“Was the old year a dud? What did you do during the past year that you can look back to and mark down in your record as a good step in your life? If you’ve nothing to put down, then that year was a dud. If you let a few years pass in this way, your life will be a dud.

Ever since I was a boy I kept a diary, and every year, on New Year’s Eve, I have run over it to find any steps of importance that I took during the twelve months and I can tell you it gives some satisfaction when you can honestly feel that that year, at any rate, has not been wasted.

Most of time that is wasted is time that we have not prepared for, for which we have made no plans. So look ahead – think what you want to do or ought to do and plan out how to do it. In this way you will Be Prepared.”

The World Scout Jamboree in Poland is our dream. But it is not something unreal. For twenty-five years, Poland and the ZHP have constantly been changing. 25 years of freedom have been a time for hard work for us. Today, a generation of young people who were raised in the first years of independence is ready to take responsibility for the future. People, for whom the legend of Solidarność became an inspiration, entered into adulthood and are now changing the world. We are dreaming of a jamboree that will fill the scouting world with imagination. A jamboree that in a natural way will show the phenomenon of a global movement that can – and actually does – change the world. Be the spark! That is the motto of our application. A spark starts a fire. A spark releases energy. We want every scout in the world – no matter what his sex, skin colour and religion is – to be that spark. The upcoming three years will be a great adventure for us. An adventure during which we will develop our organization and gain your trust. We will be working very hard for that. We will be learning from more experienced organizations. We will be asking. We will not stop dreaming and our dream will be transformed into real actions. This is the way we are. We believe that the spark from our dreams will also inspire you.
Scouting in Singapore:

Created in 1995 and named after the father of Scouting in Singapore, the Frank Cooper Sands Award is awarded annually to units that display high standards of excellence.

The Singapore Scout Association (SSA), formerly known as the Boy Scouts Association, was constituted under the powers granted by the Royal Charter issued under the hand of King George V dated 4th January 1912. Scouting in Singapore got started on July 2, 1910 by Mr. Frank Cooper Sands. He was a warranted Scoutmaster from the United Kingdom and formed the First Sands Troop with 30 boys under the sponsorship of the YMCA, whose building also served as the Scout Headquarters.

In 1915, Scouts rendered service to the Government and the people during the Sepoy Mutiny by taking over from the Army and Police Force duties of telephone operators, dispatch riders and clerks. Recognizing the extensive role of Scouting in the lives of young people by 1922, the schools in Singapore adopted the Scout Program as an extra-circular activity resulting in the formation of school-sponsored troops being registered.

The effects of World War 2 were being felt in Singapore and Scouts took up positions of responsibilities by qualifying as Air Raid Wardens, Fire Watchers, First Aid Men and Police Officers, serving bravely in their respective units until disbanded with the fall of Singapore to the occupational forces of the Japanese Army. Under fear of Japanese Military action, Scouts clandestinely met to keep the Scout Movement alive.

The President of the Republic of Singapore is the Chief Scout and the President's Scout Award is the highest rank in the Singapore Scout Association.

December 9, 2014 at 7:34pm - Congratulations! We've passed 600 million community service hours!

Overnight, a historic milestone was achieved – a counter, set at zero just over 24 months ago, crossed over the 600,000,000 mark in the Messengers of Peace program.

The Must-have Scouting Apps

Today, it is possible to have a compass, map, GPS device, flashlight, radio, high definition camera plus camping recipes and reference books – all in your pocket! With this little wonder called “smartphone”, we can have almost everything we need for a camping or hiking trip. To equip Scouts with smart devices is parallel with the Scout motto – Be Prepared - getting ready for the future while acquiring Scouting best practices from the past and present. Some free apps worth downloading are: Scouting Radio, First Aid by the American Red Cross, AccuWeather, Project Noah (involves wildlife), Walk with Map My Walk, and of course SCOUTS App – the latest News, Publications, Pictures and Videos from World Scouting.
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B-P Bits:

From his earliest days in India, BP sent sketches home to England. Payment for his work helped him indulge, as a subaltern, in polo. “What a game it is,” he wrote: “with four keen fellows on one side pitted against four equally keen on the other, mounted on fast and handy ponies, with a hard, level ground to keep the ball a’rolling, - no game comes near it. It is the quintessence of football, hockey, pigsticking, and race-riding fused together…the hard, light, white ball comes flying through the thick of the players, and away they rush to it…on they go, with every man and beast strained to the utmost. Now they turn, with one accord, as a flock of pigeons on the wing…”

