



## Scouting in Kenya:



The membership badge of the KSA features Mount Kenya and the national colors of the flag of Kenya.



Older variant of the Lion Scout rank badge

Scouting was founded in British East Africa in 1910, and the Kenya Scout Association (KSA) became a member of the World Organization of the Scout Movement in 1964. It has 262,146 members (as of 2010). Scouting in Kenya focuses on urban and rural community development needs. Community service is required for the early rank advancement and includes hospital visits, blood donations, helping the aged, planting trees, adult literacy campaigns, road and bridge construction, first aid training, building schools and homes for the aged, as well as many other projects. The conservation of nature is a major program emphasis. The senior conservation badge is a required badge in order to earn the highest rank, Lion Scout.

The KSA runs the Extension Scout Program, or *Street Scouts* as it is often called. In 2007, about 4000 children were enrolled and the number was growing. The program organizes Scout groups for street children. The program also reaches out to children that go to orphanages during the day, but live on the streets at night. Children learn life skills as well as receiving basic health care. They can get practical job training and support to re-enter the education system. In some cases, children have been re-united with their families. The program has been so successful that it has spread to other countries, including Uganda and Tanzania.

Age divisions:

- Sungura (Cubs) - 6–11 years
- Chipukizi (Scouts) - 12–15 years
- Mwamba (Senior Scouts) - 16–18 years
- Rovers - over 18 years

## Twinning Projects: Japan/Bangladesh

Bangladesh Scouts and Scout Association of Japan implemented the Bangladesh-Japan Joint Primary Health Care and Nature Conservation Project from 2003 through 2007. The objectives of this project will be to develop skills of scouts and rovers on different components of Primary Health Care, create awareness among the community people on health, sanitation issues, to improve related behavioral practices and work on nature conservation to protect the nature as well as biodiversity. The Scouts Association of Japan will extend support to this joint PHC and Nature conservation project by financial, technical and physical participation and sharing ideas, experiences and expertise.

## Scouts Worldwide Poised to Tackle Climate Change



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Climate change is the world's biggest environmental challenge. It will affect the young people of today and future generations. Scouting develops young people to be good citizens able to play a constructive role in society, with the vision of 'Creating a Better World'. It is essential that everyone contributes to the challenge of climate change and we are committed to ensuring that Scouts are part of the solution. Today, the World Organization of Scout Movement (WOSM) is launching a global climate change capacity building initiative and is looking to governments, non-governmental organizations and the private sector for support to make this Program a reality.

Innovative Climate Change programs have been developed and implemented by National Scout Organizations (NSOs) like Scouts Canada and the South African Scouting Association. Their efforts, with the support of the Canadian government and private sector donors like Nexen and Alcan, have clearly demonstrated that Scouting can make a difference in educating and motivating youth to reduce greenhouse gases and to educate and inform their families and communities about climate change.

Whilst no-one is immune to the affects of climate change, it is expected that those most strongly affected will be poorer populations. Scout organizations across the world and especially in Africa, Asia and South America are prepared to assist with mitigation and adaptation efforts in these locations. With over 30 million Scouts worldwide in 160 countries WOSM believes that Scouts can have a global impact on Climate Change.

Start following the World Scout Jamboree in Sweden on all of the social media: Twitter, Facebook. etc. Evidently the Webpage and blog have some amusing "count down" videos on line from some contingents that will attend.