



International newsletter

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SECOND INTERAMERICAN SCOUT MOOT TRAMANDAÍ, BRAZIL 2014

In less than two years, the Rovers of the Interamerican Region will meet in Brazil for the most important Rover event of the region: the Interamerican Scout Moot!

The Interamerican Scout Moot mirrors the Scout world. All the diversity and knowledge from different Scout cultures around the world is gathered in one place. The event is inspiring and contributes to the development of the Scouting movement.

Its main objective is to promote cultural, ecological, recreational, spiritual, touristic and, especially, community activities that aim to facilitate the exchange of experiences, integration, discussion, intellectual growth and development of young people, strengthening their participation in the communities where they live.

An enormous variety of stimulating and exciting activities are being designed for the participants of the Second Interamerican Scout Moot in Brazil.

This event will offer an excellent opportunity for all participants to enjoy themselves while having fun and learning more about Scouting in their groups, country and other countries throughout the world.

This is a great opportunity to show how Scouting can “make a difference” at local, national and world levels. It will be a great opportunity for all participants to change the world for the better— to be SCOUTS!

Four days in the Paths

The first four days of activities will be developed in the paths. On the first day, arriving in Porto Alegre, participants will be sent directly to different regions.

Two of these days will be devoted to community activities. At this time Rovers will have an important mission: to know, share and help realize the dreams of the local communities in which rovers will be inserted.

This will be accomplished with the participation of the people who live in communities that are served by the Moot, working together with them to promote a great action that generates a transformation in the lives of everyone. Path participants will also have the opportunity to live moments of leisure, relaxation and tourism.

Five days in the Base Camp

From the fourth day all participants will leave the paths and will meet at the base camp for a second round of the event, where they can exchange experiences with young people who were in their different paths.

During these five days we will have a large community action involving all the Rovers and aimed at generating positive actions with an immediate and substantial impact.

Date: December 27, 2013 – January 4, 2014
Location: Tramandaí, Brazil

JANINE HALVERSON SELECTED TO LEAD INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT

Chief Scout Executive Wayne Brock announced the following change to the International Department in January 2013:

I am pleased to announce Janine Halverson was selected to serve as team leader in the International Department of the National Council, effective Jan. 1, 2013.

Janine worked in the insurance, human resources, telecommunications, and cable industries before coming to the National Council eight years ago.

She is proud to have been registered as a Scouting volunteer in the Longhorn Council for the last 14 years, serving as a Tiger Cub leader, Cubmaster, pack committee member, troop committee member, and chaplain in her son's units as well as recently rejoining the Fort Worth Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting. She is Wood Badge trained and a recipient of the Bronze Pelican Award.

Janine received her bachelor's degrees from Washington State University.

When it is time to relax, she enjoys climbing, hiking, and mountain biking as well as spending time with her Eagle Scout son Kevin, who is a student at the University of Central Oklahoma.

During her time in the International Department, Janine has become a much appreciated, respected, and admired member of the National Council staff by the volunteers and professionals with whom she works.

Please join me in congratulating Janine as she is promoted within the International Department.



BSA CONTINGENT PROGRAM

As a member of the World Organization of the Scout Movement, the Boy Scouts of America gets invited to many different international/national events in different countries every year. This is a great opportunity for the BSA to connect with the world through interaction with local Scouts and Scout leaders at those special events. Consequently, it provides our BSA Scouts and adults an excellent opportunity to learn about other countries, people, and cultures through Scouting activities, plus learn Scouting skills and make new friendships as part of the adventure.



Depending on the locations, time, availability of Direct Service units, attendees, and budgets, a contingent may be formed for these international events. Once a contingent formation is approved, BSA Scouts and Scout leaders will be selected to join this contingent (Boy Scout troop or Venturing crew).

The BSA would like to send contingents that represent geographical diversity. Contingents will be formed with Scouts and Scout leaders from all over the country, not just from one troop/crew in the same council.

In order to qualify for a BSA contingent, Scouts and Scout leaders must be nominated to the International Department by their council international representative and approved by their council Scout executive.