Regimental Polo Team in India

Collectors’ Corner: Boy Scout Bolo Ties

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You can use this Program Guide to bring the Jamboree Program and experience to your troop meeting. The target of this JIJ guide is not only participants of 23rd World Scout Jamboree in 2015, but also all of Scouts and leaders all over the world. These activities can be used at any time at the patrol/unit meeting. You can adopt these activities for your own situation, depending on the size of the troop, the experience of the membership, and the facilities in your meeting place. Go to the WJ site and download the guide.
The Scouting and Guiding movement in Belgium consists of 15 to 20 separate organizations serving about 160,000 members. Nearly all organizations are grouped by languages and religions. The Crown Scout rank is the highest a Boy Scout can achieve. Gidsen- en Scoutsbeweging in België (Dutch) or Guidisme et Scoutisme en Belgique (French) (GSB) is the national Guiding and Scouting federation in Belgium. The members of the federation are:

- FOS Open Scouting (FOS; interreligious, coeducational, Flemish)
- Guides Catholiques de Belgique (GCB, Catholic Guides of Belgium; Roman Catholic, in most sections girls-only, mainly in the Walloon region and Brussels; only WAGGGS-member)
- Les Scouts - Fédération des Scouts Baden-Powell de Belgique (FSC, Catholic Baden-Powell Scout Federation of Belgium; Roman Catholic, partly coeducational, Walloon region and Brussels; only WOSM-member)
- Scouts en Gidsen Vlaanderen (Scouts and Guides of Flanders; until 2006: Vlaams Verbond van Katholieke Scouts en Meisjesgidsen (Flemish Catholic Scout and Guide Association), VVKSM; Catholic, coeducational, Flemish)
- Scouts et Guides Pluralistes de Belgique (SGP, Belgian Pluralist Scouts and Guides; interreligious, coeducational, Walloon)
- There are also some German-speaking units in the German-speaking community of Belgium, mostly affiliated to the Walloon associations.

The Scout Motto is *Sois Prêt* (Be Prepared) or *Toujours Prêt* (Always Prepared) in French, depending on the organization and *Wees Paraat* or *Wees bereid* in Dutch.

The first Scout Troop was founded in Brussels in 1909. Englishman Harold Parfitt founded the first Scout Troop for British boys, belonging to the British colony in that city. Belgians (notably Henri, son of Antoine Depage) observing the troop's activities also took an interest in Scouting and soon Belgian Scouting began.

Boy Scouts of Belgium (BSB) was founded on December 23, 1910. The first all-Belgian troop was founded in Brussels. They used the British badges, rules and uniforms. This association was open to all boys.

As early as 1911, the BSB founded a Girl Guide or Girl Scout troop but World War I and the German occupation hampered their development, so the founding of GGB was not until December 17, 1919. They also used British badges, rules and uniforms.

Belgium was again occupied by the Germans during World War II, and the Nazis tried to unite all youth-organisations in one national socialist youth movement. Scouting meetings and camps were banned; however, some underground activities were conducted. Scouting resumed after the liberation. BSB and GGB merged into one organization in July 1945. Each section remained separate, and there were no mixed groups until well into the 1980s.
The Kudu Horn – From a species of antelope standing over 5 ft tall. BP was commanding a flying column in the Matabele Campaign in 1896 and was puzzled by the way news of alarm was spread among the natives. It became known that they were using a war horn of great carrying power. After a fight with the Chief, BP took possession of the horn. The next time it was used, it called the boys on Brownsea Island together for the first Scout camp in 1907. Thus it was called into Scout service. It went home with BP again but was silent for the next 13 years. Then in 1920, BP handed the horn over to Gilwell so that it could be used for training courses. It is now one of the most prized possessions of the 1st Gilwell Park Scout Group.

Collectors’ Corner: Scout Writing Implements – pens, pencils, markers, etc.

| 1991 WJ w/lanyard | Girl Scout pen & pencil | 2003 WJ | BSA Eagle Scout |

SCOUT VOLUNTEERS Help To Combat Ebola in Sierra Leone

FREETOWN - As the Ebola Virus Disease continues to ravage the nation, Sierra Leone Scouts Association, supported by the Chinese Center for Disease Control in Sierra Leone, has trained 300 Scout Volunteers in Freetown as Messengers of Peace/Change Agents in a bid to intensify the social mobilization drive in their various communities in the Western part of the country.

The Association hopes to replicate the same to other provinces and districts in the whole country, as they continue to participate in contact tracing, surveillance, safe and dignified burials, psychosocial counseling, mounting check points for temperature screening with thermometers in various communities and supporting the military and the police in providing security in quarantine homes. Most recently, the Scouts collected 50 Ebola orphans and survivor kids, most of whom are Scouts, and presently providing them with shelter, clothing, primary education and some food at their disposal.
Scouting in Latvia:

The membership badge of Latvijas Skautu un Gaidu Centrālā Organizācija Scout emblem incorporates three stars of the coat of arms of Latvia, which includes the historical districts Vidzeme, Latgale and combined Courland-Semigalia (Kurzeme-Zemgale) into the united Latvia.

