



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: May 20, 2010

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BP Bits:



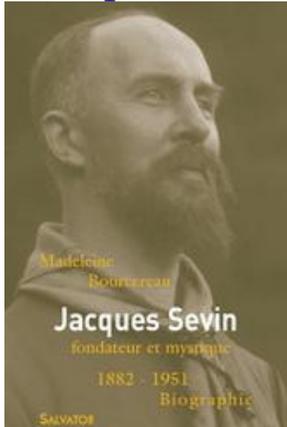
BP often addressed war and militarism in his writings. This from Sep 1940: "When the war is over and the bullies of the world have been defeated we must Be Prepared for establishing peace, a peace that will ensure for ever the end of war. How this will be carried out in detail none can say, but one point of principle is certain and that is that the road to peace will be the more easy and effective where the young men and women of different countries are already good friends and comrades, as in the Scouts and Guides. So let us Be Prepared with a steadfastness for what may befall in the war, and afterwards do our part in bringing about the essential spirit for peace." This from Apr 1914: "It is all a matter of education and character, and mutual knowledge and regard for each other. The only way towards bringing about universal peace... is by educating the next generation to better mutual sympathy and trust and the larger-minded exercise of give-and-take."

Collectors' Corner: Perhaps some of the least expensive Scout items to collect are decals and stickers.



Schiff Scout Res., Israel '07WJ, Italy '07WJ, Scouting Radio, World Bureau – 2, Curacao, '83WJ Join-In, Czech '07WJ, 18th Australian Jamboree, US JOTA, UK-Russia Network

Scouting's Founders: France



Baden-Powell said of Jacques Sevin: "He made the best realisation of my own thoughts". Co-founder of 'Scouts de France', the Jesuit priest Jacques Sevin shared the same sense of humour, the artistic gift of song, drawing and theatrical animation with the founder of the Scout Movement.

Born in Lille in 1882, he joined the Jesuits in 1900 and became an ordained priest in 1914. Impassioned by Scouting's educational method, Sevin met Baden-Powell in 1913 and wrote his master-work 'Scouting, a documentary study and applications'. Having followed B-P's famous training courses at Gilwell, Sevin adapted them into French. Gradually, he put in place his own training methods, which, at the time, were disparaged by religious circles. It was then in 1920, based on the projects and ideas of Jacques Sevin, that Catholic Scouting in France officially began under the name 'Scouts de France.' Its success was immediate. Education to responsibility, dedication and the discovery of nature, allured the young people. Jacques Sevin was also the author of the Scout prayer that millions of Catholic Scouts recite together "Lord Jesus, teach us to be generous..."

Scouting in Taiwan: General Association of the Scouts of the Republic of China



The Scout emblem features the Blue Sky and White Sun.

Following the birth of the Republic of China, the first Scout troop was organized by Reverend Yen Chia-lin in Wuchang on February 25, 1912 and the Scouting movement spread rapidly all over the country. In 1930 the First National jamboree of the Boy Scouts of China was held in Nanking, attended by 3,575 Scouts, and the Second National Jamboree in 1936, also held in Nanking, hosted 13,268 Scouts. The General Association of the Boy Scouts of China was formally established in Nanking in 1934, and became a member of the International Scout Bureau in 1937. Registered membership reached 570,000 in 1941. However, all Scouting activities were interrupted in 1949, when the Chinese communists took over Mainland China.

The Chinese Scout Association was reorganized in 1950 on the island of Taiwan, and resumed the membership of the International Scout Bureau as Boy Scouts of China (BSC).

The Scout Oath: On my honor, I promise that I will obey the Scout Law, and all my life do my best

To do my duty to God, be friendly to the people and become a righteous citizen.

To help others and serve the public at all times.

To strive to make myself rich in knowledge, perfect in character, and healthy in physical constitution.

Scouts of the World Award:



The Scouts of the World Award was launched in order to encourage a stronger involvement of young adults in the development of society by making them more aware of the present world issues and to help National Scout Organizations revitalise the programme of Rover Scout section. It is open to everyone between the ages of 15 and 26 years, regardless of ability, race, faith or location. It prepares young people for global citizenship focusing on three core-themes: Peace, Environment, and Development. It helps young people gain understanding, skills and knowledge, for life on a small planet.

It attracts, empowers and engages youth in actions of world importance. This action is based upon universal values - freedom, tolerance, equality, respect for nature and shared responsibility - respected in any culture and enshrined in the UN's Millennium Declaration. Scouting has promoted these same values for over 100 years.

The first official Scouts of the World Award Discovery in Thailand took place during 21-23 August 2009 by the Thai Rover Scout Association at the Kaengkrachan Riverside Scout Camp. The camp has been registered as a "Climate Rescue Center" and it is supported by SolarGen Greenpeace (SE Asia). Participants had the opportunity to learn and discover about the Millennium Development Goals and how to take a positive action in their communities. They explored as well the Kaengkrachan Natural Park and Lake and the Fish Conservation Project and also visited a hydropower plant.

Museum of Greek Scouting

The museum belongs to the Greek Scout Corps, and is housed in the Antonios Benakis Scouting building. It aims to present the principles, methods and history of both international and Greek scouting. The museum has been arranged to represent natural landscapes, so as to better present the activities of scouts by age group: wolf-cubs, boy scouts, path-finders, sea and air scouts. It has scout manequines, wooden structures, tents, notice boards and many other scouting objects. The museum also documents the social role of scouting.

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Florida Scouts Celebrate 100 Years by Collecting Quarters to Build Schools in Africa



The Scouting for Change service project was conceptualized by the Central Florida Council's leadership as a way to join the national celebration of Scouting by raising funds to help build schools in Nairobi, Kenya. Nairobi is widely considered the birthplace of Scouting, where founder Lord Robert Baden-Powell envisioned the ideas and fundamentals of the Scouting program and where he was later laid to rest.

The first phase of the service project, the coin drive collection, was completed on February 8th, BSA's 100th birthday. Phase two, the virtual deposit program, ends May 19th, exactly 100 days later. The Council's goal is to raise enough to make major construction improvements to two schools around Nairobi with organizational partners Church World Service, which will build a new school, and World Hope, which will build a ninth grade wing at its Hope Academy in Kenya.

"Our goal was to do something truly special to celebrate the 100th anniversary of our Scouting program," said Ron Oats, scout executive. "Our Council's leadership took the original concept and created a campaign that has truly transformed the original idea into something so much greater. This project wouldn't be possible without the unwavering support of our community partners."

Under the direction and guidance of Technetium, the Central Florida Council implemented an integrated campaign to create awareness and motivate participation in the drive. The campaign concept incorporated local Scouts of all ages to create visual elements for the drive's Web site – www.scoutingforchange.com – billboards, TV and radio public service announcements, as well as the school-shaped coin collection boxes that Scouts, their parents and volunteer leaders used for collecting the quarters.

"We couldn't have accomplished this without Bright House Networks, Clear Channel Outdoor, Cox Radio, DeRoo Printing Services, Full Sail University, and Regions Bank and their contributions to this campaign. Together our team of community partners generated amazing materials and tremendous exposure for Scouting for Change," said Joe Forget, president of Technetium and the Council's VP of Marketing.