UPCOMING TRIPS:

14th World Scout Moot

- Date:** Aug. 8-18, 2013
- Country:** Canada
- Location:** Awacamanj Mino Base Camp, Quebec, Canada
- Host:** Association des Scouts du Canada
- Age:** 18-20 (Venturers) and 21-25 (young adults), plus over 25 adult leaders
- Cost:** \$1,100
- Nomination deadline:** March 31, 2013

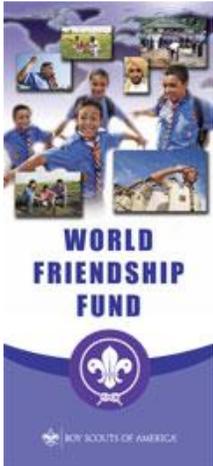
BSA contingent nomination forms:
www.scouting.org/international

If you are Venturer or young adult leader, aged 18-25, and have some time available late this summer — and are seeking the adventure of a lifetime — we invite you to participate as a member of the BSA's contingent to the World Scout Moot

For those aged 26 and older, you may attend as a staff member. International service team members will have to arrive to the Moot site as requested by the Moot organizers. All contingent members will have to arrange their own travel back to their home towns, and are welcome to explore beautiful Canada on their own before or after the Moot.

WORLD FRIENDSHIP FUND

Do you know how to get World Friendship Fund brochures, coffee can labels, or posters for your next collection?



Well, let us tell you! Contact your local council and ask them to order the items from the National Distribution Center via BIN inventory. The item numbers are: brochure, No. 130159; label, No. 22620; poster, No. 22609. We also have limited supplies of World Friendship Fund DVDs, No. 22611, so be sure to order one today before they are gone!

We can accept World Friendship Fund donations online! To donate online or to download the brochure, please visit

www.scouting.org/international/worldsupport.

COUNCIL INTERNATIONAL EVENT GUIDELINE

If your council is planning to host international Scouts as participants at a local council event, the International Department will work with your event registrar to verify contingent leaders and International Service Team (IST/staff) are registered and approved by their own WOSM Scout association to attend your event.

This may seem like an unnecessary step in your event planning, but it can be crucial to your event's success. For a large event in 2012, only 85 percent of the contingent leaders and 78 percent of the IST that applied were approved by their Scout association. Contact the International Department to verify the registration and approval of your international Scouts.

CAMP STAFF PROGRAM FOR BSA SCOUTERS

The European Camp Staff Program and Suncheon Asia-Pacific Scout Centre in Korea both provide opportunities for registered BSA Scouters, ages 18-30, to volunteer as staff members in an overseas Scout camp.

The aim of the European Camp Staff Program is to assist young people in developing their leadership skills and to encourage intercultural learning. This is achieved by providing the individual with a residential experience as a volunteer staff member at a Scout center in another country. For more information and the application, please visit www.scouting.org/international/ecamp.

In March 2009, the Suncheon Asia-Pacific Scout Centre began offering programs in English based on the Scout method of "learning by doing"—a hands-on experiential learning process in the outdoors—through young leaders from the National Scout Organizations. Korean youth may learn real-life, everyday spoken English and global leadership through various outdoor hands-on programs, weekly English camps, and seasonal experiential programs. At the same time, staff members may learn about Korea's rich history, culture, and tradition as well as share the brotherhood of Scouting with participants and visitors. The staff requirements are: Be endorsed by and be an active, registered member of your National Scout Organization; be at least 18 years old and currently enrolled or a graduate of a university; be available for at least 12 weeks; be able to communicate in English fluently; be able to use and teach the Scout method and introduce your country's culture; and be able to live by the culture and laws of Korea. For additional information and an application, please email international@scouting.org.

INTERNATIONAL CAMP STAFF PROGRAM

We are currently accepting applications for your council to host an international camp staffer at your council camp. Be sure your council participates by filling out an application found at www.scouting.org/international/applications. Also, check out the October 2012 Global BSA newsletter to find awesome stories from the 2012 camp season of international staffers!

