



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: January 20, 2011

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BP Bits:



“Leadership is the keynote to success – but leadership is difficult to define, and leaders are difficult to find. ...there are four essential points to look for in a leader. 1. He must have whole-hearted faith and belief in the rightness of his cause so that his followers catch the contagion, and share his fanaticism. 2. He must have a cheery, energetic personality, with sympathy and friendly understanding of his followers, and so to secure their enthusiastic co-operation. 3. He must have confidence in himself through knowing his job. He thus gains the confidence of his men. 4. What he preaches he must himself practice, thereby giving personal example to his team.

B-P at the 1935 Frankston Jambo, NZ

Collectors' Corner: Scout Medals – This category can be broken down into even more special themes such as High Ranks, Historic Trails, Commemorative Events, and War and Other Service. They make a great eye-catching display.



Malaysia, Australia, Philippines Eagle Scout, Lithuania, UK, Russia, Canada



South Africa, Hong Kong, Canada Sea Scout, Australia, Korea Tiger Scout

1920 1st World Jamboree Medal of Merit presented by BP to Miss G. Ellis – a Wolf Cub pioneer. Sold in 2009 for over \$11,100.00.

Scout Museum: Sweden

Scout Museum in Gothenburg

It is a great responsibility to bring Scouting to future generations. For those who have experienced Scouting, we would like to tell you how Scouting has emerged, showing the interesting older scout items and how Scouting is conducted in other countries.

Visiting Address: Scout Museum, Wagon Tastes 1B, 415 07 GÖTEBORG

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The Bharat Scouts & Guides of India

Scouting was officially founded in British India in 1909, first starting at the Bishop Cotton's Boys School in Bangalore. Scouting for native Indians was started by Justice Vivian Bose, Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya, Pandit Hridayanath Kunzru, Girija Shankar Bajpai, Annie Besant and George Arundale, in 1913. Prior to this date, Scouting was open only for British and foreign Scouts. In 1916, a Cub section was started, followed by the Rover section in 1918.

In 1916, Calcutta's Senior Deputy Commissioner of Police J. S. Wilson introduced Scouting for Boys as a textbook in the Calcutta Police Training School. Together with the District Scout Commissioner Alfred Pickford, the two struggled for the admission of Indian boys into the Boy Scouts Association, who had not been admitted due to a Government of India order against it because "Scouting might train them to become revolutionaries". As a way of getting around the Government Order, the Boy Scouts of Bengal was founded, with identical aims and methods. Many separate Scout organizations began to spring up and the Indian Boy Scouts Association was founded in 1916.

Twining Projects: South Dakota/Suriname



Tree Planting

Scouting van Suriname celebrates 85th anniversary

Scouting began in Suriname in 1924 and so in 2009, Boy Scouts van Suriname is celebrating 85 years of Scouting. Under the leadership of the Chief Commissioner, the leaders are keen on their Scouting and desirous of expanding the Movement so that more young people can benefit from it. Attending the celebration were, 2nd Vice-President of the Interamerican Scout Committee, Operations Executive for the Caribbean Area and four representatives from the South Dakota Scout Council. The Dakota personnel signed a declaration twinning Suriname with the South Dakota Scout Council and agreeing among other things to engage in activities to the benefit of the scouts of both associations.

Scout Games: From Ghana - AMPE

It is a game that helps with coordination and agility. How to Play:

Choose one player to be the leader, and the others stand in a semicircle. The leader faces one player in the circle. The leader and the player both clap hands. Then they jump in place at the same time. Then they jump and thrust one foot forward. If the two have put the same foot forward, the leader is out and the player takes her place. If they have thrust different feet forward, the leader moves to the next player and the same routine begins. A point is scored every time the leader is successful. Every player takes a turn as a leader. The one who scores the most points wins. It works best with small groups.

From Zimbabwe - Kudoda

How to Play:

Players sit in a circle. Place the bowl (preferably a metal one) in the center. Fill it with about 20 marbles. The first player takes a marble and tosses it into the air. (Not too high!) He/she then tries to pluck as many marbles as he/she can out of the bowl before catching the tossed marble. Players take turns. When all the marbles have been collected, the person with the most marbles is the winner.



The World Scout Environment Badge

The World Scout Environment Badge seeks to create an awareness of personal responsibility for the environment. The badge encourages Scouts to connect with nature, think about how we interact with the environment and take action to protect it. The environment is a global subject and the badge focuses on learning about local and global issues and how taking local action can help both of these. The badge is carried out in two stages: Explore - Reflect, and Take Action. For the first stage each aim is explored through a variety of experiential activities that enable the participant to connect with the subject, learn about it and think about how we interact with it. For the second stage, a need to take action is identified and an environmental project is planned and executed. The purpose of the badge is for the Scouts to identify personal responsibility for the environment. This should not stop once they have finished the badge. It is hoped that achieving the World Scout Environment Badge is the first step in awakening enthusiasm for the natural world and creating a generation of Scouts who care about the environment and are prepared to take action to protect it. (BSA does not participate in this program.)



Scouts around the world are committed to being part of the solution to climate change. On September 18, 1,500 Dutch Scouts got together at Maasdelta Sensation to celebrate 100 years of Scouting in the Netherlands. During the event they helped to create a spectacular aerial image to draw attention to the 10:10 climate campaign. 10:10, is a global movement of people, schools, businesses and organisations as well as many Scout groups, who have pledged to cut down their carbon emissions by 10% in a year.

BSA IN GUANGZHOU, CHINA

In August 2009, a State Department family was assigned a tour in Guangzhou, China. The family was active in Scouting, and looked into the possibility of starting a Scout Troop at the school where the boys were attending. Troop 183 got established and has about 20 boys at a typical meeting. There are a lot of moves in and out as tours end and new families are assigned. However, the troop is thriving and had its third Court of Honor in December 2010.

One camping trip was to Hong Kong to do a section of the MacLehose Trail. It took five hours to get there by fast train, subway, double deck bus and a ferry. They did over 25 miles in two days, and camped the first night on a beach accessible only by walking or boat.

This year the troop went to a Nike factory for a two day campout. They were mentored by an Eagle Scout junior officer from the US Consulate. Three patrols built bamboo catapults and tried Dutch Oven cooking (upside down pineapple cake and peach cobbler). Another campout was at a horse farm. A service project they did entailed reading an English script for a voice-over on a museum's animated feature. They raise some money by selling bubble tea at school events, and are looking forward to camping at a Hong Kong Scout Reservation next year.

To learn more about the MacLehose Trail, go to http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/MacLehose_Trail



Gone home:

Patience, Lady Baden-Powell

Patience, Lady Baden-Powell, granddaughter-in-law of the Founder and wife of the present Lord Baden-Powell, died in the early hours of 18 December aged 74. Patience Baden-Powell undertook a lifetime of service to Girl Guiding, Scouting and many other caring organisations both within the United Kingdom and around the world.

She was Chief Commissioner for UK Girl Guiding in the 1980s and later a Vice-President. With her husband she was much involved with the early days of the Venture Scout Section in the UK and in promoting the sensitive integration of girls into Scouting as well as supporting the unique role of Girl Guiding with young women. She was made a CBE (*Commander of the Order of the British Empire*) by Her Majesty The Queen in 1986.

Patience grew up in Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe) where she met her husband. She worked tirelessly for the application of Scouting's unchanging fundamental values in modern society not just at a policy level but practically. She worked with families in the deprived East End of London, ran a Brownie Colony and with her husband a Venture Scout Unit in Surrey and took on many of the roles previously undertaken by her grandmother-in-law Olave Lady Baden-Powell on her death.