



# 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:



“A further way of discovering activities that will appeal to the boys is for the Scoutmaster to save his brain and by using his ears. When in wartime, a soldier-scout is out at night and wants to gain information of the enemy’s moves, he does so to a large extent by listening. Similarly, when a Scoutmaster is in the dark as to what is the inclination or the character of his boys, he can, to a great extent, get it by listening. ...when short of ideas, don’t impose on your Scouts activities which you think they ought to like; but find out from them and then see how far you can get these going.

So too, in giving instruction, it is better by far to get your boys to debate a point or to ask you questions than to preach information to them. There’s a lot to be got by listening and observing.” April 1922

## Collectors’ Corner: Scouting Figurines



UK, Hong Kong C.S., Canadian Scout Band, Australia Centennial Scout, Japan, Tobacco Jar, UK Trek Cart, Lead figure, Cast iron

## Scout Museums:

- **Brazil**



This site is in Spanish

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- **Kenya - Nyeri**

Baden-Powell Museum  
Sitting within the Outspan’s Hotel  
beautiful grounds, this museum  
(admission Ksh 100; 8am to 6pm)  
was the former cottage Paxtu of  
Lord Baden Powell. You’ll find lots  
of scouting paraphernalia and  
great mid 20th Century photos.  
The man himself (B-P) is buried  
behind St Peters church (B5 Hwy).

## Scouting in Argentina:



Current logo above



Asociación Diocesana de Scouts Católicos Argentinos

Scouting began in Argentina in August 1908 following publication of the book 'Scouting for Boys' and came from individual initiatives, often in English schools. Scouting was officially institutionalized at the national level in 1912, was granted a National Charter in 1917, and was among the charter members of the World Organization of the Scout Movement in 1922. A Scout patrol of Anglo-Argentine students greeted Baden-Powell on his way to visit Chile in 1908. In the late 1930s, a Catholic Scout Union (USCA) was created under the sponsorship of the Roman Catholic Church and operated separately until December 2, 1996, when INSA and USCA merged to form the Scouts of Argentina. Scouts de Argentina has 38,537 members (as of 2008).

There are currently a large number of associations that use the Scout method in Argentina:

- Scouts de Argentina, member of the World Organization of the Scout Movement, interreligious, co-educational, 38,537 members
- Asociación Guías Argentinas, member of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, interreligious, co-educational, 4,894 members
- Coordinación De Asociaciones Diocesanas De Scouts Católicos Argentinos, a federation of Catholic Scout associations, co-educational
- Asociación de Guías Argentinas Católicas, Catholic, girls-only
- Asociación Argentina de Scouts de Baden Powell, affiliated with Baden-Powell Scouts and the World Federation of Independent Scouts
- Sociedad Argentina de Boy Scouts Independientes, affiliated to the World Federation of Independent Scouts
- Exploradores Argentinos de Don Bosco Movimiento Exploradoril Salesiano, Catholic, co-educational
- Club de Conquistadores Adventistas (Pathfinders), affiliated to Pathfinders international, Adventist
- Scouts Armenios de Argentina, an Armenian Scouts-in-Exile association (see also Hayastani Azgayin Scautakan Sharjum Kazmakerputiun)
- Organization of Russian Young Pathfinders (ORYuR), a Russian Scouts-in-Exile group
- USTA Argentina affiliated with Unión de Scouts Tradicionales de América

**Scouts in Wartime:** Scouts in most countries have played a major role in the warfare of the last 100 years. From the major wars like WWI and WWII to localized wars in Lebanon and Bosnia, Scouts have actively participated in first aid, signaling, messenger service, fund raising, coastal watches, metal collection, and many other duties. Sometimes they actually fought alongside resistance forces, especially in the occupied countries during WWII. There are some excellent books that detail many of these stories: *The Left Handshake* by Hilary St. George Saunders 1948 (find this on line at [www.pinetreeweb.com/left-handshake.htm](http://www.pinetreeweb.com/left-handshake.htm)); *When boy scouts went to war Fortress Malta: an island under siege 1940-1943* by James Holland; *Boy Scouts in War-Time* by G. Herbert Russell and *The Undaunted Vol 1 and 2* by Piet Kroonenberg. Valeriano Abello, pictured below, signaled to US Navy ships preparing for a landing in the Philippines that the Japanese were waiting for them. The Navy changed the landing site and was able to save many lives. Of course, any British Commonwealth Scout can tell you about Jack Cornwell who earned the Victoria Cross in 1916 and now the Cornwell Decoration is their highest award for "fortitude in the face of severe adversity". These stories are awe-inspiring – great too for campfires.



B-P sketch of a Boy Scout Ambulance WWI



Valeriano Abello 1944



French Scout guiding Marines on the Franco-Belgian Frontier 1914



John T. Cornwell VC Jan 1900-Jun 1916