INTRODUCING THE INTERNATIONAL SPIRIT AWARD!

The International Spirit Award is a temporary emblem that is awarded to registered Scouts and Scouters who have completed the necessary requirements, have gained a greater knowledge of international Scouting, and have a greater appreciation and awareness of different cultures and countries. This award serves as a replacement for, and therefore eliminates, the International Activity emblem and the Youth Exchange emblem. International Spirit Award emblems are \$4 each and are purchased from the International Department. Please visit www.scouting.org/international/applications to see the requirements and apply for this new award.



2012 REPORT OF JOTA AND JOTI

Participants of JOTA and JOTI had a wonderful time over the October 19-20 weekend. The JOTI committee helped create a JOTI website and provided helpful information for Scouts and leaders to get started and participate in JOTI. U.S. participation in JOTA surged in 2012 with 204 stations reporting their activities up 200% from 2011. These stations reported 18,537 Scouts participating up nearly 500%.

Overall, the station reports represented 136 Scout councils and 41 states. More than 1,000 amateur radio operators were involved in contacting all 50 states and 66 countries across the country and around the world! The JOTA and JOTI official BSA report that was submitted to the World Organization of the Scout Movement will be posted on their website at www.scout.org/en/information_events/events/jota/radio_scouting_library/all_world_jota_reports. You will also find previous JOTA and JOTI reports there as well.

Please be sure to visit www.scouting.org/jota and www.scouting.org/joti in the upcoming months for information on JOTA and JOTI 2013!



Scouts gathered in Al Jouf province in northwestern Saudi Arabia, including representatives from the World Scout Bureau and from Scout associations in countries such as Haiti, Kuwait, Indonesia, France, Ireland and the Netherlands. The history of Al Jouf dates back more than 4,000 years and has almost all historical periods and human civilizations that have left their mark there.

The trip gave Anthony a unique and rare opportunity not only to witness a culture dramatically different from our own, but also to see Scouting from a different perspective. But what became very clear is that Scouts around the world are linked by a shared set of values that transcend culture and borders. Languages may differ and local customs may appear strange and unfamiliar but the Scout sign, the motto of “Be Prepared” and the desire to make the world a better more peaceful place connect Scouts across the globe. The Scouts they met were warm, gracious, enthusiastic, smart, interesting and engaging. Anthony was often approached by Scouts wanting to meet and have a picture taken with him.

While there, they toured the jamboree grounds and watched the Scouts earn various badges at workshops. There were a number of hospitality tents with traditional music and dancing. They also toured a housing project in Jouf where Scouts were working to remodel living units as a service project. In Saudi Arabia, the Falcon Scout is equivalent to the Eagle Scout. They are not required to complete an Eagle Scout project as the BSA defines it, but they complete projects throughout their Scouting career.

While there, they feasted on lamb, chicken and fish along with yellow rice and vegetables - not much different from what we eat in the United States. The weather was hot (over 100 degrees) but with the low humidity it was still comfortable. Anthony took more than 300 pictures and even got the chance to ride a camel! He kept a blog of his journey to share his experiences.

One of the highlights was the spectacular Messengers of Peace ceremony on the last night. Anthony, on behalf of the BSA and the National Eagle Scout Association, accepted a recognition for the 50,000 American Scouts who registered their Scout projects as Messenger of Peace projects.

The Messengers of Peace program is just beginning in the United States, and more information is coming shortly. There is a special uniform patch one can earn to show that you too are a Messenger.

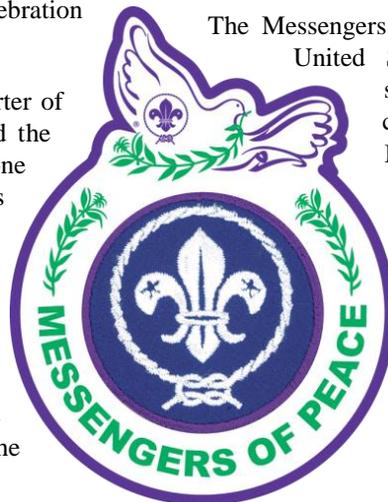
Anthony described the experience: “It was an honor to be there representing the BSA. The warm welcome we received made it a memorable experience and speaks to the brotherhood of Scouting around the world.”

