

### WHAT'S NEW

#### BSA Uniform Exchange Update

The BSA proudly announces the Sleeves for Scouts program in which Scouts and Scouters can donate uniform shirts they no longer use to Scouts in places like Asia, Africa, and the Pacific Islands, where there is a need. The program is scheduled to launch in March. All council International Representatives (IRs) will be receiving a promotional packet containing posters, flyers, and all the necessary information they will need to conduct their promotion. Through the generosity of Federal Express, IR's will be able to ship their collected shirts free of charge by taking the boxes to their local FedEx/Kinko's store.

#### 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. The event is a wonderful opportunity to travel and learn about Mexico in an atmosphere of exploration and adventure and strengthen the Scout brotherhood. The motto of this great event is "Explore our territory, discover your spirit." More than 8,000 Scouts from around the American continent are expected to attend the nine-day event. Bari Saunders, member of the International Committee, has agreed to serve as the BSA's contingent leader. Bari and Esther Scoggins, of the BSA International Department, will be contacting those Scouters that have indicated an interest in attending this event. Do you have someone from your council interested in attending? Please contact Esther Scoggins at [esther.scoggins@scouting.org](mailto:esther.scoggins@scouting.org).

#### 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, October 17, 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](http://www.scouting.org/international) to download a council application now!

#### Direct Service

Facing a wildly blowing Shamal (sand storm) upon arrival, 132 scouts and 40 adult leaders met in the remote desert dunes outside Al Ain, United Arab Emirates, for a phenomenally successful regional camporee. The two-day gathering theme was "Middle East Scout Olympics 2009," that included seven patrol competitions, an enormous campfire, an Order of the Arrow Tapout, and Scouting fellowship. The participating Troops included:

- Kuwait City, Kuwait Troop 938
- Doha, Qatar Troop 970
- 3rd Dubai, UAE (British)
- Dubai, UAE Troop 813
- Manama, Bahrain Troop 826
- Al Ain, UAE Troop
- 1st Abu Dhabi, UAE (British)
- Abu Dhabi, UAE Troop 36
- Lone Scouts from Yemen, UAE, and Oman

As part of the Camporee, each troop attending planned a patrol competition that reinforced Scouting fundamentals including first aid, fire building, knots, orienteering, cooking, Scouting trivia, and a treasure hunt.

#### 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

This camporee was a unique event in Direct Service given the wide geographic separation of the troops and lone scouts in the Middle East. Each of the participating Scouts came away with rich and rewarding memories of Scouting and fellowship. The efforts of the adult and Scout leaders, and Terry Meyers of the Direct Service Council, were all necessary to ensure this event became a reality. See the upcoming Direct Service newsletter at [www.directservicebsa.org/](http://www.directservicebsa.org/) for pictures of the event.

### Gilwell website

Discover your roots at Gilwell Park. The first Gilwell Park website is live – sign up and visit the home of Scouting. Gilwell has launched an exciting new website 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](http://1stgilwellpark.org). The website currently 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 email [1stgilwellpark@scout.org.uk](mailto: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 JUN – 12 SEPT 2009, the fall working period is from 13 SEPT – 12 DEC 2009, and the winter working period is from 13 DEC 2009 – 11 MAR 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 website at

[http://www.scout.org/en/around\\_the\\_world/asia\\_pacific/our\\_organisation/job\\_opportunities/volunteers\\_1/suncheon\\_scout\\_centre](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](mailto:lisa.marquis@scouting.org) if you have further questions about the new program.

## 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 2009. The 2011 WSJ will be held in Rinkaby, outside Kristianstad, Skåne, Sweden, from 27 July – 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 the summer of 2009. Once again, only nominations made by IRs and International Committee members will be considered. Email Esther Scoggins at [esther.scoggins@scouting.org](mailto:esther.scoggins@scouting.org) to request nomination forms.

### Philmont 2009

Dan Ownby, Chairman of the 2009 Philmont Conference, reports that **space is still available** for your local council IR to attend this special event. *The new Philmont registration had a small glitch which has been corrected. If you received a message that the conference was full, that was not correct.* A reminder that the session is only open to those IRs recognized by the International Department who have not attended an International Philmont Conference since becoming an IR. Email us at [international@scouting.org](mailto:international@scouting.org) if you are interested in attending the conference. Registration will be through Philmont's new online registration process. We will forward those registration procedures to the interested IRs as soon as they are requested.

## What's Upcoming

### National Annual Meeting

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

This elective – presented by BSA's International Committee – will primarily focus on promotional plans for the 2011 World Scout Jamboree scheduled to be held 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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