The Latvian Scouting program is based on the principles and methods created by Robert Baden-Powell, later forbidden by the Soviet government in 1940. The first Scout troop in Latvia was established on April 17, 1917 under Tsarist Russia, by Arvīds Bredermanis and other Scouts from Tartu, Estonia, followed by several other Scout troops in the Riga area. The official founding of Scouting in Latvia is counted to be 1917.

The Latvian Scout Organization Latvijas Skautu Organizācija was established in 1921, and Latvia was a founding member of the World Organization, from 1922 to 1940. Guiding was started in Latvia in 1921 under the Latvian Youth Organizations. In early 1922 Latvijas Gaidu Centrālā Organizācija was set up, and Girl Guiding was permitted to operate as an independent organization.

In 1940, after the Soviet occupation of Latvia, a special officer was appointed by the communists to abolish Scouting. Scouting continued unofficially and underground, operating without uniforms and in the forests to avoid detection. In 1941, the Communists killed the Latvian Scout founder and President, General Kārlis Goppers (1876–1941). The former Scout Commissioner for Latvia, Valdemārs Klētnieks, fled to the United States as a refugee after World War II. With the fall of communism, Scouting reemerged, and in 1989, the first Latvian Scout and Guide camp was organized.

Latvijas Skautu un Gaidu Centrālā Organizācija (the Latvian Scout and Guide Central Organization, LSGCO) rejoined the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) in 1993, as well as the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts.

Scouts Buy Island in Denmark:

Det Danske Spejderkorps, one of the National Scout Associations in Denmark created a buzz when they announced that they had bought (thanks to contributions from several foundations) Middelgrundsførtet, a famous fort dating from the 1890s off Copenhagen harbor. In an interview on Danish TV, Chief Scout David Hansen said that his association had seized a golden opportunity and that plans were already under way to create a unique Youth Island (Ungdomsøen) to the benefit of many Scouts and other young people from Denmark and abroad. Danish Scouts will begin to discover their new Youth Island this summer and a grand opening is planned for 2016, he added.
The Scout Staff was at one time part of the Scout Uniform. B-P adopted it because of its usefulness during his military campaigns in the jungle country of West Africa – for guarding his face when pushing through heavy bush, feeling his way in the dark, etc. B-P said: “Personally, I have found it an invaluable assistant when traversing mountains or boulder strewn country and especially in night work in forest or bush. Also by carving various signs recording his achievements, the staff becomes a record as well as a treasured companion to the Scout. The staff is useful for all kinds of things, such as making a stretcher, keeping back a crowd, jumping over a ditch, testing the depth of a river – there are many other uses for the staff. In fact, you will soon find that if you don’t have your staff with you, you will always be wanting it.”

Collectors’ Corner: Boy Scout Timepieces

World Scout Environment Program: Today, there are many more environmental challenges than when Scouting started. It is, therefore, more important than ever to keep the environment element central to Scouting, to make Scouting a positive force for change. Through environmental education and action, Scouting can really make a difference. It has and will continue to.
Scouting in Algeria:

The AMS dates back to the 1930’s, when the first Scout troop was founded under the name of Ibn Khaldun troop in Meliana by Sadek el-Ghoul. Shortly after, another one was founded in Algiers under the name of El-Fallah troop by Muhamed Bouras in 1935. It gained official recognition in June, 1936. Then, Scout troops expanded to other cities of the country. Under Mohamed Bouras, the league of the Scouts Moslem Algerian was created and obtained the approval of the government of the Popular front in July 1939. Encouraged by Oulémas reformists, the movement propagated patriotic ideas, was guided by nationalist chiefs, and carried out many demonstrations, like that of May 8, 1945 during which Bouzid Chaal, a young Scout, died. Many Scouts then took part in the war of independence, with the call of the moudjahidine. Algeria became a member of the WOSM in 1963.

Members are actively involved in national construction and community development projects. They have constructed schools, improved roads, planted trees and conducted literacy campaigns.

The Scout Motto is "Kun Musta‘idan" or ٍكن مستعدا, Be Prepared in Arabic, and Sois Prêt in French. The noun for a single Scout is Kashaf or el-Kechaf or فاكش in Arabic. A Scout is called Askuti in Berber.

The Scout emblem incorporates elements and color scheme of the flag of Algeria. It also has the crescent of Islam.

In September 2010, the Africa Scout Committee resolved to give the Africa Scout Day celebration a regional outlook, by assigning a National Scouting Organization to host the main celebration; whereby Scouts and Scouters meet, along with their partners, to showcase their achievements and promote the “spirit of world kinship, cooperation and mutual assistance amongst Scout Organizations within the Region”. It is also in this spirit that we call upon all NSO to use the opportunity of the Africa Scout Day to showcase their achievements at all levels and take stock of the contribution Scouting is making towards a better Africa and a better world. Every year, a regional event to mark the Africa Scout day is organized, with a main theme that varies from year to year. The event brings together Scouts from different countries in Africa and beyond for a 3 day camp; during which they will undertake numerous learning and community service activities.