MESSENGERS OF PEACE

The BSA's two millionth Eagle Scout, Anthony Thomas from Northern Star Council in Minneapolis, traveled to Saudi Arabia in September as a guest of King Abdullah. The king invited youth and leaders from Scout associations around the world to participate as Messengers of Peace. Anthony traveled with Rabbi Peter Hyman, the chairman of the BSA's Messengers of Peace program and John Geoghegan, director of the World Scout Foundation located in Geneva. As guests of the king, they joined 3,000 other Scouts in a celebration of that country's National Day on September 23.

The king of Saudi Arabia has been a major supporter of the World Scout Movement. Last year he initiated the Messengers of Peace program to encourage everyone worldwide to do service projects and to let others know what those projects are, so others might do the same. He made a significant financial contribution to encourage Scouts around the world to participate.

National Day in Saudi Arabia, similar to our Fourth of July, was the 82nd celebration of the unification of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The



LONE CUB SCOUTS VISIT BAHAMIAN POLICE STATION

Last summer, Direct Service Lone Cub Scouts in the Bahamas, visited the Royal Bahamas Police Force, Freeport, Grand Bahama Central Precinct. Here the boys learned what police officers do and how they protect and keep the community safe.

As part of the tour, the boys learned about fingerprint analysis. The police officer in charge of the fingerprint lab showed them how to lift latent fingerprints and process the information for investigative purposes.

The boys also got to see the local holding cells, Drug Enforcement Unit, and Central Detectives Unit. It was an exciting time for the Lone Scouts as they got to see exactly what goes on in a real police station.



JAMCAM 2013 - COLOMBIA

After our flight into Bogotá, we were warmly greeted by our host family. “Welcome to Bogotá! Una ciudad mas cerca de las estrellas! — meaning “A city that is closer to the stars!” In our few days of touring before JamCam 2013, the US contingent would come to see the great beauty of this historic capital from its colonial architecture, historic squares, art treasures, and beautiful cathedrals. We were a small contingent of four Boy Scouts and one female Venturer hailing from Georgia, Mississippi, and Puerto Rico. Together we freely explored, ate in typical restaurants, listened to local music, and tried our hand at bargaining along local streets. Everywhere we visited in Bogotá, we felt safe and were warmly received. Our local host family was dedicated to Scouting and generously shared their home with us all. “As we are all Scouts, our home is your home,” they said.

Noah Robertson shared his experience: “The next morning was a fun experience and one that will be remembered forever. We went on a tour of the city, the best part was that none of the three of us could speak Spanish very fluently. All the Spanish I could speak I learned in a one-year high school class and on the soccer field. During our self guided tour we were amazed once again by wonderful sights like the church of gold, the square and the main cathedral. All of these sights were nothing compared to the personal tour we received because we were Scouts. I have never met a person who has said you will not make friends through Scouting, because that’s the one thing I did, make plenty of friends. The reason we received this tour was because our uniforms made us noticeable and even though we could not speak Spanish and the man who found us could not speak English, that was still no problem for our Scouting skills. I understood the most Spanish so I took the lead. As he explained everything I tried my best to translate, which is all they asked of me.”

JamCam 2013 welcomed thousands of Scouts from contingents across the Americas. From humble beginnings as open agricultural fields, a joyful city of flags and tents arose. We later learned that our presence was considered somewhat historic in that we were the first official contingent to attend this event on behalf of the BSA. Everyone at the jambo wanted to talk to us but no one really spoke English, so it was difficult having basic conversations. Although our group was small, we were met daily by overwhelming welcomes and curious questions about our country and our impressions of their home.

