



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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BP Bits:



Baden-Powell en-route to Brownsea Island for the first Scout Camp, 1907

Brownsea Island was chosen for the camp because it was off the beaten track and was difficult to get to. This was due to BP being a very public figure and it would have been difficult to keep reporters on the scent of a good story away. Now the experimental camp could be given a fair trial out of the public gaze. In 1907 while on Holiday in Ireland BP became friends with Mr. and Mrs. Charles van Raalte and they invited him to visit them at their country home on Brownsea Island. As a boy BP had sailed in Poole Harbor with his brothers and knew the Island, they had in fact made a landing on the beach. B-P became convinced that Brownsea would be the ideal location for the camp, isolated but not too far away from civilization to get provisions to. A letter to Charles van Raalte asking for permission to use the island produced an immediate response. Of course he could come.

Collectors' Corner: INTERCAMP

In 1966 Rheindahlen District, a part of British Scouts Western Europe, organized the Rheindahlen District Scout Camp on the airfield at Wegberg Hospital, near to Mönchengladbach. A local German Scout Troop and a Dutch Scout Troop were invited to participate in the camp. This camp was a great success and friendships were formed. The following year, Piet Deckers and Fred Wurm agreed to organize a reciprocal camp. The first INTERCAMP as such, took place at Wellerlooi in the Netherlands on the Whitsun weekend 1967. From this beginning, the idea of an annual International Scout camp has grown into the current status of INTERCAMP. The annual international Scout camp is usually restricted to between 2000 and 3000 participants, from (currently) eight invited nations: Americans (BSA), Belgians (FOS), British (BSWE), Canadians (SC), Dutch (SN), French (SGdF), Germans (DPSG) and Czech (JUNAK).



Be Prepared – For a Quick International Activity: Collect pictures from around the world and ask your Scouts to match them to a city; collect Scout logos and ask the Scouts to guess the country; interview someone from another country; contact a Scout group from another country; collect Scout stamps.

60,000 Scouts say 'Jambo' from the Founderee

Around the world on 22nd February, Scouts gather together to celebrate the Founder's Day, the birthday of Lord Baden-Powell (BP), the founder of the Scout Movement. At the Founderee 2012 in Kenya, the magnitude and spirit of the celebrations is probably at the highest. For several years now, Kenya Scouts Association (KSA) has been organizing this pilgrimage-event with participants increasing each year, and in recent times, attracting visitors from all over the World. The BP Park in Nyeri is the final resting place of Lord and Lady Baden-Powell where their burial site and the surrounding Memorial Park is now being developed with great pride by KSA, in close collaboration with the Africa Regional Office of the World Scout Bureau, and with active support from the local municipality.

This year's Founderee event, celebrating the 159th birthday of BP took place on 15-19 February at the usual venue, the vast Kabiruini Agricultural Show Ground in Nyeri. There was the now customary pre-camp from the 15th to the 18th attended by 7500 Scouts followed by the Founder's day celebration on the 19th with over 60,000 participants. The Ministry of Health (of Government of Kenya) organized a blood donation centre and there were provisions for Voluntary Counseling and Testing for HIV. Adding to all the activities onsite was a very popular dancing competition, which brought on stage the best of world renowned African dances. The best dancers also got to perform at the grand campfire on the final day of the pre-camp.

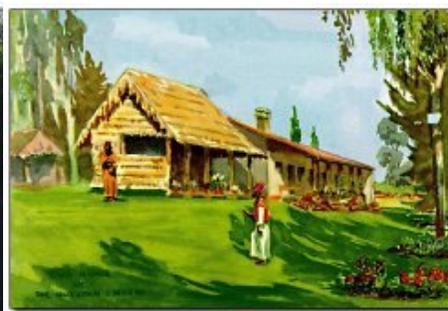
On Sunday, the 19th of February, the gathering swelled to accommodate over 60,000 Scouts who assembled to celebrate the Founder's Day. The entire gathering went on a celebratory march from Paxtu to the BP Memorial Park (grave site) as a key part and conclusion of the Founderee event. Paxtu in Nyeri is the residence where Lord Baden-Powell spent his last days, overlooking the beautiful Aberdare range and the majestic Mount Kenya, which BP painted from sitting in the lawn of Paxtu. Paxtu is currently being maintained by the Outspan Hotels and they have helped preserve a museum with exhibits showing BP's life at Paxtu.



Gravesite



Paxtu



B-P's watercolor of Paxtu

SCOUTING IN NEW ZEALAND



Lieutenant Colonel David Cossgrove (1852–1920, see picture) served in the South African War with Robert Baden-Powell and took B-P's ideas back to New Zealand with him and began similar programs in Christchurch. Program levels include: Keas school yrs 1-3 [ages 6-8], Cubs school yrs 3-6 [ages 8-10], Scouts school yrs 6-10 [ages 10-14], Venturers school yrs 10-13 [ages 14-18], Rovers [ages 18-26]. Currently about 16,000 are registered in the programs that "challenge New Zealanders to be active, extra-ordinary, and adventurous".

Scouts New Zealand is very internationally minded, participating in many Asia-Pacific Region and World Scout camps and Jamborees. There is a strong emphasis on conservation of natural resources. Scouts frequently help in natural disasters such as sandbagging rivers during flooding. Non-sovereign territories with Scouting run by Scouts New Zealand include Cook Islands - Cook Islands Boy Scout Association, Niue - Scouting in Niue, Tokelau - Scouting in Tokelau.