

INTERNATIONAL ADVENTURE

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UPCOMING EVENTS

2017

July 8–15 [13th Canadian Scout Jamboree, Elderbank, Nova Scotia](#)

July 19–28 [2017 BSA National Scout Jamboree, Summit Bechtel Reserve](#)

July 22–30 [Jamboree 2017, Sønderborg, Denmark](#)

July 25–Aug. 2 [World Scout Moot, Iceland](#)

Aug. 5–12 [Swedish National Jamboree 17, Rinkaby, Sweden](#)

Oct. 21–22 [Jamboree-on-the-Air](#) and [Jamboree-on-the-Internet](#)

2018

July 27–Aug. 5 [III Interamerican Scout Moot, Chocco, Cusco - Peru](#)

Oct. 19–21 [Jamboree-on-the-Air](#) and [Jamboree-on-the-Internet](#)

For additional international events, please visit <https://www.scout.org> or click [here](#) for the WOSM International Events List 2016-2021

WORLD FRIENDSHIP FUND

Where do contributions go?

Collected contributions are used to assist developing National Scout Organizations (NSOs) around the world.

Any NSO that is recognized by the World Organization of the Scouting Movement (WOSM) can submit a grant request for projects to enhance their growing organization. Every February, May, and October the United States Fund for International Scouting Committee (USFIS), appointed by the National International Committee, reviews these grant requests. The approved grants receive the funds requested and must validate the appropriation of these funds toward their proposed enhancement projects.

In 2016 the United States Fund for International Scouting Committee approved the following grants:

- Guatemala Scout Association's request for assistance in hosting the 2016 Interamerican Leadership Training
- Scout Association of Nicaragua's request for remodeling the National Scout Organization auditorium
- Scout Association of Honduras' request for improvements to Camp Escuela

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. You will need these item numbers:

Brochure, No. 130-159

Label, No. 22620

Poster, No. 22609

We also can accept World Friendship Fund donations online! To donate online or to download the brochure, please visit www.scouting.org/international/worldsupport.



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INTERNATIONAL CAMP STAFF PROGRAM

Official invitations were sent last month to both BSA councils and National Scout Organizations to participate in the International Camp Staff Program for the 2017 camp season. Apply for the 2017 camp season by visiting www.scouting.org/International/applications.aspx. The deadline is February 15, 2017. And don't forget to review previous International Camp Staff Program articles at www.scouting.org/International/newsletter.aspx to see the great benefits of participating in this program!



Past International Camp Staff Program counselors

EUROPEAN SCOUT VOLUNTARY PROGRAM

Did you meet an international camp staffer this summer and wondered if there was a similar program for BSA Venturers or leaders to work at a camp overseas? Good news! Through our relationship with the European Scout Region, BSA Venturers or leaders ages 18-30 can participate in the European Scout Voluntary Program and volunteer at a European Scout center. For more information about the program and which European Scout centers are available, please visit <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsources/International/ecamp.aspx>.

You can also review previous European Scout Voluntary Program articles at www.scouting.org/International/newsletter.aspx to see how much fun past participants had in Europe!



MESSENGERS OF PEACE



Launched in September 2011, Messengers of Peace is a global initiative designed to inspire millions of young men and women to work toward peace through personal, community, and relationship service projects. Using state-of-the-art social media, Scouts from around the world can share what they've done and inspire fellow Scouts to undertake similar efforts in their own communities.

One shining example is Katie Hancock. She was among a select group of Scouts, Scout leaders, and teams from around the world who received the coveted Messengers of Peace Hero Award, an accolade bestowed by the government of Saudi Arabia on behalf of His Majesty King Salman bin Abdulaziz al Saud of Saudi Arabia. At 16 years old, Katie is one of the youngest recipients. She was recognized for her swift action in raising funds locally and delivering goods to families affected by severe floods in Lubbock, Texas, in 2016. Katie was accompanied by her father, Dr. Joe Hancock, and her mother, Jennifer Hancock, who is a member of the BSA's International Committee and the Southern Region Venturing Advisor. Click [here](#) to read about Katie and the other Messengers of Peace Hero Award recipients.

