



Scouting Around the World

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National Capital Area Council International Committee

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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: 17 March 2011

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B-P Bits:



Harnessing the imagination - woodcraft and adventure: B-P wanted children to be brought up ' as cheerfully and as happily as possible'. He also wrote, 'in this life one ought to take as much pleasure as possible... because if one is happy, one has it in one's power to make all those around happy'. One of the great innovations of Scouting was to harness the imagination and desire on the part of many boys and girls for 'adventure'. Boys are full of romance, and they love 'make believe' to a greater extent than they like to show. All you have to do is to play up to this and to give rein to your imagination to meet their requirements. (1908) Ernest Thompson Seton provided what B-P was looking for in his short book *The Birch Bark Roll of the Woodcraft Indians*. Further elements also impressed B-P to 'borrow' them for his scheme. The scale of this importation became the focus of considerable tension between Seton and B-P. However, most people conclude that the structure produced by Seton's idealism was transformed by Baden-Powell. To this extent, Robert Baden-Powell 'engaged in a genuinely original, creative act'.

Collectors' Corner: Scout Knives



Germany



Top - New Zealand, Bottom - Russia



UK

Classic Swiss



Replica 1924 BSA



Eagle Scout



Rockwell



BSA

Nyeri - Outspan Hotel/ Baden-Powell's Paxtu Cottage

KENYA - Lord Robert Baden-Powell's Paxtu cottage stands on the grounds of the Outspan Hotel. B-P recognised the peacefulness and beauty of the Outspan Hotel and stayed there with his wife for the last three years of his life. B-P and his wife are buried in the town cemetery with their graves facing towards the snowcaps of Mt Kenya. The walls of his cottage Paxtu are covered in memorabilia. The Outspan Hotel offers a daily display of traditional Kikuyu dancing, sixteen acres for nature walks along the Chania River, escorted bird walks, and excursions to nearby tea and coffee plantations

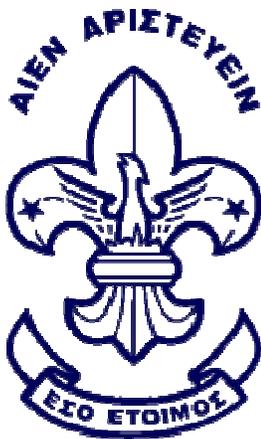
Scout Museums: England – Story of Scouting at Waddecar Scout Activity Center



The museum, the very first purpose-built Scouting museum in the Country is situated at Waddecar Scout Activity Centre. The curator is Michael Loomes who can be contacted on 01253 354244 (Home) or e-mail michaelloomes@sturgessnet.co.uk.

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Scouting in Greece:



Σόμα Ελλήνων Προσκόπων
(Soma Hellinon Proskopon)

During the 1908 Summer Olympics, in London, Athanasios Lefkaditis, a young physical education teacher, observed with interest the British Scouts' service and activities at the Games. He met with Robert Baden-Powell and shortly after, introduced Scouting in Greece in 1910. Ever since, Scouts of Greece has been active in social welfare and relief activities during natural disasters such as great fires and earthquakes. The majority of members belong to the Christian Orthodox Church. Many of the Scouts of Greece, live in overseas Greek communities including Australia, Canada, Saudi Arabia, South Africa and the United Kingdom. These groups form a special region within Scouts of Greece's structures. Greece hosted the 11th World Jamboree in 1963 at Marathon. There was also an Olympic theme to the event, with triathlons and other sports taking place. A major event for the Jamboree was the Labours of Hercules - a series of tasks designed to test the strength, skill, and stamina of the participating Scouts. The Chief Scout of Greece, HRH Crown Prince Constantine, attended every one of the 11 days over which the event ran.

The Scout emblem incorporates a phoenix, the mythic bird symbolizing rebirth, allegory to the creation of the modern Greek nation, and the rebirth of Greek scouting after the Axis Occupation during the WWII.

Twining Projects: UK/Uganda



In 1998, leaders from Northumberland established a project to support Scouting in Uganda which at that time, had re-established itself. Ugandan groups worked on oral re-hydration schemes, farm and fishing projects, Aids teaching, teaching in schools and many other areas. However, training facilities were essential so Northumberland Venture Scouts raised the £110,000 and the manpower needed before travelling to Kaazi in 1991 to help. From there, a "twining" arrangement was born.

In the years following Northumberland Scouts raised money for Ugandan Scouts to provide livestock, education packs for schools to develop "gardening" training and in 2000, a group travelled to Mityana where, working with Red Cross and the police, it built an adventure playground at a school.

In 2008, a group of over 40 Explorer Scouts refurbished the training headquarters at Kaazi. Furthermore, chicken coops to house over 1,000 chickens were built for a deaf school at Kavule allowing them to generate income and support more children.

The UK groups are encouraged to trade skills or products as a way of getting around financial need. This may come in the form of shipping, equipment or building material. Quality of materials in Uganda is often poor therefore they try to source materials often at extra cost. They have always worked with those "on the ground" in Uganda to identify what is required and from the outset have always delivered what is promised. Time has been taken to build relationships with local community leaders and with the Ugandan Scout association.