



# 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.

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## SPECIAL EDITION ON THE 2011 WORLD JAMBOREE RINKABY SWEDEN

There were about 40,000 participants and adults from 146 countries who attended an outstanding World Scout Jamboree (WJ). The jamboree was divided into four town hubs named after the seasons: Winter, Spring, Summer, Fall and each of these was divided into six subcamps. The UK had the largest contingent, followed by Sweden.

One of the main features of this WJ was Camp in Camp, where over 70 Troops from across Scandinavia held their own camp within reach of the Jamboree. For 24 hours, the WJ troops split their patrols up and each one joined a host Scandinavian troop in their site along with three patrols from other countries. Then in return, the hosts were invited to the WJ site on the Cultural Festival Day. This is where all the WJ troops showed off their own local culture by dressing in native costumes, providing food, dancing, etc.

As far as badges went, each participant got two official badges and a scarf. There were no subcamp badges, but each one did have a different lanyard. There was also a Day Visitor's badge and a Camp in Camp badge. Below are the Participant, Visitor, round and Swedish flag souvenir badges.



To learn more about the WJ on the web, go to the World Bureau site; Google different topics like Sweden WJ, etc.; go to FLICKR and see picture streams; and ebay to see lots of contingent badges.

Like at any jamboree, ceremonies played a big part. In Sweden, there were four shows with the themes of Meetings (getting to know Sweden), Lighthouse Celebration (inter-religious), Mid-Event theme of Nature, and Closing theme of Solidarity. All of the shows had lots of great live music, performances and video.

For the hungry there were Food Houses where participating countries served food typical of their cultures. Cafes, Town Center Cafeterias, and Kiosks were also all around the camp site.

## Are you changing the world today? (World Bureau news article)

At the World Scout Jamboree in Sweden this summer, the "Messengers of Peace" program was introduced. During the Jamboree 12,000 Scouts from all over the world signed initiatives and registered their projects on a map. But the Jamboree was just the first step. On 28 September, the next big step was taken, with the official worldwide launch of the Messengers of Peace Program in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

Messengers of Peace is a simple concept - every Scout doing good deeds and giving services to others which will be part of that collective process aiming at changing the world - your single act multiplied by 20 million - that is its real dynamic. So, of course, we want you and all of your friends to be a part of it. The opening ceremony was streamed live on the Internet. Their Majesties, King Abdullah of Saudi Arabia and King Carl Gustaf of Sweden, thanked the pioneers of the Messengers of Peace program and invited all Scouts worldwide to follow their example.

Imagine 20 million young people, just like you, being active in their communities worldwide undertaking simple but important work to change THEIR world. After the launch in Jeddah, we expect many more Scouts will want to join us in our quest to change the world.



So follow [Messengers of Peace on Twitter](#). Visit the [Facebook page](#) and click the 'like' button to keep you posted on all the things that are happening worldwide. Lastly, check out the [Messengers of Peace website](#) to register your projects and explore the world of projects.



## The King of Sweden promotes Scouting in the Swedish Parliament



The King spoke at the WJ closing ceremony and led the rocket cheer to start off the fireworks show. He toured the site on several days and camped one night with the Swedish contingent.

**15 September, Stockholm, the Swedish parliament opened for the year. His Majesty, King Carl Gustaf of Sweden makes his only speech to the parliament this day. This year he talked for seven minutes and of these two and a half minutes were about the World Scout Jamboree 2011. The following is a translation of an extract of his speech.**

"Only a few days after the events in Norway, 38 000 Scouts from 150 countries chose to gather at an international "Jamboree" in Kristianstad. During two weeks they all lived together, participated in different seminars and discussions, spent time together and got to know each other. The Queen and I had the privilege of getting to experience on site the great faith in the future that these young people have.

The Closing Ceremony with these 38 000 Scouts from all over the world was, despite the pouring rain, a nice manifestation. There was no mistaking the sense of joy, unity and solidarity that these young people from all over the world had created during these two weeks. Let us together make use of all these positive forces in society that see possibilities and want to contribute to making the world a better and more peaceful place. Everyone felt a great responsibility for the future. Their common final message was: "I am a Messenger of Peace!". That is faith in the future! What a great opportunity for you, elected representatives of the Swedish people, to engage and make use of this youthful enthusiasm and energy.

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Pioneering is a big deal in Sweden. Some of the huge WJ projects are pictured below.

