

WHAT'S NEW

News from World Scouting

- Following a transparent selection process, the World Scout Committee has named Luc Panissod as the World Organization of the Scout Movement's secretary general.
- On 27 February 2009, the World Scout Bureau named Gabriel Oldenburg as acting Regional Director for the Interamerican Region, replacing outgoing Regional Director Alberto Omar del Brutto.
- On 27 February 2009, 75 percent of the National Scout Organizations in the Interamerican Region voted to confirm the decision to relocate the region office from Santiago, Chile, to Panama City, Republic of Panama. The actual move date is yet to be determined.

22nd Central American Scout Camporee 2009

We have been notified by the Scout Association of Guatemala that it has cancelled the 22nd Central American Scout Camporee scheduled from 4-10 April 2009.

BSA Uniform Exchange Update

The BSA recently received news from FedEx that due to economic conditions, it will not be able to provide free shipping for the Sleeves for Scouts program. The plan is to still go ahead with the program, and new details will be available soon.

Panamerican Jamboree 2009

We will be coordinating a national contingent to the 13th Panamerican Scout Jamboree in December 2009, in Toluca, capital city of the state of Mexico. Bari Saunders, member of the International Committee, has agreed to serve as the BSA's contingent leader. Please visit the event Web site at www.jampan.org.mx to find the price of the event. Additionally, the Scout Association of Mexico hopes to announce the cost of the equipment package at the end of May. Contingent members will need to purchase this equipment package and add this amount to the event cost. If you are interested in attending, please contact Esther Scoggins at esther.scoggins@scouting.org.

Direct Service

Congratulations to Eagle Scout Stephen Scott of Troop 442 in Perth, Australia, who has received appointments to both the U.S. Air Force and Naval Academies. To gain the appointments, Stephen had to appear before Congressman Lamar Smith's Military Academy Selection Committee. The committee was most interested in Stephen's Eagle Scout service project that consisted of building a basketball court in a small village near Lagos, Nigeria. After the court was completed, he taught local villagers how to play the game. Stephen believes that his Scouting experiences and leadership training set him apart from the other candidates.

What's Ongoing

World Scout Jamboree 2011

International Commissioner Wayne Perry has announced that the promotional material for participation by BSA members in the 2011 World Scout Jamboree (WSJ) will be released during the BSA's National Annual Meeting in May. The 2011 WSJ will be held in Rinkaby, outside Kristianstad, Skåne, Sweden, from 27 July to 7 August 2011.

SAJ/BSA Exchange Program

A reminder to all IRs: It is not too late to submit nominations for Scouts and leaders to participate in the SAJ/BSA Exchange Program planned for this summer. Once again, only nominations made by IRs and International Committee members will be considered. E-mail Esther Scoggins at esther.scoggins@scouting.org to request nomination forms.

Philmont 2009

Dan Ownby, chairman of the 2009 Philmont Conference, reports that the conference is full. There were many IRs that wanted to attend but the spots filled very quickly. Thank you to everyone who registered, and we look forward to seeing you in July. For those who were not able to attend this conference, we hope to see you at a future conference.

2009 Events

National Annual Meeting
 20-22 MAY

Philmont International Representative Training
 13-17 JUL

Executive Board & Committee Meetings
 12-14 OCT

Panamerican Jamboree
 26 DEC – 03 JAN

2010 Events

BSA National Jamboree
 26 JUL – 4 AUG

JOTA/JOTI Extravaganza

The International Department of the Boy Scouts of America plans to host Chief Scout Executives from around the world during the weekend of Jamboree-On-The-Air (JOTA) and Jamboree-On-The-Internet (JOTI). Therefore, we will provide an opportunity for the Chief Scout Executives to participate in JOTA and JOTI and visit with local Scouts and Scouters at the National Scouting Museum in Irving, Texas. Those in attendance will also be able to participate in JOTA and JOTI with the Chiefs, tour the museum, eat lunch, get a commemorative patch, and more on Saturday, 17 October 2009, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Hope to see you there!

International Camp Staff Program

ATTENTION IRs: We currently have more counselor applications than we have requesting council camps! Therefore, we are still accepting council applications to participate in the International Camp Staff Program. Has your council sent in an application to receive an international counselor? This program has enriched the lives of thousands of Cub and Boy Scouts throughout America with a unique Scouting experience. The counselors not only bring valuable input to our program, but return to their countries with new ideas and skills learned from us. So, what are you waiting for? Visit www.scouting.org/international to download a council application now!

Gilwell Web site

Discover your roots at Gilwell Park. The first Gilwell Park Web site is live – sign up and visit the home of Scouting. Gilwell has launched an exciting new Web site for members of the first Gilwell Park Scout Group – the largest Scout group in the world. If you hold the Wood Badge, you are already a member and can sign up now at 1stgilwellpark.org. The Web site includes all the latest information about Gilwell Park including future plans and building work, an array of Gilwell photos, the current weather conditions and how to book a tour, including a stay at the White House. New features will be added on a regular basis including Web cams. This will be your opportunity to not only stay in touch and share your memories, but also help shape Gilwell's future. If you have any questions or would like to know more, please e-mail 1stgilwellpark@scout.org.uk.

Korea Scout Association Camp Staff Program

The Korea Scout Association (KSA) and World Scout Bureau Asia-Pacific Region (APR) will manage the Suncheon Asia-Pacific Scout Centre (SAPSC), where youth may improve their global leadership and learn English through their experiences. The staff role will be to run the Centre's English camp, seasonal and other programs, as well as offer a program to introduce a country's culture and share friendship. The staff working periods are based on three-month terms and may be extended up to a year. The summer working period is from 13 June – 12 September 2009, the fall working period is from 13 September – 12 December 2009, and the winter working period is from 13 December 2009 – 11 March 2010. The staff requirements are: Be endorsed by your National Scout Organization (NSO); be an active Scout member of your NSO; 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. Meals and housing are provided as well as a living allowance of USD \$1,200 for three months. Staff is responsible for arranging travel to and from Korea. You can read more information on the WOSM Web site at http://www.scout.org/en/around_the_world/asia_pacific/our_organisation/job_opportunities/volunteers_1/suncheon_scout_centre. Please contact Lisa Marquis at lisa.marquis@scouting.org if you have further questions about the new program.

What's Upcoming

National Annual Meeting

Elective at the National Annual Meeting: Sweden in 2011...

This elective – presented by BSA's International Committee – will focus primarily on promotional plans for the 2011 World Scout Jamboree in Sweden. Meet the BSA's promotional team and members of the Swedish Scout Association who will share the most up-to-date information regarding site and program preparations. In addition to jamboree plans, learn about other international travel opportunities available for members of your local council.

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