We were immediately assigned to be part of a “comunidad” much like the patrols we have at home. So, comunidad “Spanglish” came to life consisting of our five Scouts from the BSA along with three Scouts from Colombia and one from Trinidad and Tobago. We camped with our new community members, wrote our own national anthem, and shared our favorite music and traditions. Daily activities were designed to encourage our feeling of community and unity. Our ability to speak each others’ languages progressed daily. At night, the real fun began as JamCam 2013 came alive with lively music and vibrant dancing. On international day, we all shared typical foods from our respective countries and many wore the brilliant costumes of their home cultures. In historic JamCam



In 29 countries, Scouting exists (be it embryonic or widespread), but there is no National Scout Organization that is a member of WOSM.

There are six countries with no Scouting program.

tradition, we learned the “art” of trading patches and neckerchiefs. When our patches were gone, we traded uniforms, and eventually even the shirts on our backs. Best off all, we got to meet and greet friends that we will never forget because of the great times we had.

We don’t want it to seem that our experience was completely free from “challenges”. Camping in a foreign country will test your “Scout skills” to be sure and a Scout should always “be prepared” for the unexpected — particularly overseas. Our destination on the equator provided some significant daily changes in temperature and the strength of the sun made us all grab our sombreros and sunscreen for daytime activities. Several small “tornadoes” in the area did cause us to realize the importance of careful staking of tents and safe stowing of gear. Cooking with unfamiliar ingredients required that we get creative with our traditional culinary skills. Above all, we learned to maintain responsibility for our own sanitation habits and to check the safety of local water sources. That said, our contingent completed JamCam without any adverse health or safety issues.

Windswept and sunburned, we must have looked quite frightful as we passed through customs on our return into the United States. “What sent you to Colombia?”, asked the customs officer. Our response was “We are Scouts, sir. We went to meet fellow Scouts from all over the Americas.” “There are Scouts in South America?”, he asked with surprise. “Oh, yes! Scouting spans the globe, sir, and we are a global community.” With a smile he replied, “Welcome home, Scouts.” While glad to be home, attending JamCam made it clear to us that as Scouts we are truly part of a global community with Scouting friends and values that span the globe.

So, what were our real “impressions” of Colombia in hindsight? Well, during one of our daily activities we were asked how we would each improve our world. One of the Colombian members of our community named Monica quickly answered, “We should all smile more. A smile is the world’s greatest weapon.” We agree with Monica and noticed that Colombia is a nation with great “smile power”. Colombians greet each day with a brilliant smile and take unhurried time to greet each other and strangers. Their hearts are filled with music and their feet are busy dancing. They are tremendously proud of their nation and think that there is no better place to live. Colombia and all the nations represented at JamCam 2013 are clearly dedicated to the global community of Scouting. We were truly honored to have

attended JamCam 2013 and to have lived a bit “closer to the stars” for the time that we shared.

“This event was a true blessing for me to have the opportunity to attend and everything from start to finish went well beyond my expectations,” said Noah. So as I close out this segment, I want to encourage anyone and everyone to go participate in a World Scouting event. The sights you can see and the knowledge that you can receive from this event are amazing and I will never forget these good times as long as I live. The greatest experience a Scout will receive by participating in one of these trips is that you will always feel welcomed anywhere in the world as a Scout and the friends you meet along the way are unforgettable.

Julia G. Wren — Venture Crew 7 – Georgia-Carolina Council
Rackley “CB” Wren — Troop 7 - Georgia-Carolina Council
Noah Robertson — Troop 26/Crew 15 - Yocona Area Council

UKRAINIAN INTERNATIONAL PLAST (SCOUT) JUBILEE

This year, the Ukrainian Plast celebrated 100 years and BSA International received an invitation for the BSA to attend their jubilee. BSA International selected two leaders, four Boy Scouts and one Sea Scout and we all had a great time.

Ukrainian Scouting has been known since its inception as “Plast”. In Ukrainian a *plastun* is a historical name for a Cossack scout and sentry serviceman. The founder of Ukrainian Scouting adapted the universal Scout principles to the needs and interests of Ukrainian youth.

