



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: 15 July 2010

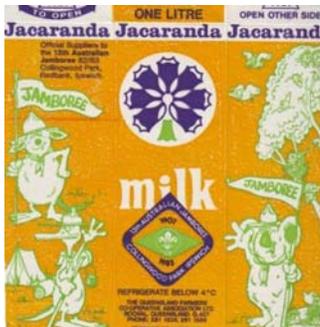
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BP Bits:



This is an interesting bit of insight into BP's thinking on citizenship. "As nearly every man will now have political voting power, one of the aims of education should be to prepare the young citizen for his responsibilities in this line...it is discreetly left alone by education (**school training**). A fat lot of ----. Well to my mind, something much more practical is needed in view of the unprecedented political evolution that is going on. We in the Scout Movement are non-political as far as party politics go... As a matter of fact I am so little impressed by any of the present political factions in Parliament that I have so far never exercised my own voting power for any one or other of them...(BP was invited by a writer) to stand for Parliament and though I declined he does not know to this day what party I favor. Nor do I...It is statesmanship rather than party politics for which we want to prepare them. **BP makes his point** – "Thus the Patrol becomes a practical school of self-government."

Collectors' Corner: Sometimes it's just plain fun to collect something odd or unusual like the stuff below:



Boy Scout: wagon, nutcracker, bobble head, Morse code key, Canada World Jamboree Coke can, Australian Jamboree milk carton, Snoopy, cast iron mechanical bank, scout camera.



British Jewish Scouts Celebrate 100th Anniversary with "Centenary Camp" on May 22-25, 2009 with over 700 Jewish Scouts and leaders in attendance. It was the first such event of its type in England. The Camp was organized to commemorate the oldest Jewish troop in Scouting, located in Leeds, England. Andrew Marks, Chairman of the National Jewish Scout Fellowship, the UK Scout Association "produced the incorporation documents for the troop and we can now confirm that this scout troop is the oldest Jewish Scout Troop in the world. The British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) covered the event on one of its nightly news casts.

Scouting in the Philippines:



The Scout emblem incorporates elements of the Philippines flag.

Motto: **Laging Handa!**

(Always Prepared!)

The 5 Sections of BSP –

KID – boys 4 to 5 years old

KAB – boys 6 to 10 years old

Boy Scouting – 10 to 12 years old

Senior Scouting – boys & girls 13 to 17 years old

Rover Scouting – young men & women 16 to 24 years old

Scouting history of the Philippines can be traced back to the American occupation of the islands. The first documented formation of a Scout troop in the islands was that of the Lorillard Spencer troop of Zamboanga formed in 1914 by a U.S. Navy Lieutenant named Sherman Kiser. Sherman Kiser was initially assigned to escort American charity worker Caroline Spencer in Sulu. Mrs. Spencer saw how Filipino boys could benefit from Scouting and discussed her ideas with Kiser. This suggestion was natural for Mrs. Spencer as her son, Lorillard Spencer was quite active in Scouting in the United States, hence the name of the troop. Kiser was reassigned however to Zamboanga, but he followed through with Mrs. Spencer's suggestion and formed a Scout troop composed of young Muslim boys. Upon learning of the formation of a new troop, Mrs. Spencer sent monetary support to purchase uniform and construct a headquarters.

More troops were organized through the years, mostly organized by American missionaries and servicemen in the island. The growing number of scouts was the reason why the Rotary Club of Manila wrote to the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) in New York. The letter was a request to formalize Scouting in the Philippines starting with Manila.

The BSA responded by sending Samuel W. Stagg as the special field scout commissioner to the Philippines. At the same time, Philip D. Carman, a U.S. army Major stationed in the Philippines who was on leave back in the United States, followed up the request with the BSA in New York. On October 5, 1923, the Manila Council of the BSA was formed. The new council was initially funded through the help of various civic-organizations.

The Philippines became an independent Scouting nation in 1936, with the transition of the Philippine Council into the Boy Scouts of the Philippines. In 1940, the Girl Scouts of the Philippines was founded. As of 2009, the Boy Scouts of the Philippines is third in the world in membership (Gerakan Pramuka of Indonesia and the Boy Scouts of America hold the first and second spots). In 1959, the 10th World Scout Jamboree was held in Mount Makiling, Los Baños, Laguna, the first World Scout Jamboree held in Asia.



Rick Cronk

5 December 2009 Message from the Chairman of the World Scout Committee to all volunteers in the Movement "Your expertise and commitment guarantee our growth"

Dear Scout Leaders, Dear Friends,
Your volunteerism is the catalyst that transforms the values of the Scout Movement into a reality. Thanks to you, the significance of these fundamental values is exemplified by the tenets of your service, responsibility, solidarity and involvement. While in the midst of a global financial crisis, we see your steadfast support as a sign of good health. Our social assets are built upon your contributions to the future development of the young people around the world. Our Movement has been able to serve millions of young people by offering them exciting programs, empowerment and self-development. If our Movement is recognized as a major participant in the non-formal education of young people, it is without a doubt thanks to millions of you, who believe in its vision and make it come to life. Your unwavering dedication to all levels of our organization - from the local Scout groups, districts, NSOs to the world stage - is invaluable. On behalf of World Scouting, I thank you for your enthusiasm, the skills that you offer and for the quality of an educational experience. They are our only assurance of continued growth.

Rick Cronk

Chairman

World Scout Committee

A special International Volunteer Day e-card is available to send from our web site to all your volunteer friends, both in Scouting and in the wider community. http://bit.ly/ecards_WOSM_2009. A new section, [Adults in Scouting](#) has been created on the web-sites to help you find news and resources related to volunteering. A forum has been set up for you to express your views on the concept of volunteering.