



Scouting Around the World

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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: 20 September 2012

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BP Bits:



B-P and Hillcourt: William Hillcourt (August 6, 1900–November 9, 1992), also popularly known as "Green Bar Bill" and "Scoutmaster to the World", was an influential leader in the Boy Scouts of America organization for much of the 20th century. For Christmas 1910, Hillcourt's brother gave him a Danish translation of *Scouting for Boys* by Baden-Powell. He earned Denmark's Knight Scout at 17 and was selected to represent his troop at the 1st World Scout Jamboree in 1920 where he first met B-P. The Baden-Powells visited Schiff (BSA's National Training Center) in 1935 and began a steadfast friendship with the Hillcourts. After World War II, Baden-Powell's widow, Olave Baden-Powell, allowed Hillcourt to edit *Scouting for Boys* and *Aids to Scoutmastership* into the World Brotherhood Editions to help the Scouting movement recover from the war. She then allowed Hillcourt access to all of Baden-Powell's letters, diaries and sketchbooks when she and Hillcourt co-authored the narrative biography of Baden-Powell, *Baden-Powell: The Two Lives of a Hero*.

1935 at Schiff Scout Reservation

Collector's Corner: B-P badges and places/things named in honor of B-P



B-P house London



Mt B-P California



B-P Trail Vancouver



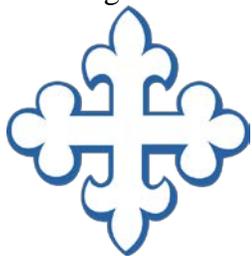
Sir Robert B-P ship



Luc Panissod

The Secretary General is appointed by the World Scout Committee of which he/she is an ex-officio member. He/she is the Chief Executive Officer of the World Organization of the Scout Movement and directs its Secretariat, the World Scout Bureau. He/she promotes and safeguards the interests of the Movement. Luc Panissod, born in 1949, became Secretary General of WOSM in March 2009. In this position he leads an Organization of more than 28 million members, girls and boys, women and men, in 160 countries. He has specialized knowledge and experience in organizations: policy definitions, strategic business planning, general administration, personnel management, accounting, financial management, public relations, communications, information technology and psycho-sociology.

Scouting in Finland



Suomen Partiolaiset (*The Guides and Scouts of Finland*) is the national Scouting and Guiding association of Finland. Scouting was founded in Finland in 1910 as part of tsarist Russia, being registered with the central organization of the tsarist Russian Scout movement *Русский Скаут*. Scouting quickly became immensely popular: by 1917 there were 18,000 Scouts despite the fact that Scouting had been banned 1911-1916 due to suspicions of seditious activities. Finnish Scouting was among the charter members of the World Organization of the Scout Movement in 1922. Scouting grew rapidly but was divided into several national organizations. The spirit of solidarity during and after the Second World War was a major factor in bringing the number of national organizations down from eight to two by 1943. These boundaries broke down when in 1972 the Girl Guide and Boy Scout Associations of Finland joined to form the Guides and Scouts of Finland. Today, there are 60,000 Guides and Scouts in Finland.

Scout Promise

I will love my God and my neighbor,
my native country and mankind
by fulfilling the Guide and Scout ideals in my life

Scout Motto

Ole Valmis
(Be Prepared)

One very distinct way of recognizing Finnish Guides and Scouts abroad is a blue cap with white stripes called "väiski". It has its origins in the Finnish mythology, in Kalevala. Väiski is part of the actual uniform of all brownies and cub scouts. It is also the camp cap of guides and scouts of all ages as well as part of our international uniform.



New BSA Award to circle the World Crest

Messengers of Peace Initiative Recognizes Peace-Related Service Projects

Today, Scouts in dozens of countries are working for peace by solving conflicts in their schools, building links between divided communities, teaching their peers about health and wellness, and repairing environmental damage. Now, when you join them, you and your Scouts can earn international recognition and a special patch. Created by the World Scout Committee, the Messengers of Peace initiative recognizes Scout units worldwide that undertake projects that contribute to world peace. To participate, all you have to do is submit your peace-related projects (like some Eagle projects) through the Journey to Excellence website (www.scouting.org/Awards/JourneyToExcellence). When your unit has completed the project **and checked the Messengers of Peace box on the submission page**, Scouts and Scouters who participated will be eligible to wear a special Messengers of Peace ring patch around the World Crest on their uniforms.

“Since the earliest days of Scouting, Scouts have worked to make the world a better place,” said Chief Scout Executive Bob Mazzuca. “This new initiative is a great way to recognize the efforts of our Scouts not just to visualize world peace but to help bring it about.” What kind of projects qualify? In terms of the MOP initiative, peace encompasses three dimensions:

1. The personal dimension: harmony, justice, and equality
2. The community dimension: peace as opposed to hostility or violent conflict
3. Relationships between humankind and its environment: security, social and economic welfare, and relationship with the environment.

Any project that has a significant impact on the community, or can make the world community itself a better place qualifies as a Messengers of Peace project as long as it meets one of the three dimensions above.

To learn more, visit BSA’s Messengers of Peace website at

www.scouting.org/messengersofpeace and learn what Scouts around the world are doing.