



# 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: November 19, 2009

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## B-P Bits:



The Prince of Wales at a Scout Rally with Baden-Powell

BP could easily be called one of the first environmentalists as he recognized how important it was to understand the natural world. Some of his quotes on the subject follow:

“For those who have eyes to see and ears to hear, the forest is at once a laboratory, a club and a temple.”

“Nature study is the key activity in Scouting and Guiding.”

“The man who is blind to the beauties of Nature has missed half the pleasure of life.”

“God has given us a world to live in that is full of beauties and wonders and He has given us not only eyes to see them but minds to understand them, if we only have the sense to look at them in that light.”

“The aim in Nature study is to develop a realization of God the Creator, and to infuse a sense of the beauty of Nature.”

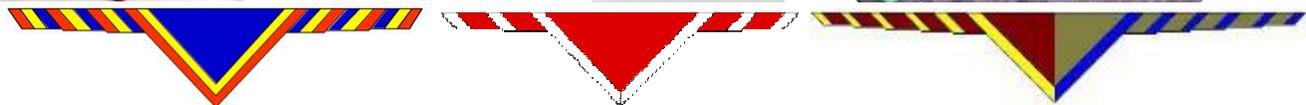
“The study of nature brings into a harmonious whole the question of the infinite, the historic and the microscopic as part of the Great Creator’s work.”

“As a Scout, you are the guardian of the woods. A Scout never damages a tree by hacking it with his knife or axe. It does not take long to fell a tree, but it takes many years to grow one, so a Scout cuts down a tree for a good reason only – not just for the sake of using his axe. For every tree felled, two should be planted.”

“An animal has been made by God just as you have been. He is therefore a fellow creature. He has not the power of speaking our language, but can feel pleasure or pain just as we can, and he can feel grateful to anyone who is kind to him. A Scout is always helpful to people who are crippled or blind or deaf and dumb; so he is good also to these dumb fellow-creatures of ours.”

## Collectors’ Corner: Neckerchiefs

Scout “Neckers” are also issued to commemorate events like jamborees. Some countries use them to identify units by incorporating difference colors or designs. Some are embroidered and some have badges sewn on. Below are examples from Hong Kong, Japan, Canada, Nigeria, and rolled English group neckers from the 175<sup>th</sup> Derby Scout Group, 5<sup>th</sup> Spen Valley Scout Group, and 1<sup>st</sup> Flixton.





**The Strategy for Scouting:** The Strategy for Scouting was adopted at the World Scout Conference in Thessaloniki in 2002 and provides a framework for Scouting to achieve its mission and realize its vision. There are seven strategic priorities which are:

- SP1 - Youth Involvement – revitalizing the Scout Method.**
- SP2 - Adolescents - -supporting their transition to adulthood.**
- SP3 - Girls and Boys, Women and Men – respecting differences, promoting equality and sharing responsibility.**
- SP4 - Reaching Out – breaking down barriers and working with all segments of society.**
- SP5 - Volunteers in Scouting – developing new approaches to broaden the base of adult support.**
- SP6 - An Organization for the 21 Century – becoming flexible, lean, innovative and participatory.**
- SP7 - Scouting's Profile – strengthening communications, partnerships and resources.**

**Scouting Games:** Try the following – from Portugal – the Four-man Tug of War and from the UK – the Welly Toss. What's the Welly Toss you say? You take a big old rubber boot, stand with your back to a line and toss it over your head. The boot that goes the farthest distance wins.

### **WORLD SCOUT BUREAU WEBSITE**

When is the last time you went to the World Scout Bureau website? It now has buttons for You Tube, Flickr, Google Maps, Twitter, Facebook and Issuu – all focused on International Scouting. Roam around the index and see what you can find! Under the Media Center, Press Releases section, you'll find all kinds of nuggets like four pages of pictures of Centennial Stamps from around the world. Don't forget to visit the Scout Store for some really neat badges, pins, etc. Bottom line is that this website is a fantastic resource for anything related to Scouting around the world – from the latest news, documents, and issues to wonderful historical perspectives. Have fun exploring this site and don't forget to tell all of your registered youth about it too. [WWW.scout.org](http://WWW.scout.org)



### **JOTA/JOTI – Be Prepared for the event**

The World Bureau now has a new badge called Internet Scouting that can be used to recognize any Scouting related internet activity that involves making international contacts.

### **SAJ 23WSJ Logo**



### **2015 World Scout Jamboree**

Japan will host the 23rd World Scout Jamboree in 2015. This Scout Jamboree will be located on Kirarahama or Kirara Beach in Yamaguchi Prefecture. The Japanese word "kirara" means mica: Kirara Beach offers a beautiful landscape in front of which the Seto Inland Sea glitters in the sunlight just like mica. Yamaguchi Prefecture is located in the westernmost part of the Honshu Island. The theme for the Jambo is "Wa: A Spirit of Unity," of which the Japanese kanji symbol is also a part. The 23rd World Scout Jamboree site is: [www.23wsj.jp](http://www.23wsj.jp)