



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.

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B-P Bits:



Original Brownsea Scout Arthur Primmer's memories: "The first day activities proved to be "patrolling". B-P wanted to find out if the patrol method he had devised would work. Our Patrol Leaders learned how to move their patrols about by hand motions and we learned how to follow their silent signals. We practiced how to proceed soundlessly through the landscape, how to spread out our line and how to reassemble, how to walk slowly and how to run at Scout's pace. Tracking and stalking were two of the skills we acquired. Each patrol staged a track story in the soft dirt for the rest of us to decipher. One day, the chief officer of the local coast guard arrived and supervised practices in first aid, lifesaving, and artificial respiration. The hour between dinner and campfire every evening was dedicated to fun and fitness. Sometimes we played a primitive form of basketball, using bottomless fruit baskets for goals."

Collectors' Corner: Asia-Pacific Jamborees



26th Philippines



27th South Korea



31st Mongolia



25th Thailand



28th Taiwan



3rd New Zealand



22nd Australia



4th Australia



2nd Iran



20th Taiwan

Initial results of study show that Scouting improves young people's adaptability:

Korea Scout Association has been conducting a study since 2013 on what Scouting would mean for the youth, how Scouting improves a person's potential abilities, and how Scouting activities are effective as a whole. Dr. Eugene Eun-Gui Kim, International Commissioner of the Korea Scout Association, said that the research has shown that Scouts are more capable than the average teenager. "The results of the research have shown us that a young person who has been in Scouting for a long time shows higher levels of change in capabilities and optimism than those young people who are not." The longer the time that a young person spends in Scouting or in its activities, the greater the opportunity for learning about their ability to adapt and improve their interpersonal relationships and organizational ability, and eventually, overcome individualism among teenagers," he stressed further.

Scouting in Qatar



Emblem prior to 2010

The Scout and Guide Association of Qatar was founded in 1956 and became a member of the World Organization of the Scout Movement in 1965; the organization is also a member of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts. It serves 4,208 Scouts (as of 2011) and 1,916 Guides (as of 2003). The Scout president facilitated the building of the local zoo. Program emphasis is on out-of-school education in religion, citizenship and health as well as the usual Scoutcrafts, physical fitness and community service. There are Scout courses in wildlife conservation and projects for increasing plant life. Guiding was started in 1995, as the present government issued a decree and accepted the formation of the Guiding movement. Immediately, the Guides joined the Scouts and The Scout and Guide Association of Qatar was established. The Minister of Education has recruited six Commissioners to promote Guiding as an extracurricular activity in all schools. All leaders are teachers in the schools. Guiding is rapidly gaining a high profile in society, reflected in their membership. Members come from different areas and various sections of society. Guiding mostly operates from Doha, however some units have started in different parts of the country. There is a special program for Sea Scouts who are trained in all water and boat activities. There is also a small Air Scout section. The Scout Motto is *Kun Musta'idan*. The noun for a single Scout is *Kashaf*. The membership badge incorporates elements of the coat of arms of Qatar, and both the trefoil representing the girls and the fleur-de-lis representing the boys.

International Scouting events inspire young people across the world to carry on Scouting:

For young people, especially older Scouts, international Scouting experiences are an opportunity to re-connect with Scouting and go beyond the weekly meetings in the local community that are the bread and butter of the Scouting experience throughout the world. At international events, young people get to see how other countries practice Scouting, find inspiration for activities and make new friends.



At Roverway this year, the biggest contingents were from Europe, but young people flew in from as far afield as Saudi Arabia, Taiwan, Lebanon and Ghana. After camping together on the beach at The Hague, the more than 4,500 participants split up into their different programs, known as paths, which had been organized in towns and rural areas throughout the country, before gathering for the final five-day camp about an hour's drive east of Amsterdam. On the opening night, Frans Timmermans, a former Foreign Minister of The Netherlands and an EU Commissioner, took to the stage to address the thousands of young people gathered on the sand. A Scout as a child, Timmermans spoke of the need for cultural understanding, curiosity about the world and a determination to make things better. A highlight of Roverway was the international dinner that took place one evening, with groups of Scouts from each country cooking their favourite dishes.