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: September 17, 2015

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B-P Bits:

“As a Scout, you join a great host of boys of many nationalities and you will have friends in every continent. This Brotherhood of Scouting is similar to a crusade. Scouts from all parts of the world are ambassadors of good will, making friends, breaking down the barriers of color, of creed, and of class. Surely that is a great crusade. I advise you to do your best in that work, for soon you will be a man, and if quarrels should arise between any nations, it is upon you that the burden of responsibility will fall. Therefore, let us pledge ourselves to do our utmost to establish friendship among Scouts of all nations and to help to develop peace and happiness in the world and good will among men. In all of this, it is the spirit that matters. Our Scout Law and Promise, when we really put them into practice, take away all occasion for wars and strife between nations.”

Dan Beard, B-P, James E. West

Collectors’ Corner: BSA Honor Societies - In the formative years of the Boy Scouts of America, the Order of the Arrow was just one of the over 100 known honor camper societies that existed in Scout Camps and Councils throughout the United States. Councils adopted honor camping associations as a means of enticing young boys to return to their camps, summer after summer.

Firecrafter – Indiana
Camp King
Tribe of Mic-O-Say
San Gabriel, CA
Camp Oyo Ohio

Michigan
York, PA
Order of the Golden Sun, Quiverra
This statue is a memorial of a true story of a fierce battle in World War II, which happened on an island somewhere in the South Pacific Ocean. An American soldier was seriously wounded, and he was lying where he had fallen. The sound of gunfire stopped and the surroundings quieted down. He heard someone’s footsteps approaching. When he opened his eyes, a Japanese soldier who had a gun with a bayonet was standing over him. The American thought that he was going to be killed by the Japanese soldier, and he fainted. After a while, he woke up. He found a white slip of paper on the sand by his side, and he put it in his pocket. He was carried on a stretcher to the field operations aid station soon after that. When he was put on the operating table, he remembered the slip of paper in his pocket and gave it to the doctor. It was a message from the Japanese soldier: “When I was about to kill you, you made the three fingered Scout salute. I am a Scout. A Scout is a brother. Therefore, I could not kill any person who lost the fighting spirit. I tended to your wound. Good luck!” … This monument is to the Unknown Scout Soldier.

**CHANGES IN BSA SUPPORT SERVICE**  
As of June 1, 2015, the International Department is no longer servicing the Scouts and Scouters who are part of Direct Service. As approved by our International Committee in October 2014, the support of these Scouts and Scouters has been moved to the three councils/departments listed below.

**Far East Council (Asia-Pacific Region)**  
Phone—within Japan: 098-970-2400; international: +81-98-970-2400  
Address—Far East Council BSA, Unit 35049, FPO AP 96373-5049  
Web—www.fareastcouncil.org; www.fareastcouncil.org/about/service-centers

**Transatlantic Council (Africa, Arab, Eurasia, and Europe Regions)**  
Phone—CIV: +39-050-54-7795; mobile: +39-346-319-5814  
Address—Transatlantic Council BSA, Unit 31301, Box 25, APO AE 09613  
Web/email—www.tac-bsa.org; tony.dvorak@scouting.org

**Direct Service Scouting**  
Phone—972-580-2489  
Address—Member Care and Shared Services Department, 1325 W. Walnut Hill Lane, Irving, TX 75038  
Email—directservicescouting@scouting.org
BSA INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT –

An overview of department responsibilities will allow you to contact the specific person with whom you need to speak:

**Zachary Hanks** (Zachary.Hanks@scouting.org, 972-580-2406) • 2015 WSJ contingent support • 2017 NSJ contingent support • Messengers of Peace • Contingent trips • International Representative Conference—Philmont Training Center

**Robynn Watson** (Robynn.Watson@scouting.org, 972-580-2403) • Donations to foundations: World Scout Foundation, Interamerican Scout Foundation, European Scout Foundation, Kandersteg International Scout Center, Gilwell Park Foundation • Administrative support for the International Department

**Desiree LaPointe** (Desiree.LaPointe@scouting.org, 972-580-2368) • 2015 WSJ registration support • 2015 WSJ marketing support • 2017 NSJ Registration • International Spirit Award • World Friendship Fund donation processing • International Letter of Introduction • International Camp Staff Program support • Verification of participants and staff from other national Scouting organizations attending BSA events • Verification of BSA participants and staff attending non-BSA national contingent trips

**Lisa Cristiano** (Lisa.Cristiano@scouting.org, 972-580-2405) • 2015 WSJ Registrar • Jamboree-on-the-Air (JOTA)/ Jamboree-on-the-Internet (JOTI) • International, European, and Korean Camp Staff Programs • International Representatives • 2016 Interamerican Region Conference • 2017 NSJ International Staff and Exhibit support • Visits to the BSA office and coordination with other departments for national Scouting organizations

**Janine Halverson** (Janine.Halverson@scouting.org, 972-580-2401) • Leadership of programs in the International Department • Relationships and support to World Scout Bureau, World Scout Foundation, World Scout Committee, WOSM Regional Directors, Interamerican Region Office, Interamerican Scout Foundation, and Interamerican Region Committee • Support to BSA International Commissioner/Chairman, USFIS Committee members, and International Committee members with or without world Scouting assignments • United States Fund for International Scouting (USFIS) committee advisor and grants • 2017 NSJ: registration development for internationals • 2019 WSJ: co-host executive team support, contingent planning, registration development, marketing support