



# 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: SEP 16, 2010

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## BP Bits:



**BP being presented with his Rolls Royce & Caravan at the 1929 World Jamboree**

"I recognize more fully than before the great value of Jamborees...above all, the international spirit of comradeship and goodwill that is bred in these camps is already becoming a force in the world...the Scout learns new Scouting ideas and camping gadgets, and comes out a better Scout for the experience. Thereby the standard of Scouting is raised generally and its right methods are more widely understood and adopted.... I look forward, therefore, with all the greater confidence and hope to our world Jamboree in Hungary in August next year, as marking another big step forward in the promotion of that new and much needed spirit of broadminded goodwill in place of the old time narrow prejudices and jealousies." September 1932.

**Collectors' Corner:** Cups and Mugs: Can't have enough Scout mugs! These items generally have very little value as collectibles but finding them from different countries can be a fun challenge. To really specialize, you can break this down into the usual areas like World Jamborees, Baden-Powell, Cub Scouts, etc.



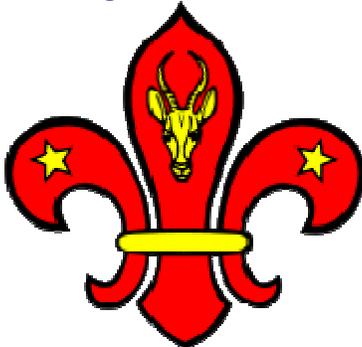
## Scouting's Founders: Czechoslovakia – A. B. Svojsfk

Junák, a voluntary, non-political civic organisation without restriction to membership, was founded in 1911 by Antonín Benjamin Svojsík (1876-1938), a professor of physical training at the secondary school. After visiting British Scouts, he wanted to establish a similar movement in his homeland. In 1910, inspired by the writings of Baden-Powell, Professor Svojsík wrote *Základy junáctví* ("The Foundations of Scouting"), the first handbook for Scouts operating in the Czech lands. In that book, he combined Baden-Powell's system of education; ideas of the American writer, traveller and painter E.T. Seton (founder of Woodcraft); and the traditions of the Czech nation. He followed this with an experimental camp in 1912. The participants walked the entire 200 km distance on foot, and their luggage was brought there on a single large push-cart. In the quickly developing world of Scouting at the time, Junák-Český skaut provided a model to be followed by many other developing national associations.



The word "Scout" he made up from a Slavonic word "Junak" and as a symbol of the organization he used the head of a dog, the historical symbol of Czech frontiersmen. The symbol of Junak is the Scout lily with the head of the Chodovian dog, symbolizing faithfulness and freedom, placed on the Trefoil.

**Scouting in South Africa:**



Former national emblem of the South African Scout Association (until 2008).



New Logo

South Africa after the Anglo-Boer War was a British colony...boys read BP's writing about "Boy Scouting" as it arrived in the mail by sea from Britain. In March 1908, only 7 months after the Scout Movement began, many Troops sprang up in Cape Town and further afield in Johannesburg and Natal. Scouting grew rapidly in South Africa, and in 1912, B-P himself visited South Africa. The first National Jamboree was held in 1936, with B-P again attending.

In many of the British Colonies where Scouting was established, it was at first segregated by race, and South Africa was no exception. However, this did not prevent Black Scout groups from springing up. In the 1920s, Black Scouts were given the name "Klipspringers" (rock-hoppers, a type of small antelope). The Apartheid laws of the time made multiracial gatherings illegal, but Scouting activities from 1970 on went ahead in defiance of these laws. Thankfully, no action was ever taken against Scouting by the Apartheid government. So, many years before the ending of Apartheid, Scouting was a movement for all the youth of South Africa.

The *Join-In Jamboree* concept, for Scouts in their home countries during World Scout Jamborees, was pioneered by the South African Vic Clapham in the 1970s. He was awarded the Bronze Wolf, the only distinction of the World Scout Committee, in 1971.

**Scouts in Wartime: MALTA**



On St. George's Day 23 April 1943 the Scouts of Malta were awarded the Bronze Cross, the highest decoration for gallantry of the Boy Scouts Association of the British Commonwealth and Empire "in recognition of their courage, heroic endurance and devotion to duty in the war for freedom". The Official History of the Boy Scouts Movement 1939-1945 records "The Scouts of Malta endured a heavier ordeal than any others. They were employed as coast-watchers, messengers, telephone operators; they manned Air Raid Precaution centers, worked in the censor's office, in the hospitals, and those who were old enough in the Volunteer Defense Force. One of their more important duties was that of acting as Telephone orderlies when convoys were unloaded... The bravery of the Scouts during the frequent air-raids became a by-word among the population. Their headquarters was destroyed together with all the records... All of them must be a shining example to Scouts everywhere as long as the Movement endures". The unique award was presented to the Scouts by the Chief Scout (and Governor) of Malta, Lord Govt V.C. at the Palace Square in Valletta.

A great little 16 page pamphlet called **World Scouting Quiz Book** is at [www.thedump.scoutscan.com/quizbook.pdf](http://www.thedump.scoutscan.com/quizbook.pdf). It was written in 1962, but still has some useful quizzes for pre-opening activities at troop meetings, patrol competitions, pack and den meetings, international nights or just for fun. Example: The Scout badges of the world nearly all embody the arrow head and have scrolls with certain words inscribed thereon. With which country would you associate this wording taken from the scrolls? 1. Toujours Pret 2. Vaer Beredt 3. Sois Pret 4. Estote Parati 5. Weest Paraat 6. Laging Handa 7. Sempre Pronto

Answers: 1. Belgium 2. Denmark & Norway 3. France 4. Italy 5. Netherlands 6. Philippines 7. Portugal