Plast has gone through many periods when it was banned because of the controlling government; the last being Soviet Russia. During many of these times, many Ukrainians moved to countries like the United States, Canada, Australia, Argentina and Germany and established Plast in these countries. When Ukraine became a free country in 1991, many Plast members from overseas came back and reestablished it in the Ukraine. The beauty of this is that Plast requires that its members, even if overseas, learn the language and culture of the Ukraine so the Ukrainians have a great relationship with Plast. Our US contingent was impressed with



this fact. We observed the enthusiasm of town's people for Plast by their clapping and cheering as we marched over three miles in full uniform to the opening.

Our first few days in the Ukraine were with Plast families as home stays. The home stays worked out very well. The benefit of home stays before the event begins is that you have established friends who will be at the event and can introduce you to others.

The jubilee consisted of an opening day, four days of activities and a closing day. Our US contingent always had fun and often excelled at the activities. We even got time with the Ukrainian Chief Scout; a very friendly person. For each Scout, this was their first experience overseas and it will be remembered for a lifetime!

2012 JAPAN VENTURING EXPEDITION

We started this trip as a menagerie of ages, ranks, and personalities jumbled together on weekly local hikes through Waterfall Glen. Even this early on in the trip I knew that taking on a leadership position with this entourage of young men would be a little more interesting than the previous SPL post I had held in my earlier Scouting days.

As the trip progressed I had the privilege to facilitate the growth of strong bonds within this Scouting contingent and also as a fortunate addition, with the Scouts of the nation of Japan. As a leader it was a challenge to keep track of our Scout's safety, and punctuality, while simultaneously submerging myself and our crew in the culture and traditions of the Japanese.

As one Scout to another, a member of the Japanese contingent who had previously had the opportunity to come to the United States on a Scouting expedition confided in me that he had a great time here in the United State because everyone was very friendly and lenient with time schedules and activities, permitting those that were clearly enjoyable to extend to extra time and for those that had clearly run their course to be cut short. There was a trade off with this plasticity of schedule

across the pond with a distinct value and dedication to time schedules in order to allow all activities to be experienced and enjoyed. This was something I had not yet experienced in Scouting and so it was a challenge to adapt but I soon found it enabled a broad-based exposure to as many venues as possible most of which (if not all) were wonderful and in some cases awe-inspiring such as viewing the Honda collection and Asimo robot at Honda Motegi circuit or seeing the sun rise from Mount Fuji and gaining a deeper, more spiritual understanding of the sobriquet "land of the rising sun."

All in all, we really got to see cultural fusion in the works at Camp Yamanaka as we worked and boarded with the members of the contingent, sharing stories, contact information, patches, and the spirit of Scouting. It is impossible to undergo the struggles of climbing a mountain or building and paddling a raft across such a massive lake without cementing the bonds of friendship between the two parties involved.

Both activities mandated an unsurpassed cooperation and understanding that portrayed to me that, in spite of the barrier of languages and customs, the bridges of Scouting without borders and friendship without bounds bridge and surmount all challenges a leader like me or our contingent could endure.

Yours in Scouting,

Samir Shah - August 8, 2012

TROOP 965 VISITS US SOLDIERS IN KUWAIT

CAMP ARIFJAN, Kuwait—Horns honked, sirens wailed and on the loudspeakers of armored vehicles you heard the voices of children.

The Boy Scouts of Troop 965 in Kuwait received a unique opportunity to visit Camp Arifjan, Jan. 12, and explore mine-resistant, ambush-protected (MRAP) vehicles with soldiers of the 47th Transportation Company, deployed from Fort Bliss, Texas. The Boy Scout troop is comprised of expatriates located in Kuwait. The troop's council is coordinated through Direct Service and administered by the International Department of the Boy Scouts of America.

Staff Sgt. Pascual Romero, a squad leader with 47th, gave the Scouts an initial tour of the trucks and their features. Romero said the experience was certainly different while being deployed, but was happy to show the Scouts around.

"As a noncommissioned officer in the Army, you have to take pride in your equipment," said Romero, a Strawn, Texas, resident. "I enjoy any opportunity to show off our equipment and teach kids about the trucks."