Scouting in Cambodia sees consistent growth: Cambodian Scouting is approaching its seventh year after becoming a full member of WOSM in 2008 with currently over 10,000 members.
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B-P Bits:

Scout Handshake: When Captain Baden-Powell entered the capital city of the Asanti people in South Africa in 1896, he was met by one of the chiefs who came to him holding out his left hand. B-P held out his right hand in return but the chief said: “No, in my country the bravest of the brave shake with the left hand.” So began the “left hand-shake” of the worldwide brotherhood of Scouts.

Standing orders to his men at Mafeking: “Do not always wait for an order, if you see the situation demands action. Don’t be afraid to act for fear of making a mistake – a man who never made a mistake never made anything. If you find you have made a mistake, carry it through nevertheless with energy. Pluck and dash have often changed a mistake into a success.”

Collectors’ Corner: Historic Trails – BSA has hundreds of trail medals and patches

BSA Transatlantic Council has many trails in Europe

Valley Forge

Ben Franklin

Pokagon

Boston

National BSA Award

Plattsburgh

Chief Pontiac

The World Scout Bureau comprises of approximately 120 staff, based in 8 locations around the world:

WSB Kuala Lumpur Office - Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia;
WSB Geneva Office - Geneva, Switzerland;
WSB Africa Region Office - Nairobi, Kenya;
WSB Arab Region Office - Cairo, Egypt
WSB Asia Pacific Region Office - Makati City, Philippines;
WSB Eurasia Region Office - Kiev, Ukraine
WSB European Region Office - Geneva, Switzerland and Brussels, Belgium
WSB Interamerican Region Office - Panama City, Republic of Panama
The Scout movement was first introduced in Ethiopia around 1919, by Emperor Haile Selassie. However, the association was forced to end its activities due to the Second Italo-Abyssinian War of 1935-1936. Scouting was revived in Ethiopia in 1948, when Scout activities gained a foothold in the schools of Ethiopia. The Ethiopia Scout Association experienced its second demise in the early 1970s, when the Marxist Derg regime dissolved the association and confiscated its properties and funds. After twenty years of effort, with the emergence of the democratic system, the Ethiopia Scout Association was re-established in 1995. The Ethiopia Scout Association was readmitted to the WOSM at the World Scout Conference in Greece in July, 2002, the result of ten years effort by Father Renzo Mancini, the Chief Scout of Ethiopia. There are currently over 80,000 member Scouts.

Program:
- Tadagi Scouts (Cub Scouts) age 7 to 11/12
- Medebegha Scouts (Junior Scouts) age 11/12 to 15/17
- Wotat Scouts (Venture Scouts) age 15/17 to 18/19
- Awaki Scouts (Rover Scouts) age 18/19 to 25

Scouts Trash the Trash Day is a Messengers of Peace project for Scouts around the world, where each Scout is challenged to bring a friend or family member along and pick up at least one kilo (2.2 pounds) of trash each on the Saturday before the last Monday in May (the 23rd). The idea for Scouts Trash the Trash Day came from the scouts of Troop 1206 in Helena, Montana after realizing that there are several days throughout the year that Scouts get together and do the same thing on the same day. Days like Jamboree on the Air and Internet, Jamboree on the Trail, Trees for the World, World Neckerchief Day, but there was not a day for Scouts to all get together and clean up their communities. Thus, Scouts Trash the Trash Day was started. Scouts are asked to bring a non-Scout with them on this day of service in order to double the impact of their trash cleaning effort. Scouts Trash the Trash Day is about more than just cleaning our planet, it is a day to show the world what Scouting is about, educate individuals about Scouting, and recruit new boys, girls and adults into the Scouting movement.

Let’s celebrate our differences, encourage diversity, be more inclusive – and create a world built on RESPECT!
“If our lads were trained to see the other fellow’s point of view before passing their own judgment on a dispute, what a difference it would at once make in their manliness of character. Such lads would not be carried away, as is at present too commonly the case, by the first orator who catches their ear on any subject, but they would also go and hear what the other side has to say about it, and would then think out the question and make up their own minds as men for themselves. So it is in almost every problem in life, individual power of judgment is essential whether in choice of politics, religion, profession or sport. We want our men to be men not sheep.” 1912

The contest is to design a logo that will be used in official correspondence, on official websites, and be the uniform badge for JOTA-JOTI 2015. This is the largest Scouting event and involved over 1.3 million people last year. The purpose is to encourage and enable Scouts around the world to communicate with one another providing a fun and educational Scouting experience and promoting their sense of belonging to a world-wide Scout movement. The theme is “The Earth is Yours” and you can go to the World Bureau site to enter.
Scouting was founded in the British protectorate of Uganda in 1915. Church missionary Rev. Canon H.M. Grace was sent to Ankole in western Uganda to start Mbarara High School. He also started the first troop in Uganda. The movement took time to spread over the country during World War I, as the public thought Scouting was too military. In 1918, the Rev. Grace was transferred to Namirembe, where he started a second troop of Scouts. During World War II, Scouts served their community by working in post offices sorting mail, directing traffic and other meaningful duties.