If you would like to know more about Messengers of Peace, please visit <http://www.scouting.org/messengersofpeace>.

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2016 JOTA AND JOTI REPORT



Did you participate in Jamboree-on-the-Air (JOTA) and/or Jamboree-on-the-Internet (JOTI) in October? If so, you were one of almost 11,000 Scouts and Scouters who contributed to our increased participation in JOTA and JOTI!

The number of amateur radio operators was up 14 percent to 1,120; total BSA councils participating grew by 24 percent to 151; and Jamboree-on-the-Internet registrations jumped fivefold, from 100 in 2015 to 505 in 2016. Here are some comments from participants:

“All 50 Boy Scouts received their Radio merit badge with the assistance of two merit badge counselors and four West Point cadets from the U.S. Military Academy.”—**W2KGY**

“Setting up at a Scout event gave us better results than previous years.”—**KE5WMA**

“Our Scouts learned about the different rank names used in other countries and had the opportunity to talk about their Scouting activities. ... I ran a quick internet safety/mini Cyber Chip review for each group joining JOTI for the first time at our event. This was our ... first JOTI; we will be back next year.”—**Pack 23, Reedsville, Pennsylvania**

Many participating units reported aligning STEM events in their council with JOTA-JOTI weekend. This included a council-wide STEM-o-ree. The official BSA JOTA and JOTI report that was submitted to the World Organization of the Scout Movement will be posted at <http://scout.org/jotajoti>. You will find previous JOTA and JOTI reports there as well.

Be sure to visit www.scouting.org/jota and www.scouting.org/joti in the coming months for information on JOTA and JOTI 2017!



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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 that contingent leaders and International Service Team (IST/staff) members 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. At a previous large-council event, 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.

INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION

The International Department manages the requirements for two awards, the International Spirit Award and the International Scouters' Award.

To introduce your Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, Venturer, or Scouter to international Scouting, we recommend the International Spirit Award. Earning this award is a great way to gain knowledge about international Scouting while developing appreciation and awareness of different cultures and countries. For the list of requirements and the application, please visit <http://www.scouting.org/International/recognitions.aspx>.



The International Scouters' Award encourages Scouters to broaden their involvement through participation in world Scouting activities. It also recognizes Scouters for their contributions to world Scouting. For more information and the application, please visit <http://www.scouting.org/International/InformationSheets/22-721.aspx>.



INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT 2017 NATIONAL SCOUT JAMBOREE

The International Department will be responsible for having two exhibits—the International exhibit in Action Point and the Messengers of Peace exhibit in the Faith and Beliefs Area—at the 2017 National Scout Jamboree. Additionally, the department will have two operations teams—the International Contingent Support Team (ICST) and the International Staff Support Team (ISST)—at the jamboree.

Specifically, the ICST will support the international youth and unit leaders who come from all over the world to attend the BSA's National Scout Jamboree. They will be based in Foxtrot Basecamp, Subcamp 2, and will be integrated with the BSA's Venturers. The ISST will support the international staff who attend the jamboree. This is only the second time that international staff have been present at the BSA's National Scout Jamboree, and we are so excited to have a team, based in Echo

Basecamp, that will be focused on providing assistance to those international youth and leaders who have chosen to join the BSA in providing a top-notch experience for our youth!

Please share the [link](#) for international youth and leaders to register for the National Scout Jamboree with all your international Scouting friends and family! We want to have as many international youth, unit leaders, and staff as possible join us!

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WORLD SCOUT MOOT 2017

Imagine a high-adventure international event for Scouts ages 18 through 25 held in Iceland where the sun never sets in the summer. Backpack, kayak, and explore with men and women from literally around the world. Learn about new cultures and make lasting friendships while participating in ancient Icelandic traditions. The Old English definition of the word "moot" is "an assembly held for discussion." This is a once-in-a-lifetime world Scouting experience.

The 15th World Scout Moot will be held in Iceland from July 25 to August 2, 2017. It is an official event of the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM), hosted and organized by the Icelandic Boy and Girl Scout Association. Make plans now to join 6,000 participants and 1,000 IST (staff) from 100 countries around the world at the moot.

