 in schools and Christian youth associations. During World War I Hungarian Scouts cared for the wounded. After World War I Scout groups were founded in many schools and the first student Scouting groups appeared. Troops were also founded in factories. In 1922 Teleki Pál, a prime minister, was elected as Chief Scout. Air Scouts were introduced in Hungary and a National Scout Brass Band was founded. Before the end of World War II, the national Hungarian Scouts were ordered to merge with the extremist right-leaning youth organization Hungarista Örszem, but it was never really executed. In 1948, Scouting was officially abolished in Hungary by the Communist regime but it remained nascent underground. In 1989, Scouting was again legalized, and during that year Scouting groups appeared as though spontaneously, surprising many by how quickly it returned. In 1994, after democracy and Scouting was reestablished in Hungary, the community around Gödöllő moved to locate and re-erect a statue commemorating the 1933 World Jamboree held there. With the growth of Scouting in Hungary, changes to the organization include girl membership, who have their own patrols, and the expansion from towns into villages, allowing otherwise isolated children to participate.

AFRICA SCOUT FOUNDATION LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE ON AFRICA YOUTH DAY

Nairobi – Kenya: For the first time in 23 years the Africa Scout Foundation has launched its own website. Previously hosted on the scout.org/africascoutfoundation, news, stories, projects and other information about the foundation will from 1st November 2018 will be accessible at africascoutfoundation.org. General correspondences with foundation will henceforth be managed through info@africascoutfoundation.org. Other general enquiries about Scouting in Africa will continue to addressed to africa@scout.org. This is part of the efforts to enhance visibility and promotion of the Foundation to drive growth of its financial base. Through it, we hope that many more people will be are to better understand the role of the foundation and support its cause of ensuring a future for Scouting in Africa. We invite you to visit the website and learn more about how you can support the development of young people in Africa, through Scouting.

SPANISH SCOUTS LAUNCH A CAMPAIGN AGAINST PET ABANDONMENT

Scouts de España and Royal Canin have cooperated to raise awareness about pet abandonment. About 500 food rations have been donated to Arca Sevilla, an animal shelter. This is the third time that Scouts de España promote the campaign #Scoutsnobandaran (Scouts don’t leave them behind) that aims to raise awareness about a huge problem in Spain: pet abandonment especially during summer time. Royal Canin and Scouts de España have worked together to promote the campaign through encouraging people to post pictures with their pets on social media.
24th World Scout Jamboree
USA Contingent Scholarship Program
Phase II

Background

The World Scout Jamboree (WSJ) is often a once-in-a-lifetime experience for any Scout who attends. With opportunities for camaraderie with Scouts from around the world, the WSJ is a unique cultural immersion experience that supports the World Organization of the Scouting Movement’s mission to create global citizens and educate young people. The Contingent Management Team (CMT) of the USA Contingent to the 24th WSJ is committed to expanding this unique opportunity to as many young people as possible, regardless of their socioeconomic background or ability to pay the cost of attendance. Therefore, the USA Contingent Scholarship program, based on financial need, has been developed to assist youth and young adults in their quest to attend a WSJ. Phase I of this program has completed, and Phase II will be implemented to assist youth and young adults who did not apply for the WSJ before Phase I’s deadline.

Scholarship Amount

The scholarship can potentially cover any requested amount, up to 40% of the published fee.

Eligibility Requirements

- Register for the WSJ after July 31, 2018.
- Be approved to attend the Jamboree as one of the following:
  - Contingent members – ages 14-17 during the time of the Jamboree
  - 3rd Assistant Scoutmasters between the ages of 18-26
  - International Service Team (IST) or Contingent Management Team (CMT) members between the ages of 18-26

Scholarship Application Process

The Scholarship application process will commence with an online application to allow each applicant to demonstrate their financial need. Questions in the application will be available to review before the application must be completed.

Scholarships applications are exclusively completed at wsi2019.us/scholarships.

During this process, the councils will have a chance to review the application and give their consent to the Scholarship application, as well as a suggested scholarship amount. Once the Phase II application process has closed, the Region/Area representative will ensure councils have reviewed and approved the scholarship requests, and provided a recommended scholarship award amount. Once all applicants have been council approved, the Scholarship Committee will determine recommended scholarship amounts for each applicant. Recipients will be notified of the award amounts prior to the next payment deadline.

Timeline

- July 31, 2018 – Phase I of the Scholarship application process closed.
- October 15, 2018 – Phase II Scholarship application goes online.
- January 31, 2019 – Phase II applications close; to include Council approval.
- February 20, 2019 – CMT Scholarship Committee to commence final review.
- March 10, 2019 – Target of Applicants’ notification of Scholarship award amounts.
- March 15, 2019 – Scheduled final Contingent payment date.