



# 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: September 17, 2009

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**Scouts around the world are involved in:** agriculture and food production; emergency and humanitarian aid; clean drinking water; literacy; renewable energies; street children; the acquisition of life skills; professional training; sanitation; integration of people with disabilities; fighting against child labor; support for migrants and indigenous communities; prevention and fight against AIDS; drug prevention; child protection; rehabilitation of child soldiers; child and adolescent health.

### B-P Bits:



With the family at Pax Hill  
B-P. Lady Baden-Powell,  
Heather, Peter and Betty



When 23 year-old Olave St Claire Soames married 55 year old Robert Baden-Powell in 1912, she caused an international sensation, and despair to 100,000 Boy Scouts who speculated that the marriage would bring an end to the Chief's Scouting. Instead the exuberant tomboy's boundless energy led to an unflinching support of BP and helped Scouting to grow even faster. Her own vision saw Guiding become the largest organisation for girls and women ever seen, and led her to be called "The Mother of Millions". They met on board the steamship Arcadian while BP was on a world tour that included visits to the US, Japan, China, Norway, Sweden Denmark, Holland and Belgium. It also was a nice coincidence that BP and Olave had the same birthday — February 22nd.

### Collectors' Corner: Scout Buckles

Another very interesting collection for display is Scout uniform buckles since they usually have their organization's emblem on them. There are single piece buckles but most countries have two piece buckles. Below are examples from China Taiwan, Albania, Italy, Argentina, Luxembourg, Costa Rica, Austria and France.



**Trivia:** The World Scout Organization's secretariat is the World Scout Bureau, which has its headquarters in Geneva and offices in six regions: Africa (Nairobi, Dakar, and Capetown); Arab (Cairo); Asia-Pacific (Manila); Eurasia (Yalta-Gurzuf, Moscow); Europe (Geneva, Brussels, Belgrade); and Interamerica (Santiago de Chile).

## Scouting in Brazil:



The **União dos Escoteiros do Brasil** (UEB, *Union of Brazilian Scouts*) is the national Scouting organization in Brazil. Scouting in Brazil was founded in 1910 and was among the charter members of the World Organization of the Scout Movement in 1922. The União dos Escoteiros do Brasil itself was founded in 1924; it has 51,480 members as of 2008. Scouting in Brazil is very popular in cities and suburban areas. Scouts from Brazil attend world and regional events in large numbers. The association is divided in four sections according to age: Cubs 7 to 10, Boy & Girl Scouts 11 to 14, Senior Scouts & Girl Guides 15 to 17, Pioneers 18 to 21. In the blue circle of the Scout emblem, the Southern Cross (also known as Crux) can be seen. The ring of 27 stars around it represents Brazil's 26 states and 1 federal district.



### **Europak-Online – an updated, improved service**

Have a look at the new Europak website, jointly developed by the European Scout Region and the WAGGGS Europe Region. Clearer information, events reminders, resources produced jointly. The site will continue to be updated and improved. The next important feature being developed will be the ability to subscribe directly (and unsubscribe). We will also use the site to consult on important issues. The web address is: <http://www.europak-online.net/>.

You probably have heard of the Baden Powell House in London and Kandersteg in Austria, but do you know about the other Scout Centers around the world? One is in Cairo:



### **Cairo International Scout Centre**

The Cairo International Scout Centre welcomes all Scouts, non-scout organisations and individual guests. It is a beautiful six-floor building next to Cairo Stadium, designed for the comfort of all its guests and to provide all facilities for effective and successful meetings and conferences. It is located 15 minutes from Cairo International Airport and 20 minutes from downtown and has full access to private and public transportation.

**Residence and Accommodation:** The Cairo International Scout Centre can accommodate up to 80 people in single and double rooms. Each room is air-conditioned and provided with private bathroom, telephone, TV and two indoor video channels and a minibar. Restaurant Cafeteria with a fully equipped kitchen can prepare meals to suit all tastes and nationalities.