



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 dates: 16 February, 15 March 2012

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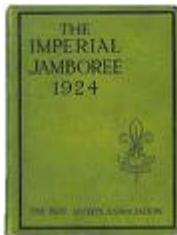
BP Bits:



B-P in South Africa after the Siege

Sir Winston Churchill wrote a book entitled "Great Contemporaries" in 1938 and B-P was of his "Great Men of our Age". Churchill was in South Africa covering the Boer War as a reporter. He writes: "General Baden-Powell, who had been relieved in Mafeking after a siege of 217 days, was riding in two or three hundred miles from the Western Transvaal to report to the Commander-in-Chief. I thought I would interview him on behalf of the Morning Post and get a first-hand account of his famous defense. We rode together for at least an hour, and once he got talking he was magnificent. I was thrilled by the tale, and he enjoyed the telling of it. I cannot remember the details but my telegram must have filled the best part of a column. Before dispatching it I submitted to him. He read it with concentrated attention and some signs of embarrassment, but when he had finished he handed it back to me, saying with a smile, "Talking to you is like talking to a phonograph." I was rather pleased with it, too. In those days B-P's fame as a soldier eclipsed almost all popular reputations." On founding Scouting, Churchill wrote: "... how lucky for us all! To this he owes his perennially revivifying fame, his opportunity for high personal service of the most enduring character; and to this we owe an institution and an inspiration, characteristic of the essence of British genius, and uniting in a bond of comradeship the youth not only of the English-speaking world, but of almost every land and people under the sun."

Collectors Corner: World Jamboree Souvenir Books – provides a great record of a major Scouting event.



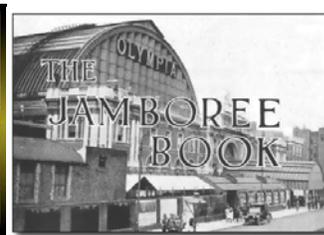
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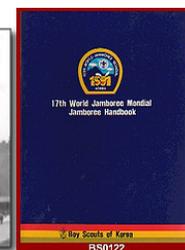
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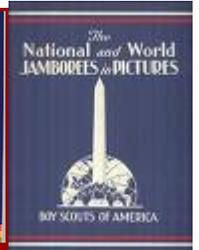
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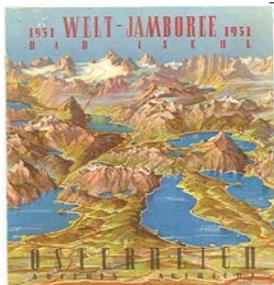
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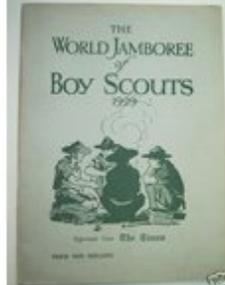
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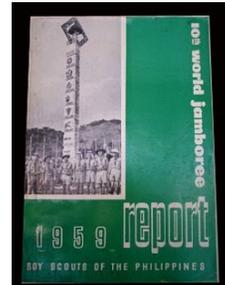
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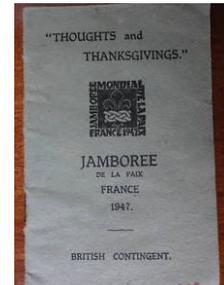
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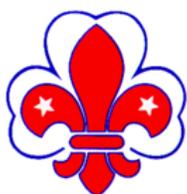
Philippines 1959



UK 1957



France 1947



The International Scout and Guide Fellowship (ISGF) is a worldwide organization of Scout alumni in support of Scouting and Guiding who want to strengthen dialogue between communities through community-oriented projects worldwide. The ISGF is open to former members of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) and the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM), and to adults who did not have the opportunity to be Scouts, Guides, or active Scout/Guide leaders, but who believe in the Scouting ideals. It was created in 1953 under the name of *International Fellowship of Former Scouts and Guides (IFOFSAG)*. ISGF is supported by WOSM and WAGGGS, and it has members in 61 countries presently. In 2003, the 80,000 members celebrated the 50th anniversary of ISGF by carrying out projects to the benefit of communities in which they live and work or worldwide.



A Royal volunteer for Scouting - HRH The Duchess of Cambridge, Catherine Elizabeth (Kate Middleton) was a Brownie as a child and has now decided to volunteer with the Scout Association (of the United Kingdom), especially at the local level, close to her home in northern Wales (UK). She has also expressed the willingness to volunteer in other areas of Scouting when opportunity arises. (Jan 2012)

The Duchess will be involved in a variety of activities relevant to her skills and interests including running games, teaching first aid or cooking on campfires. Announcing this, The Scout Association (TSA of UK) wrote on their website that this news 'comes as a great endorsement of Scouting's commitment to allow adults to volunteer their time on a flexible basis.' The Chief Scout of TSA - Bear Grylls, a famous adventurer and TV star, said: 'The Duchess has an incredibly busy life, which makes it all the more inspiring that she has chosen to volunteer alongside us. Over the last few years it has been our mission to make it easier for adults who volunteer with us to give as much or as little as they are able – it is how we change our society: many people doing a little bit.'