Until 1971, Scouting grew very popular in Uganda and membership was spread all over the country. This all came to a halt between 1971 and 1981, due to the political situation in Uganda. Scouting suffered again in 1985 due to the wars and instability in the country. In 1986, Scouting resurfaced, and the Ministry of Education formally became the overseer of the Uganda Scouts Association. Although Scouting is a non-governmental organization, the Ugandan government has taken a keen interest in the movement. Unlike other countries, the Ugandan government has appointed a full-time worker in every district, called district executive commissioners, to co-ordinate activities of the Scouts, in recognition of the immense contribution the movement makes and can make towards the education of the youth education outside the classroom. A few years later, probably due to economic pressures the Government withdrew its funding for the paid District Executive Commissioners and they became volunteer posts.

This is the largest and most prominent values-based youth organization in Uganda and provides a program that builds character, trains youth in the responsibilities of participating citizenship, and develops personal fitness. For over a century, the Association has helped build the future leaders of this country by combining educational activities and lifelong values with fun.

Interesting historical picture: Gen Douglas MacArthur after WWII with Philippino Boy Scouts
Remarks of Maj Burnham at the Dedication of Mt Baden Powell 1931: “The Chief in all his years of war had seen that it was carried on by youth. It was about this time that there was planted an acorn of thought that was to grow into a mighty oak. There was a better way. Now the acorn began to grow. It cast its cool shade over England, and almost overnight, the entire Empire. Now it leaped the Atlantic and soon it girded the whole world, reaching every nation and the far islands of the seas. The Scouts of the world have a power greater than all the dynamite ever made because it leaps national boundaries and even overcomes racial hatreds. So those of us who have lived our allotted span of life look with calmness upon a rather troubled world. We, like the ancient fire worshippers, can draw joy and comfort from the knowledge that the sacred fires in the hearts of the Scouts symbolized by their myriad camps, will follow the setting sun. The Powers of Darkness shall not prevail.”
Scouting in Colombia:

There are four Scouting associations in Colombia:

Asociación Scouts de Colombia (Scout Association of Colombia); member of the World Organization of the Scout Movement; co-educational, 13,348 members

Asociación de Guías Scouts de Colombia (Girl Scout Association of Colombia); member of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts; girls-only, 627 members

Corporación Scouts de Antioquia (Scouts Corporation of Antioquia, CSA); prospective member of the World Federation of Independent Scouts, operating in the province of Antioquia, divided in districts inside the region whose main center is in the metropolitan city of Medellín. The CSA traces its origin to the beginning of the Boy Scouts in Colombia with Sir Jorge Cock Quevedo in 1918. More than 1,500 Scouts are currently enrolled in this movement.

Asociación Colombiana de Escultismo (Colombian Scout Association, Scouts ACE); member of the World Federation of Independent Scouts

Scouting first appeared in Colombia in 1913, introduced by Miguel Jimenez, who was living in England at the time. He returned to Colombia and brought Scouting back with him.

Outdoor activities and community service are important parts of the Scout program in Colombia. Scouts participate in national festivals and holidays. They help in sports events, disaster relief and first aid situations. There is also a strong emphasis on conservation and ecology. Sections are Manada (Lobatos) - ages 6 to 11; Tropa (Scouts) - ages 11 to 15; Comuidad (Caminantes) - ages 15 to 18; and Clan (Rover Scouts) - ages 18 to 25

This project in Malaysia planted more mangrove trees to increase and strengthen the existing mangrove forest, cleaned out the rubbish which was trapped inside the mangrove forest, and assisted in collecting data for ongoing environmental analysis. The clean mangrove trees benefit the fishermen’s harvest and help protect the coast from Tsunamis.

H. H. Pope Francis, who is the head of the Roman Catholic Church, spoke to some 100,000 Scouts from the Associazione Guide e Scout Cattolici Italiani (AGESCI, one of the two National Scout Associations in Italy) who had gathered on Saint Peter’s Square on 13 June 2015. “Don’t forget: be open to dialogue with everybody!” Describing the ideal Scout, Pope Francis said he or she must have “a capacity for dialogue and build bridges in a society that is used to putting up walls…always remember, please, do build bridges!”
B-P, although fully matured in army models of control, was vehemently hostile to over-centralization and excessive bureaucracy. He believed Scouting should be taken up as a result of coming together at a local level of interested adults along with enthusiastic children. The function of Headquarters was to provide a framework within which Scouting could develop while still reflecting local, national and later international diversity. He discouraged excessive interference with Scouting on the ground, as long as those involved accepted the basic ideals of Scouting. This balance between local autonomy and centralized guidance has served well.

