



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: 15 July 2010 dinner 7:30 Lebanese Taverna Pentagon City

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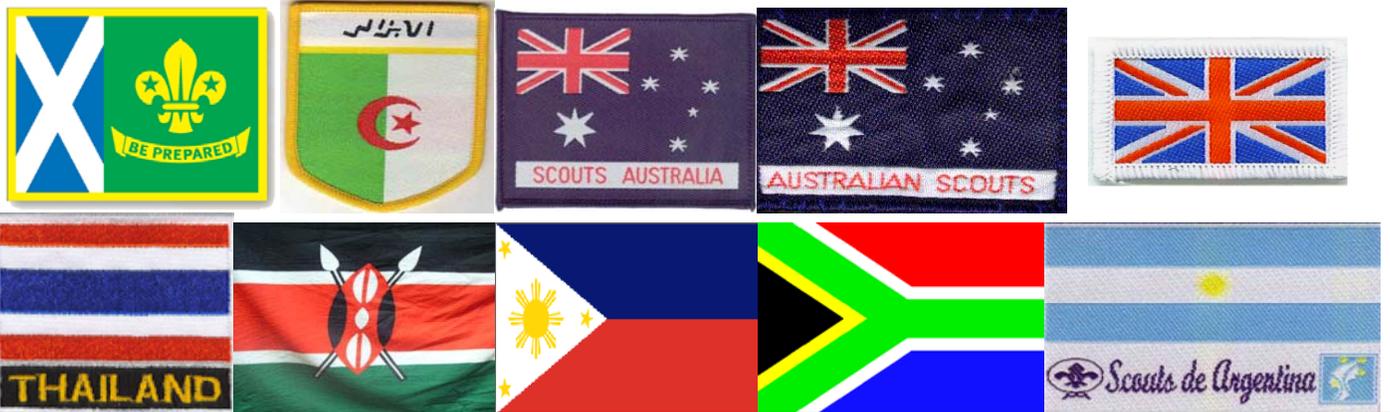
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BP Bits:



"I have lately been renewing my youthful experience in seeing my boy pass up from his Preparatory to his Public School, and it brought back memories of half a century ago when I left my happy nest in the small school where I was a somebody to find myself a stranger and a worm under the foot of a mass of bigger boys in the big community at Charterhouse. Well, I can't help thinking it is rather like this where Wolf Cubs go up into their Scout Troop. It is a point which Scoutmasters, their Assistants, and particularly, their Patrol Leaders should study. A little extra sympathy and help to him just at first repays itself in stopping leakage, and is after all part of their job as brother Scouts."

Collectors' Corner: One of the standard uniform badges for all scout organizations is the country flag. These are easy to find and generally inexpensive. There are several variations: some with just the flag; some with flag and country name; some with flag and Scout emblem, etc. See how many you can collect to make a nice frame.



Scouting in France:

The Scout movement in France consists of about **80** different associations and federations with about 180,000 Scouts and Girl Guides. Next to Germany, France is the country with the most fragmented Scout movement. According to French law, all youth organizations working on the national level must be recognized by the Ministère de la Jeunesse et des Sports (Minister of Youth and Sports). Only nine of the above mentioned 80 organizations have this status. The vast majority of organizations are recognized by regional or local authorities, but there are also some non-recognized associations: their operation is illegal under French law.

The national recognized organizations are grouped in two federations and one independent organization.

Fédération du scoutisme Français: founded in 1941, a member of both the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) and the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS). The federation has about 120,000 members grouped in five co-educational associations. The Members of the federation are:

- [Eclaireuses et Eclaireurs de France](#) (founded in 1911, interreligious, 35,000 members)
- [Eclaireuses et Eclaireurs unionistes de France](#) (founded in 1911, Protestant, 5,000 members)
- [Eclaireuses et Eclaireurs israélites de France](#) (founded in 1923, Jewish)
- [Scouts et Guides de France](#) (founded in 2004 after the merger of Scouts de France (1920) and Guides de France (1923), Catholic, 70,000 members)
- [Scouts Musulmans de France](#) (founded in 1990, Muslim)
- [Scouts Vietnamiens de France \(ASVD\)](#) - for youth of Vietnamese descent

The Confédération Française de Scoutisme has about 35,000 members grouped in three co-educational associations:

- [Association des Guides et Scouts d'Europe](#) (founded in 1958, Catholic, 25,000 members)
- [Eclaireurs Neutres de France](#) (founded in 1947, interreligious, 3,000 to 4,000 members). Affiliated is a number of smaller associations, some of them Catholic: - Europa Scouts, Scouts et Guides Saint-Louis, Scouts et Guides de Riaumont (Traditionalist Catholic)
- [Fédération des Eclaireuses et Eclaireurs](#) (founded in 1989 as split-off of the Eclaireuses et Eclaireurs de France, interreligious, 2,000 members). This federation groups about 15 to 20 independent local associations, some of them Protestant or Orthodox.

The Scouts Unitaires de France were founded in 1971 in reaction to a pedagogic renewal within the Scouts de France splitting the former Scout troops (unités) in two new sections and implementing coeducation. The association is Catholic and counts about 23,000 members.

Scouting's Founders: Chile



Dr. Alcibiades Vicencio

Don Alcibiades Vicencio Tholar, was born in Santiago in 1859, earned a surgeon medical degree in 1883. The next year the Government commissioned him to study gynecology in Europe. He returned to the country in 1887 where he was professor of the University, and in 1891 organized the Army Medical Service in Iquique. One day, reading a French newspaper, Dr. Vicencio read an article about a major problem of educational psychology written about the work of Baden Powell in England. Then in March 1909, Dr. Vicencio found out that BP would be speaking at a lunch in Santiago. BP made his presentation so vibrant and confident that Dr. Vicencio said he wished the seed sown by the renowned founder of Scouting would find suitable land among us for the fruit to germinate. Why had Scouting excited the spirit of Dr., Vicencio? He understood the importance of manual work in developing a child's observation and skill through action. As a physician and psychologist, he saw clearly the role that Scouting could play in Youth Education to fill the emptiness that he felt the programs of that era had. He felt children have a better idea of their country, learn more in classrooms, exercise the spirit, understand the effort of the colonists and feel inclined to become worthy of the heritage entrusted to them by previous generations.

Dr. Alcibiades Vicencio Tholar, died on 30 April 1913 at the age of 54. Two years later, Scouting was recognized by the Government of Chile through Supreme Decree No. 115. This granted legal personality to the Boy Scout Association of Chile, making it the first country in America and the second in the world to have Boy Scouts.

International Pioneering Projects: From Israel, during a ten day camp, each troop builds a project. Try this at your camp!