Mike Buist, a parent of Scout Ryan Buist, originally from New Zealand, said this opportunity was unique and gave the



Scouts a glimpse of the military beyond what they would normally experience.

“What a lot of the Scouts is about is taking young guys and teaching them the principles of being young men,” said Buist. “It shows what loyalty, esprit de corps, commitment are all about. For the younger guys it’s not so much about inculcating a desire to join the military, but a lot of the principles that are associated behind that are developed in these young guys.”

Mike’s son Ryan said he enjoyed his experience with the trucks at Camp Arifjan.

“It’s been really, really fun,” said Ryan, 14. “We got to crawl all over the vehicles, sit in the driver’s seat, play with all of the controls, sit in the gunner’s seat and spin around. That was cool.”

Capt. Clifford Houde, 3rd Medical Command Headquarters Company commander, is leading the Scout project for Camp Arifjan. Houde said his team is in the process of assisting the Scouts in obtaining merit badges as part of their program.

“It’s really good for the Army to give back to the community,” said Houde. “It’s good for the Scouts because there aren’t many resources for them to obtain badges here in Kuwait.”

INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING IN THE NEW MICHIGAN CROSSROADS COUNCIL

The recent formation of the Michigan Crossroads Council has resulted in significant changes in international Scouting in Michigan. The March–April 2012 *Scouting* magazine explained what was about to happen: “Area 2’s individual councils will be dissolved and virtually all administrative functions and governance will be consolidated into one area-wide ‘coordinating council.’ The recommendation also created four field service councils that will serve as the primary face of Scouting in Area 2 communities.” Area 2 was renamed the Michigan Crossroads Council (MCC) and become the legal entity. Nine legacy councils were merged into four “field service councils” (FSC) that have their own Scout executives and professional staff, their own OA lodges, etc., but do not have separate legal standing. Eight international representatives, many of whom had never met each other, were now all part of one large council.



We developed a new international Scouting structure to fit this new model. The MCC and each of the four FSCs has an International Scouting committee. The chair of each International Scouting committee is the council’s IR and a member of the council’s Program Impact committee. The MCC International Scouting committee is made up of the chair, the chairs of the four FSC International Scouting committees, and a few members-at-large.

We believe that this restructuring has resulted in a stronger International Scouting presence in Michigan. We have all benefited by meeting each other and sharing ideas. We have identified experts among us in different aspects of international Scouting. Membership in MCC and FSC Program Impact committees lets us get the word out to key volunteers. Our International Scouting home page at www.michiganscouting.org/Scouting/International/ allows us to promote opportunities such as the upcoming World Scout Moot statewide and provide contact information for our IRs. We have put together an “International Scouting Opportunities” Power Point that is available for all of us to use. The FSC International Scouting committees can focus on local activities while the MCC International Scouting committee has a statewide perspective. We are excited by the opportunities that are ahead of us.

Bruce McCrea - Chair, International Scouting Committee, Michigan Crossroads Council BSA.

INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING AND THE CALIFORNIA INLAND EMPIRE COUNCIL

The California Inland Empire Council (CIEC) has a small, growing, and very active International Scouting Committee (ISC). Currently the CIEC ISC is composed of nine Scouters plus its professional adviser. It is actively seeking CIEC Scouters who have demonstrated talents and experiences that will help the CIEC ISC carry out its mission.

In less than two years one member of the CIEC ISC (Mike Downs, the CIEC’s vice president for Relations and Membership) was selected to a leadership position for the BSA’s national contingent on a Friendship Tour to Japan (Japan Friendship Tour 2011); another member (Bill Dull) was selected to serve on the International Service Team (i.e., a staff position) for the 2011 World Jamboree in Sweden and also served on the planning team for the International Camporee with Mexico hosted by the San Diego-Imperial Council; another member (Craig Murray) was selected for a leadership position for the BSA’s national contingent to the Ukraine National Jamboree or Plast (Ukraine Plast Adventure); the son of one CIEC ISC member (Nick Sahli and Ron Sahli, respectively) was selected for the BSA’s national contingent to the Korean National Jamboree (Korea Scout Adventure); and one member (Joaquin Ancona) was selected to serve on the BSA’s International Scouting display team for the 2013 BSA National Jamboree at the new national Scout reservation—the Summit Bechtel Family National Scout

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Reserve. In addition, two CIEC members (Erick and Ryan Reyes) attended what has been described as the Mexican National Jamboree (aka 33d Encuentro de Expresion y Arte Scout or EEAS).