JOTA-JOTI is the largest Scouting event in the world. In 2014 over 1.3 million Scouts participated across 157 countries. The event is held the third weekend of October; for 2015 the Jamboree takes place on **16th, 17th and 18th October**.
Scouting was first introduced in Thailand on July 1, 1911 by King Rama VI, who is known as the Father of Thai Scouting. King Rama VI brought back the idea of Scouting from Great Britain where he studied. Scouting in Thailand is unique in that it is part of the school curriculum and receives strong support from the Thai government and people. Even the Royal Family are keen members. King Bhumibol (Rama IX) is the Chief Scout.

Although Scouting is part of the school program, especially for grades 6-8, it is not actually mandatory. Options do exist for participation in other youth programs, such as the Thai Red Cross; however, the vast majority of Thai youth participate in Scouting. Scouts wear their Scout uniforms to school once a week, though which day of the week is set by the local schools.

The fundamental principles are: adherence to spiritual values, loyalty to country, promotion of world brotherhood, helping others, the practice of the Scout oaths and laws, voluntary participation in community services and various program activities. Scouting is open to boys and girls of all religions. There are 4 sections of Scouting: Cub Scouts, Scouts, Senior Scouts and Rovers. There are also Sea Scouts and Air Scouts which are supported by the Royal Thai Navy and Royal Thai Air Force. Scout training takes place at both primary and secondary school levels as well as at university and technical colleges.

The Scouts of Saudi Arabia have been working tirelessly in Mecca and Medinah, the two holiest sites in Islam, in support of the record number of visitors during the holy month of Ramadan. Visiting the 3000 Scouts on duty, Minister of Education Dr Azzam al Dakhil (4th from left) praised the Scouts for their service as Messengers of Peace. He donned a Scout scarf during his visit and "was just like one of us", declared one of the younger Scouts from Riyadh who met him. The service is one of the many large scale annual activities led by Saudi Scouting, according to Chief Commissioner Dr Abdullah al Fahad (3rd from left), who is also a member of the World Scout Committee.
Ivančena Scout Mound is a stone memorial in Beskydy mountains in the Czech Republic.

During the last days of World War II the Nazis brutally murdered several young Czech Scouts for their involvement in resistance activities. For their memory, in 1946, their friends built a small cairn in the mountains. The message was: Let anyone who goes around remember their deeds and leave a stone on this spot. Scouts and others kept coming with their stones even during the 40 years of communist oppression, commemorating Scout ideals. During the last 70 years a majestic memorial has arisen from the original small pile of stones and contains pieces from many places around the world.

You can add your contingent stone on the Ivančena Scout Mound!

Do you want to become part of the history and to express solidarity with the Scout ideals? When going to the Jamboree, bring a small stone (max. 5 cm diameter) from a beautiful and/or an important place in your country, paint or sign it and add it to the collection in the Czech Pavilion at the WSJ. We will then make sure to give it a prominent place on the Mound which is just being renovated...

Ask us to learn more about the Ivančena Scout Mound beforehand at ivancena@jamboree.cz.

Thanks for your contribution and see you in Japan!
“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.
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.


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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
The white stag of Hungarian mythology was the national symbol of Hungary and the official badge of the 1933 World Jamboree. Baden-Powell referred to the symbol in his farewell address: “Each one of you wears the badge of the White Stag of Hungary. I want you to treasure that badge when you go from here and to remember that, like the Golden Arrow, it also has its message and its meaning for you. The Hungarian hunters of old pursued the miraculous Stag, not because they expected to kill it, but because it led them on in the joy of the chase to new trails and fresh adventures, and so to capture happiness. You may look on that White Stag as the pure spirit of Scouting, springing forward and upward, ever leading you onward and upward to leap over difficulties, to face new adventures in your active pursuit of the higher aims of Scouting—aims which bring you happiness.”

Collectors’ Corner: Guides are helpful to understand what is available and their values.