Shelter Box Update:

Typhoon Washi hit Mindanao on 16 to 18 December 2011, devastating the cities of Cagayan do Oro and Iligan and killing over 1,200 people. Fresh floods brought more misery to the southern Philippines on 28 December forcing more people into evacuation centres. A ShelterBox Response Team (SRT) is setting up ShelterBox relief camps on the island of Mindanao in the Philippines with help from the Philippines Air Force, Navy and Marines, who are assisting in loading and transporting prepositioned ShelterBoxes to the flood struck island. There are over 500 pre-positioned ShelterBoxes in the Philippine city of Clark to enable rapid support.



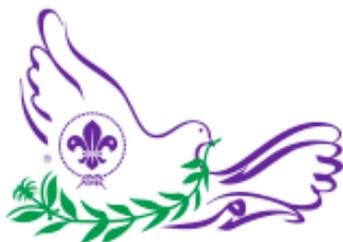
SCOUTING AND PEACE:

The World Bureau published a book called Building Peace Together with 12 workshops for use by Scout organizations around the world. These workshops came from the last several World Jamborees and a program there called The Global Village. The Scouts participate in programs titled Education for Peace, Democracy, Tolerance and Solidarity, Respect for Human Rights, Sustainable Development, Gender Equality, Refusing Violence, and Free Flow of Information.

The book concludes: "Seeing the culture of peace become established in the whole world, not only in individuals but also in communities, large and small, rural and urban, at the level of nations and continents, then at world level, is it just a dream or could it become a reality? The answer depends on each of us."

The World Scout Movement provides a place where children and young people can already shape their environment, where they can already make a concrete contribution to the culture of peace. Scouting is today developing fulfilled young people who are preparing to be the builders of a new world, a world of peace where the scourge of war will have been eradicated: egoism, injustice, hatred, distrust and poverty. The blasé and cynical may think this is a utopian view, but they should not forget that the idealistic dreams of today can become tomorrow's realities.

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Messengers of Peace

Scouting In Israel

The first troop of scouts (*zofim*) in Palestine was started in 1919 at the Herzlia gymnasium (high school) in Tel Aviv and, together with groups in Jerusalem and Haifa, founded Histadrut ha-Zofim be-Israel (the "Jewish Scouts' Federation"). The federation was dissolved after the secession of some sections in 1930 and re-formed in 1936 under the aegis of the Education Department of the Va'ad Le'ummi. As the Jewish scout organization was coeducational, it was not admitted to the world movement and did not participate in international scout meetings during the Mandatory period. In 1938 the *zofim* started sending members for agricultural training, and in 1941 the federation adopted pioneering on the land as one of its aims. Its graduates founded Ma'agan Mikha'el in 1949 and subsequently established 26 other kibbutzim.

In 1951 the federation was accepted into the world movement and in 1953 merged with Muslim, Christian, and Druze scouts in Israel to form Hitahadut ha-Zofim ve-ha-Zofot be-Israel (the Israel Boy and Girl Scout Federation). There is also a separate section for religious scouts (*zofim datiyyim*). In 1957 the Girl Scouts (*zofot*) were affiliated to the corresponding world movement. The *zofim* differ from most organizations of this kind elsewhere in having troops (*shevatim*, or "tribes") comprising all three age groups; 8–10 years, 11–14, and 15–19. In the first two there are separate units for boys and girls, each with its own program; the last comprises both. All the constituent sections, Jewish, Muslim, Christian, and Druze, participate on an equal basis in the jamborees held in Israel and send representatives to international scouting events.

Unlike other youth movements in Israel, the federation is not associated with any party or sectional organization; it operates within the framework of the schools and under the supervision of the Ministry of Education and Culture, which appoints half the members of its governing body. It lays stress on good citizenship and national service, including agricultural pioneering and service in Nahal outposts. In the early 2000s it had about 70,000 members: 45,000 in the Federation of Jewish Scouts; 13,000, mostly Muslim, in the Organization of Scouts from Arab Schools; 2,000 in the Muslim Arab Scouts and 2,000 in the Greek Orthodox Arab Scouts; 3,000 in the Organization of Catholic Scouts; and 5,000 in the Organization of Druze Scouts. The Arab movements have separate sections for boys and girls; the Druze scouts are all boys, in keeping with the community's religious traditions.

Zofim is a non-political organization but upholds Zionist and Jewish values. Scout troops in Israel have always been coeducational. The federation in Israel consists of Jewish, Muslim Arab, Christian Arab, and Druze troops. Zofim is open to everyone regardless of race, color, creed, or socio-economic standing. Israeli scouts come from all sectors of Israeli society. The Israel Scouts are divided into six regional hubs: Jerusalem, Central, Sharon, South, North, and Tzabar (North America and Western Europe).



Israel Scout Federation



Hebrew Scouts



Catholic Scouts



Druze Scouts



Greek Orthodox Scouts