The CIEC ISC has actively and successfully promoted the involvement of an international Scouter for the CIEC summer camp staff across three of the past four years and is working on an international Scouter to help staff its 2013 summer camp. One of the CIEC ISC's members (Robert Williams) has earned the 'Messengers of Peace "ring" which goes around the World Brotherhood crest. The CIEC ISC has begun its promotion and recruitment for the 2015 (Japan) and 2019 (United States) World Jamborees as well as other events on the international calendar.

You can learn more about the CIEC ISC, its members, and its activities by going to the CIEC's web address (www.bsa-ciec.org), scrolling down the home page, and selecting the "International Scouting" button on the right hand side.

Mike Goldware - CIEC IR and CIEC ISC Chair

INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING ITEMS FOR SALE THROUGH INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT

International Scouting flag: Purple flag with white World Crest. 3x5 flag is \$65 and 4x6 flag is \$100.

JOIN THE BADEN-POWELL WORLD FELLOWSHIP BEFORE THE 2013 NATIONAL SCOUT JAMBOREE

The Baden-Powell World Fellowship recognizes individuals for their contributions to the World Scout Foundation to help support Scouting. Membership is open to individual men and women throughout the world. Each member receives a special medallion, certificate, and lapel pin in recognition.

The BP Fellowship receptions are periodically held in different parts of the world to both inform members about Scouting and to welcome new members. There will be a reception at the BP Fellowship event to be held in conjunction with the 2013 National Scout Jamboree this July. There has not been a BP Fellowship event in the United States since 2009; this would be an excellent time to become a member and be recognized in West Virginia this summer!

You may join the Baden-Powell Fellowship with a payment of \$10,000 (or \$5,000 and balance payable over a period of up to three years), and people under 30 may join with a single payment of \$1,000 and decide at the age of 35 to continue their membership by pledging to pay the remaining \$9,000.

Click here to download the Baden-Powell World Fellowship Enrollment Form. [PDF]

Contact us at international@scouting.org if you have any questions about the program.

As we stated in our July 2012 newsletter, all the presentations from our 2012 Philmont International Representative Conference have been posted on our website. The purpose of publishing this information was primarily for all the international representatives who were unable to attend the conference. This information is for all IRs as well as any of our volunteers interested in international Scouting. There are three ways to get to the landing page with the documents:

1. www.scouting.org/scoutsource/International/PhilmontConfDocs.aspx
2. www.scouting.org/international. Click on "NEW! 2012 Philmont Conference Documents" on the right-hand side of the page.
3. www.scouting.org/scoutsource/International/InternationalRepresentative.aspx. Click on "2012 Philmont Conference Documents" at the bottom of the page.

These documents have been included as a one-time post from the conference with the following statement on the Council Representative webpage: NOTE: Documents valid as of June 2012. Contact International Department if need to publish or use documents and need to verify if there is a more current version.

WHAT'S UPCOMING

JamBe2013 (A World of Imagination)

Host: Guiding and Scouting Belgium
Location: Belgium
Date: July 29-Aug 8, 2013

30th Asia Pacific Regional Scout Jamboree/16th Nippon Jamboree

Host: Japan Scout Association
Location: Kirara-hama, Yamaguchi, Japan
Date: Aug. 2-9, 2013

2nd National Jamboree Borjomi

(20th Anniversary of Scouting in Georgia)

Host: Georgian Organization of the Scout Movement
Location: Georgia
Date: Aug 6-16, 2013