There are countless guides for every area of Scout collecting. These include stamps, buckles, handbooks, ranks, toys, B-P, pins, coins, etc. A true collector uses these guides to learn more about their hobby and the history behind the items. Values are important also for insurance purposes for the more expensive items. Value is also a clue to how much conservation is required to keep the items safe.
Scouting in Belize:

The Scout Association of Belize was founded as a branch of The Boy Scouts Association of the United Kingdom. The Boy Scouts Association, British Honduras branch was registered in 1917 with a census of eight Scouters, 113 Scouts and 59 Cubs, a total membership of 180. The branch flourished for about three to four years, then died. Scouting was revived again in 1931 in the Belize City area, by Brother John Mark Jacoby, SJ, MBE, Professor of Mathematics at Saint John's College. Hundreds of boys, including many leading citizens, passed through the hands of 'Bra Jake', as he was affectionately known. For many years, Scouting revolved around activities held at the Holy Redeemer Scout room and at an annual summer camp at San Pedro, Ambergris Caye.

The coeducational Scout Association of Belize claimed (an unaudited) 3,041 members as of 2011, with some 27 Scout groups located in six districts.

In the late 1950s the Association acquired from the government 100 acres of land in the Burrell Boom area. Later named Camp Oakley, this site has been the venue for many national camps, training seminars and other Scout programs. In 1971, with the help of a grant from the Baron Bliss Trust, a concrete building was erected at the camp. The Highest Rank or Medal for a Belize Scout to achieve is the Queen's Scout Award. This achievement recognizes the hard work, dedication, sacrifice, knowledge and understanding of the Scouting ideals and principles.

2019 World Scout Jamboree, held at the Summit Bechtel Reserve, gets dates, theme, official logo

Turn-over at the 23rd World Jamboree closing show in Japan
In just four years, the Summit Bechtel Reserve will be at the center of World Scouting. Scouts from the United States, Canada and Mexico will welcome Scouts from around the planet at the 2019 World Scout Jamboree, held at the BSA’s new West Virginia adventure base. This world Scout jamboree is special because it’s a team effort. It’s hosted by Scouts Canada, Asociación de Scouts de México and the Boy Scouts of America.

Today’s youth members of the BSA have never had a world Scout jamboree in their country — or continent — in their lifetimes. So this is a big deal. The last world Scout jamboree in North America was in 1983 in Alberta, Canada. The last time the U.S. hosted a world Scout jamboree was in 1967 at Farragut State Park in Idaho. Mexico has never hosted.

**2019 World Scout Jamboree dates**

Mark your Scouting calendars now for July 22 to Aug. 2, 2019.

**2019 World Scout Jamboree theme**

The theme, “Unlock a New World,” speaks to the new adventures, cultures and friendships that will be shared by Scouts from 161 National Scout Organizations representing 223 countries and territories around the world.

**2019 World Scout Jamboree logo**

The 2019 World Scout Jamboree logo represents the friendship and unity of World Scouting. The globe-shaped design consists of multicolor ribbons featuring the official colors of the national flags of the three host countries and the purple of the World Scouting movement.

Notice the ribbons reaching out to the right? They’re reaching out toward the World Crest, which represents World Scouting. The message: “Welcome, world! We’re glad you’re here.”

**Where do I learn more?**

Stay tuned to the [SBR website](https), the [WSJ 2019 Facebook page](https) and the [WSJ 2019 website](https).
Voluntary Self-Education in Manliness is Possible

Are there no ideals we could offer to boys which without inculcating war and bloodshed would yet give them the manly aspiration, admiration of pluck and daring, of self-reliance and heroism, and self-sacrifice and chivalry?

The craft of the Indian and Zulu has its appeal for every lad; the adventure of actual boat management, or exploration of a strange country, the clambering over wild mountains, naturalist research, the pioneering skill, the camping and woodcraft lore, all have their formations for him. It is by using these attractions as the gift that the pill of education can be administered. And such training would be voluntary on their part, carried out with all the energy and enthusiasm of youth.
Scouting in Romania:

Romania was a founding member of the WOSM, having formally had Scouts between 1913 and 1937. Influenced by reading Baden-Powell's "Scouting for Boys", the first informal patrol of Boy Scouts was established in Romania in 1913 at Gheorghe Lazar high school by Dimitri Dimancescu, his brother, Ion, and classmates. The translation of Baden-Powell's book *Scouting for Boys* into Romanian was published in 1915.

During World War I, Romanian Scouts were very active in defense activities. Many Scouts who helped the transporting of the wounded were killed during air attacks. On September 29, 1916, Baden-Powell sent a message expressing regret to the Scouts for the death of their fellows. At the end of the war, the Boy Scouts marched in the front of the Victory Train, under the Triumphal Arch in Bucharest.

With the growing influence of fascism in the 1930s, Romanian Scouting officially preserved its apolitical character, only to be replaced in 1937 by a totalitarian organization, *Străjeria*, as part of the dictatorial measures initiated by King Carol II. After World War II, there were attempts to restore the Scout Movement in Romania, but the emergence of the communist regime brought a ban on all alternative youth movements, which were replaced by the Pioneer Organization and Union of Communist Youth.

