

WHAT'S NEW

World Scout Jamboree 2011

International Commissioner Wayne Perry recently announced that promotional materials for the 2011 World Scout Jamboree (WSJ) will be released during the Boy Scouts of America's (BSA's) National Annual Meeting in May. This will include the official launch of the BSA's 2011 WSJ Web site and online registration materials.

There will be a special elective held at the National Annual Meeting for International Representatives (IRs). The session will include a presentation about the jamboree site by the jamboree director, special guest Göran Hägerdal. A live demonstration of how to register online will be included in this elective session. All applicants – youth, leaders, and staff (International Service Team members) – will be required to register online. Join us for a jumpstart on this registration process.

BSA Uniform Exchange Update

The BSA's Sleeves for Scouts program is ready to launch. Council IRs will soon be receiving a promotional packet containing everything they will need to launch the program in their council. As the promotion progresses, the IRs will be asked to send the International Department periodic updates. Upon the receipt of their first update, the IRs will receive a special, limited-edition Sleeves for Scouts Coordinator patch.

Panamerican Jamboree 2009

Have you ever wanted to head south for the holidays? Perhaps to Mexico? The upcoming Panamerican Jamboree – JamPan – will be held during the Christmas holiday period, beginning the afternoon of 26 December 2009, near Toluca, Mexico.

Councils are welcome to organize contingents. However, these contingents must be coordinated through the BSA's International Committee. An individual contingent must be coordinated through a national contingent scheme. Keep International Committee member Bari Saunders (international@scouting.org) informed of your plans, and he will coordinate the logistics with the host country. Bari is serving as the BSA's contingent leader for JamPan.

New information just released: A troop will be formed to represent the BSA's International Commissioner. Participants (36 Scouts and four leaders) will be selected from nominations made by IRs. Time is short as this selection process will begin shortly. To make a nomination, please refer to the special mailing being sent to IRs in the near future.

Asia-Pacific Jamboree 2009

The international leadership of the BSA recently announced that it will send a patrol to represent it at the upcoming Asia-Pacific Jamboree beginning 28 December 2009. The eight Scouts and two leaders will be selected from nominations currently on file from IRs. This jamboree is being hosted in the Philippines at well-known Camp Malachi, which is a full-service Scout camp that is owned and operated by the Boy Scouts of the Philippines (BSP). The cost to participate has been set at \$800 per person. The fee includes airfare, patrol camping equipment, contingent luggage, and the jamboree fee. Participants will first meet in the Dallas area before their planned flight to Manila.

Kent Clayburn, who serves as chairman of the BSA's International Committee, stated, "This will be an exciting opportunity for some very lucky members of the BSA. Our Scouts will have an incredible time interacting with Scouts from Asia and around the world. This event will literally be a mini world jamboree."

Note to IRs: The International Committee retains nominations made by you until those nominated ask to be removed or they become too old for a youth position in our exchange programs. New nominations for the files are welcome at any time.

Direct Service

Alice Springs Pack 870 Hosts International Pinewood Derby Challenge - Cub Scout Pack 870, located in Alice Springs, Australia, recently hosted local Australian Cub Scouts to participate in the pack's first annual International Pinewood Derby Challenge. Approximately 80 people filled the pack's meeting room to see the Australian Cubs face off against the American Cubs for the "Challenge Trophy." The Americans would not be denied a victory. The Webelos came through for Pack 870 with Andrew Christian becoming the first winner of the International Challenge. It was the Australian Scouts' first-ever Pinewood Derby event, and everyone had a great time. The Aussies vowed to come back stronger next year, with the event moving to the Australian Scout Hall. See the Spring issue of the Direct Service newsletter at www.directservicebsa.org/ for more of the story and event pictures.

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

Where's the April 2009 newsletter?

In an attempt to send our newsletter out at the beginning of the month, we have skipped the April 2009 newsletter and will now release the monthly newsletters at the beginning of the month.

What's Ongoing

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.

JOTA/JOTI Extravaganza

Hosting of the Chief Scout Executives (CSEs) from around the world has been postponed, so they will not be present at the JOTA/JOTI Extravaganza. The International Department will still have a JOTA/JOTI Extravaganza at the National Scouting Museum on Saturday, 17 October 2009, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. We plan to have local Scouts, Scouters, and ham radio operators present at the event. Bob Mazzuca, BSA's Chief Scout Executive, has also been invited to stop by. If you can't make it, tune into K2BSA and say hi.

International Camp Staff Program

Attention IRs: 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 webcams. 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 to 12 September 2009, the fall working period is from 13 September to 12 December 2009, and the winter working period is from 13 December 2009 to 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 WSJ 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.

Philmont 2009

Dan Ownby, chairman of the 2009 Philmont Conference, reports that the conference is full. Thank you to everyone who registered, and we look forward to seeing you in July.

National Scout Jamboree 2010

As the summer approaches, enthusiasm for the 100-year celebration at the 2010 National Scout Jamboree increases. Thirty-two countries will be represented at our national Scout jamboree with 480 Scouts and leaders enjoying Scouting brotherhood at its best. Preparations are in full swing to host our international Scouting brothers. The international Scouts will share the true experience of a BSA jamboree as well as a part of American culture as they live and play with American Boy Scouts.

Call for IR e-mail addresses:

In the future, important information for IRs will go out by e-mail. This is the quickest way to get time-sensitive materials in your hands. If you are not receiving the latest news from the International Committee through the Internet, you may be missing important information on exchanges and last-minute invitations from other National Scout Associations.

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