The moot program starts with an opening ceremony in the capital city of Reykjavík on the morning of July 25. In the afternoon, participants will be transported to one of nearly a dozen camps, where they will spend the next four days. The camps will be in different locations along the southern coast of Iceland, with each location offering different program elements. For example, one camp will be located in a national park next to a glacier and have a mountaineering focus, while another will be in a large town and have a focus on culture and community. These expeditions will range from very strenuous to not very strenuous. Participants will be put in groups with Scouts from other countries for the four-day expedition.

On Saturday, July 29, participants will be transported to the Úlfjótstvatn Scout Centre for the third part of the moot, which is called Althingi. The Althingi program will include outdoor activities, workshops, roundtable discussions, challenges, campfires, diverse cultural activities, and basically having a great time together. The closing ceremony of the World Scout Moot 2017 will be on the afternoon of August 2.

The cost is \$1,700 per participant and \$1,525 for staff, not including airfare. A \$1,100 deposit will be due by March 1, 2017. (Registrations will be collected after this date until the BSA contingent is full.) Participants and IST will be responsible for their own transportation to and from Iceland. Each participant and IST is required to have a current BSA Annual Health and Medical Record form (with Parts A, B, and C completed), have a U.S. passport valid through January 2018, and be a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America. BSA or Venturing Youth Protection training is required within one year of the start of the moot.

BSA Contingent WSM17 information:

<http://www.scouting.org/WorldScoutMoot.aspx>

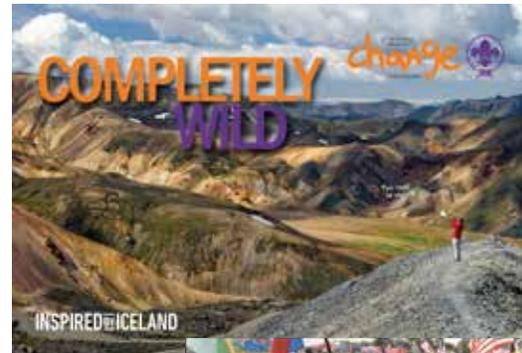
Register for the WSM17: <https://goo.gl/MDgSZ0>

WSM17 website: www.WorldScoutMoot.is

BSA Contingent WSM17 Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/groups/BSAIcelandMOOT2017

Contact: Andy Chapman, contingent leader, at eachapman@gmail.com or 832-563-1500



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AHMAD ALHENDAWI APPOINTED SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE WOSM

The Boy Scouts of America is pleased to announce the appointment of Ahmad Alhendawi as the next secretary general of the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM), the youngest secretary general in the history of the organization.

"I am honored and humbled to be offered the opportunity to serve as the secretary general of this unique organization representing the largest educational youth movement in the world," said Ahmad upon accepting the offer.

A passionate advocate for young people, Ahmad has served in various capacities in regional and international organizations, rising through the ranks to the position of United Nations envoy on youth in 2013. Ahmad believes in giving a voice to young people and recognizes the importance of youth empowerment and involvement in global and local issues.

Born in Jordan in 1984, he holds a master's degree in advanced European and international relations, a diploma as "Policy Officer in European and International Organizations" from the Institut Européen in Nice, France, and a bachelor's degree in computer information systems from the Al-Balqa Applied University in Jordan. Perhaps most importantly, he was once a Scout himself.

He is a strong supporter of the WOSM and is a familiar face at international Scouting events. He visited the 23rd World Scout Jamboree in Japan in 2015 and the Roverway in France in 2016.

Ahmad continued, "I am confident Scouting holds a solution for youth development in the 21st century. I look forward to working with WOSM's team to expand the movement and deepen its social impact, while continuing to create a better future for children and young people."

Ahmad succeeds Scott Teare, who retired last month. He is expected to begin his first day in office at the World Scout Bureau Global Support Centre in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on March 1, 2017. As the secretary general of the WOSM, he will be entrusted with the mandate of promoting and safeguarding the interests of the Scout movement. As its chief executive officer, he will also direct its secretariat, the World Scout Bureau.





INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES



The following councils do not have an International Representative (IR) on file with our department. If your council is listed below, please nominate an IR to represent your council and help share all the wonderful international opportunities that are available! To find out who your IR is, visit <http://www.scouting.org/International/InternationalRepresentative.aspx>.

CENTRAL REGION

Twin Valley Council, #283
Gamehaven Council, #299
W.D. Boyce Council, #138
Greater Cleveland Council, #440
Muskingum Valley Council, #467
Mid-Iowa Council, #177
Pony Express Council, #311
Sagamore Council, #162
Glacier's Edge Council, #620
Blackhawk Area Council, #660
Mountaineer Area Council, #615
Northeast Iowa Council, #178

SOUTHERN REGION

Calcasieu Area Council, #209
Northwest Texas Council, #587
Colonial Virginia Council, #595
South Texas Council, #577
Pee Dee Area Council, #552

NORTHEAST REGION

Nashua Valley Council, #230
Five Rivers Council, #375
Bucktail Council, #509

WESTERN REGION

Redwood Empire Council, #41
Great Southwest Council, #412
Maui County Council, #102

SCOUTING OUTSIDE OF THE U.S.

CHANGES IN SUPPORT SERVICE

If you are moving or live outside of the United States, you can continue to be a member of the Boy Scouts of America. The World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM), of which the BSA is a member, is divided into six regions: Africa, Arab, Asia-Pacific, Eurasia, Europe, and Interamerican (North, Central, and South America and the Caribbean).

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR SCOUTING OUTSIDE THE U.S.

Far East Council (Asia-Pacific Region)

Phone—within Japan: 098-970-2400;
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Address—Far East Council BSA,
Unit 35049, FPO AP 96373-5049

Web—www.fareastcouncil.org;
www.fareastcouncil.org/about/service-centers

Transatlantic Council

(Africa, Arab, Eurasia, and Europe Regions)

Phone—CIV: +39-050-54-7795; mobile: +39-346-319-5814

Address—Transatlantic Council BSA, Unit 31301, Box 25,
APO AE 09613

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Direct Service Scouting

(National Capital Area Council)

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Web—<http://www.ncacbsa.org/directservice>

WHAT IS WOSM?

“World Scouting,” or the Scout movement at the global level, is governed by the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM).

WOSM is an independent, non-political, non-governmental organization that is made up of 161 National Scout Organizations (NSOs). These NSOs are located in 223 countries and territories around the world. With more than 40 million members in 1 million local community Scout groups, WOSM is one of the largest youth movements in the world.

The BSA became an approved and recognized NSO of WOSM in 1922.

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INTERAMERICAN REGION YOUTH FORUM AND SCOUT CONFERENCE

The Boy Scouts of America hosted the 5th Interamerican Region Youth Forum October 22-25, 2016, at Sea Scout Base Galveston in Galveston, Texas, and the 26th Interamerican Scout Conference October 26-29, 2016, at the Cockrell Scout Center in Houston, Texas. Both events were extremely successful and well attended by 29 of the 34 member countries of the Interamerican Region. Please click [here](#) to read Bryan's Blog about both of these exciting events.



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BSA INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT

In order to identify who you need to speak to regarding specific programs, see the overview of the department responsibilities below.



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- Staff advisor: International Committee, United States Fund for International Scouting Committee



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- Camp staff programs: International Camp Staff Program, European Scout Voluntary Program, Suncheon Asia-Pacific Scout Centre staff
- Staff advisor to NSJ teams: international exhibit, International Service Support Team
- International representatives
- International recognition: International Scouter's Award, International Spirit Award
- World and region conferences



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- National and world Scout jamborees: 2017 NSJ MOP exhibit, 2017 NSJ International Contingent Support Team
- BSA contingents to world and region events
- JOTA/JOTI
- Messengers of Peace



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- International Camp Staff Program support
- International Department newsletter
- International Letter of Introduction
- International registration: internationals to 2017 NSJ
- International recognition: International Spirit Award



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- Donations to international foundations, the World Scout Foundation/Baden-Powell Fellowship, the Interamerican Scout Foundation/Order of the Condor, other region foundations, the Gilwell Park Development Fund, and the Kandersteg International Scout Centre
- BSA donations, World Friendship Fund

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