After the Revolution of 1989, former Scouts and others acted for the revival of Scouting in Romania. *Cercetașii României* was again established in 1991, and in 1993 gained recognition by WOSM.

- **Lupișori**: Wolf Cubs-7 to 10
- **Temerari**: Pioneers/Scouts-12 to 14
- **Exploratori**: Explorers/Venturers-15 to 18
- **Seniori**: Seniors/Rovers-18 to 24
- **Lideri**: Leaders-24+

The *Scout Motto* is *Gata Oricând*, translated as *Always Ready* in English; the Romanian noun for a single Scout is *Cercetaș*.

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Lebanese Scout Federation helps Syrian refugees

Since 2013, Scouts from Lebanon have been working to support the integration of thousands of Syrian refugees in Lebanon, as well as helping towards improving their well-being and living conditions within the country. Working closely with the national authorities and local communities, Lebanese Scouts have focused on the basic needs of families fleeing the war in neighboring Syria; providing winter supplies, warm clothing and helping the children in particular to feel at home in their new communities. With more than 2 million refugees fleeing Syria, and some 840,000 in Lebanon, local Scouts have been extremely dedicated volunteers doing vital and outstanding work throughout the country. And in order to support their operational actions and young leaders training, Messengers of Peace Support Fund handed over extra resources that will enable Scouts and local communities to help create a better world for all Syrian refugees.
How Green Bar Bill Hillcourt met B-P: B-P and his wife Olave were scheduled to attend the opening of the 1935 National Jamboree in Washington D.C. Since that was cancelled due to the polio epidemic, B-P ended up speaking to the National Training School at Schiff Scout Reservation where the Hillcourts lived in a cabin. At the big reception, B-P was in one corner to greet the men VIPs and Olave was in another to greet the ladies. Bill’s wife Grace, came up and met Lady B-P at the same time Bill met B-P. Olave learned that Bill was a journalist and had just finished the new PL Handbook. Olave wisked Grace over to B-P and loudly told him “Darling, these are the kind of people we want to be with.” Then the couples arranged to have breakfast at the Hillcourt’s home and eventually became life-long friends. Bill later wrote the B-P biography “Two Lives of a Hero”.

Collectors’ Corner: Christmas Items

All sorts of Ornaments
Nutcrackers
Figurines
Yes, even patches-Australia
Cards – especially those done by B-P, above view from NZ

Kenya Scouts Association Achieves One Million Members

The Kenya Scouts Association (KSA) is today the sixth largest National Scout Organization in the world, with more than one million members. Since 2013, the membership of KSA has grown steadily by 702,498 to reach the current 1,026,427 members. (November 2015)
Scouting in Liechtenstein:

Pfadfinder und Pfadfinderinnen Liechtensteins (Scouts and Guides of Liechtenstein, PPL) is the national Scouting and Guiding association of Liechtenstein. Dr. Alexander Frick (February 18, 1910 – October 31, 1991) was the Regierungschef (head of government) of Liechtenstein from September 3, 1945 until July 16, 1962, serving as a member of the Progressive Citizens' Party. In 1931, he founded the Scouts of Liechtenstein in Schaan. Guiding started in Vaduz in 1932. The Scout Association became a member of WOSM in 1933.

Each division draws up its own program. Leaders organize various activities for all branches at local and national level and these are adapted to meet the requirements of the individual in the community.

After WWII, Rangers and Rovers helped in displaced persons camps by collecting donations and food for the refugees. Members of the Association are involved in many community service projects. During Lent, Guides organize a Soup Day in most villages together with the Liechtenstein Lent Charity. In 1986 the Liechtenstein Scouts and Guides started a community development project in cooperation with the Egyptian Scout Federation. The aim of this "Palm Tree Project" in El Arish, Egypt, was to establish a palm tree factory (which can process all parts of a palm tree including the dates) and therefore provide jobs for the inhabitants of the region.

The PPL is organized in four age branches:

- Bienli/Wölfe (Brownies/Cub Scouts – ages 7 to 11)
- Pfadfinderinnen/Pfadfinder (Guides/Scouts – ages 11 to 15)
- Pionier (Pioneer – ages 15 to 18)
- Ranger/Rover (age 18 and older)

Motto: Allzeit bereit!

- Be prepared!

13 November 2015: The Scouts of the World Award Seminar in Paris announced the new Scouts of the World Award Guidelines, designed for youth members between the ages of 15-26 years old. Have a look at the SW Guidelines on the World Bureau website. The Scouts of the World Award challenges all young people, Scouts and non-Scouts, to think about global issues and act upon them in their local community. It is the only award for young people provided by World Scouting. As part of the learning experience, you can gain the knowledge, skills, and attitudes needed to help solve global issues at the local level. The award requires a commitment from you to make your community a better place. On completion, you will be part of a network that provides inspiration to others to take action.