



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.

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BP Bits:



Coronel Baden-Powell e o seu staff militar e civil, em Mafeking

The early development of Scouting: Baden-Powell had become concerned about the well-being of the nation - and of particular young people. It has been said that the poor physical condition of the young men attempting to join the army during the Boer War was a central factor in his championing and fashioning of Scouting. One report at the time (1904) claimed that of every nine who volunteered to fight, only two were fit to do so. Diet, poor housing, and harmful working conditions were identified as contributory factors. However, he was equally worried about people's physical and mental well-being. B-P's stress on the worth of activity and games (and disdain for 'effeminate' and intellectual scholarship) ...combined with woodcraft and a love of the open air, a desire for class harmony and an appreciation of what might be happening in the imaginative life of boys, then the scene was set for some serious innovation in informal education practice.

Collectors' Corner: Cigarette Cards

These popular cards came in cigarette packs and had various themes. Complete sets make a nice collection. Each card below is from a different set of 50 cards made by different manufacturers from 1911-1939 in the UK.



Furniture from the Collection of Lord Robert Baden-Powell & Family at the BSA National Museum

A new exhibit at the museum features furniture and items that were used by the Baden-Powell family for generations. A highlight of this case is the British flag that flew over Mafeking during the siege that made B-P a popular war hero in the UK.

Scouting in Ecuador:

The membership badge of the Asociación de Scouts del Ecuador incorporates the Mitad del Mundo monument delineating the equator.



Scouting first came to Ecuador in 1912, when Cristóbal Vela, a diplomat in France, learned about the Scouting program in England. He introduced Scouting to boys in Quito which spread to other cities of the Highland Region, although they are less known in the Coast Region. The Asociación de Scouts del Ecuador, the national Scouting organization of Ecuador, was founded in 1920, and became a member of the World Organization of the Scout Movement in 1922. The coeducational Asociación de Scouts del Ecuador has 2,933 members as of 2008.

Scouting is a respected organization in Ecuador and has been declared an "institution useful for the public welfare" by the government. Service activities are part of the Scout program. Scouts are a welcome sight during Ecuador's frequent earthquakes, as they are well organized and most helpful. In addition, the Scouts work with the Red Cross, helping in national disasters, community development, literacy campaigns and health campaigns. Lobatos (Wolf Cubs)-ages 7 to 11, the Lobato (Cub) motto is Siempre Mejor, Always Better Scouts-ages 12 to 15, the Scout Motto is Siempre listo, Always Ready Caminantes (Venturer)-ages 15 to 17, the Caminante (Venturer) motto is Siempre Alerta, Always Alert Rovers-ages 18 to 25, the Rover motto is Siempre Sirviendo, Always Serving.

Scout Museums: Ireland - Mount Melleray Scout Centre

Mount Melleray Scout Activity and Sport Centre lies high in the Knockmealdown Mountains 7 km's outside the town of Cappoquin, County Waterford (in Scouting Ireland's Waterford Scout County). Originally a boarding school attached to the Abbey of Mount Melleray, it was acquired by the Catholic Boy Scouts of Ireland in 1979 and opened as a Scout Centre. The National Scout Museum is housed in part of the old college.



The front of the Scout Centre

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Japanese Rank Badges:

The ranks are: Tenderfoot (Sho-kyu); 2nd Class (Ni-kyu); 1st Class (Ikkyu); Chrysanthemum (Kiku); and Fuji Scout. The Fuji Scout is the highest rank and award a Venture Scout can achieve in the Scout Association of Japan. Named for Mount Fuji, the iconic symbol of Japan, it is comparable to the Eagle Scout rank in the Boy Scouts of America.



Notable Scouts: Ryutaro Hashimoto, the 82nd and 83rd Prime Minister of Japan; Yukio Hattori, the fifth president of the Hattori Nutrition College, commentator on the Japanese cooking competition program Iron Chef; Soichi Noguchi, Japanese astronaut.

Save the Date! World Scouting future world events announced

As is custom during the World Scout Conference, National Scout Organizations bid to host the next major World Scout events. This year's contenders were vying to host the next World Scout Conference in 2014, World Scout Moot in 2017, and the next World Scout Jamboree in 2019. Some votes were close, some were landslides; here are the results of the bidding competition.

- 40th World Scout Conference and 12th World Scout Youth Forum in 2014 will take place in Slovenia.
- 15th World Scout Moot will take place in 2017 in Iceland.
- 23rd World Scout Jamboree will take place in 2019 in North America, following a collective bid of USA, Mexico and Canada.



Slovenia 2014



Iceland 2017



USA, Mexico, Canada, 2019

International Committee on Scouting for the National Capital Area Council

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