

# INTERNATIONAL NEWSLETTER

## BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

FOURTH QUARTER 2019



### Upcoming International Events

<b>2020</b>	<b>Jan. 4-12</b>	16th Interamerican Scout Jamboree and 3rd Ineramerican Scout Camporee (JamCam), Brazil
	<b>July 12-20</b>	Carribbean Scout Jamboree, Trinidad & Tobago
	<b>July 27-Aug. 6</b>	European Jamboree (EJ2020), Poland
	<b>Oct. 16-18</b>	Jamboree-on-the-Air and Jamboree-on-the-Internet
<b>2021</b>	<b>July 19-29</b>	16th World Scout Moot, Ireland
	<b>Oct. 15-17</b>	Jamboree-on-the-Air and Jamboree-on-the-Internet
	<b>Dates TBD</b>	4th Interamerican Scout Moot, Argentina
<b>2023</b>	<b>Aug. 1-12</b>	25th World Scout Jamboree, Korea
	<b>Dates TBD</b>	17th Interamerican Scout Jamboree and 4th Ineramerican Scout Camporee (JamCam), USA



**EUROPEAN JAMBOREE 2020**  
POLSKA 

This is the first European Jamboree since 2005 so it is sure to be amazing! We are excited to announce that IST has opened back up and there are contingent spots still available! Visit <https://www.scouting.org/international/events/european-jamboree-2020/> for more information and to register today!

The Theme – ACT!

1. Every Scout and Guide possesses potential to become a driver of social change. So come to the Jamboree to WAKE UP and discover your power! You will interACT with Scouts and Guides of various cultures, various languages and various countries.

2. Use your time at the Jamboree to LOOK AROUND (the Global Goals will guide you), to learn through adventures, eye-opening discussions, and inspiring workshops.

3. Using your skills and knowing where the helping hand is needed, ACT and make a change in the society. ACT wisely. ACT decisively.



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## VENTURINGFEST 2020

VenturingFest 2020, the third national gathering of Venturers at the Summit Bechtel Reserve – a Scouting experience unlike any other before – is coming your way again from June 28 to July 3!

VenturingFest 2020 is a special Scouting event at SBR that's open to registered Venturers, Scouts and adult leaders across the U.S. This six-day high-adventure festival invites participants to explore the best the SBR has to offer. We're talking rock climbing, skateboarding, BMX biking, water sports, shooting sports, zip lines, challenge courses, and so much more!

As if the adrenaline-pumping activities weren't enough, festival goers will also get to jam out to concerts and meet new friends in Venturing at the event. What more could a Venturer want?



### Quick Information

- \* The participant cost is \$525 per youth member and \$425 per adult for reservations made prior to April 30, 2020.
- \* Late participant reservations (after April 30, 2020) are \$625 per youth member and \$525 per adult.
- \* Staff reservations are \$275.
- \* Final payment is due April 30, 2020. Reservations made after April 30, 2020 require payment in full at time of reservation.
- \* All participants must be currently registered Venturers, Sea Scouts, or Scouts BSA.
- \* Tents, cots and all program equipment are provided.
- \* There are additional fees for whitewater rafting and Kodiak training.
- \* Participant meals include dinner Sunday night through breakfast on Friday

Register today at <https://www.summitbsa.org/venturingfest/>  
For more information reach out to [venturingfest@scouting.org](mailto:venturingfest@scouting.org)



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### ON THE AIR

Jamboree-on-the-Air, or JOTA, is the largest Scouting event in the world. It is held annually the third full weekend in October. JOTA uses amateur radio to link Scouts and hams around the world, around the nation, and in your own community. This jamboree requires no travel, other than to a nearby amateur radio operator's ham shack. Many times you can find the hams will come to you by setting up a station at your Scout camporee, at the park down the block, or perhaps at a ham shack already set up at your council's camp.

### ON THE INTERNET

Jamboree-on-the-Internet, or JOTI, is an annual international Scouting event sponsored by the World Organization of the Scout Movement. Each year, during the third weekend in October, Scouts from around the world gather online to learn about other cultures and the activities in which other Scouts participate. They communicate with each other using Internet-enabled devices such as computers, laptops, tablets, and mobile phones. Last year, JOTA-JOTI had over 1.5 million Scouts and leaders participate in more than 160 countries!

### MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.scouting.org/joti/>  
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#### JOTA FACTS

WHO - Scouts of any age, Cub - Venturers  
WHEN - October 18-20th, no official times  
HOW - Through a ham radio station, video or digital communication, and satellite or earth-based relay

Contact your local Council or local amateur radio club to find out more about JOTA in your area!

#### JAMBOREE-ON-THE-INTERNET

JOTI is an annual international Scouting event where Scouts from around the world gather online to learn about other cultures and other Scouting programs! They communicate with each other using Internet-enabled devices such as computers, laptops, tablets, and mobile phones.



#### JOTI FACTS

WHO - Scouts of any age, Cub - Venturers  
WHEN - October 18th, 00:00 local - 21st, 24:00 local  
HOW - Through any connected internet device

Contact your local Council to find out more about JOTI in your area!

JOIN THE LARGEST SCOUT  
EVENT IN THE WORLD TODAY!

VISIT [SCOUTING.ORG/JOTI](https://www.scouting.org/joti/) OR  
[SCOUTING.ORG/JOTA](https://www.scouting.org/jota/) FOR MORE  
INFORMATION



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## 2021 WORLD SCOUT MOOT



Ireland is an island off the western coast of Europe. It is a wild and wonderful place with friendly people, ancient and lively culture, a place to lose and find yourself. The landscape is a mixture of mystical rural landscapes and wild and rugged western coastlands. Major international cities exist around the island – Dublin, Belfast, Cork, Galway.

Traveling around Ireland is easy with extensive roadways, rail and bus links. The countryside can be explored via laid out trails and walk/cycle routes or just be exploring as you go. Some of the best scenery you could ever imagine is only 20 minutes away from its major cities.

### WORLD SCOUT MOOT 2021 IRELAND

The 16th World Scout Moot will take place in Ireland from 19th - 29th July 2021. The entry point to the Moot will be Dublin City. International Patrols will then explore the many wonders of Ireland on a collection of exciting and interesting trails in local countryside. The Patrols will then return to Dublin for the base camp feature of the Moot before returning home.

The cost of the Moot will be confirmed shortly by the World Scout Committee but will be in line with the last Moot in Iceland and the World Scout Jamboree in USA.

Ireland is easily accessible via direct flights to Ireland or via major European hub airports.

The Moot planning team will also include a pre-moot and post-moot support team for those participants who wish to spend a longer period in Ireland. Pre and post Moot programme will be an additional cost to the Moot fee.

For more information about the BSA contingent, please visit [www.scouting.org/international/world-scout-moot/](http://www.scouting.org/international/world-scout-moot/) or email [international@scouting.org](mailto:international@scouting.org).



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## MESSENGERS OF PEACE

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Launched in September 2011, Messengers of Peace is a global initiative designed to inspire millions of young men and women in more than 220 countries and territories to work toward peace. Using state-of-the-art social media, the initiative lets Scouts from around the world share what they've done and inspire fellow Scouts to undertake similar efforts in their own communities.



*"... A UNIVERSAL BROTHERHOOD OF SERVICE... WHERE THE YOUNG CITIZENS, MALE AND FEMALE IN ALL COUNTRIES, ARE BROUGHT UP TO LOOK UPON THEIR NEIGHBOURS AS BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN THE HUMAN FAMILY ALLIED TOGETHER WITH THE COMMON AIM OF SERVICE AND SYMPATHETIC HELPFULNESS TOWARDS EACH OTHER..."*

-SIR ROBERT BADEN-POWELL  
SPEECH AT THE SORBONNE ON  
THE OCCASION OF THE SECOND  
INTERNATIONAL SCOUT CONFERENCE  
IN PARIS (22 JULY 1922)



Any Scout or Scouter who participates in a qualifying project is eligible to wear a Messengers of Peace ring patch around the World Crest on his or her uniform. A unit representative can purchase these ring patches at a local Scout shop, council service center, or Scoutstuff.org.

[WWW.Scouting.org/INTERNATIONAL/MESSENGERS-OF-PEACE](http://WWW.Scouting.org/INTERNATIONAL/MESSENGERS-OF-PEACE)



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## SUMMIT BECHTEL RESERVE UPDATE

Located in the mountains of "Wild and Wonderful" southern West Virginia, the Summit is an ideal location for your next conference or meeting. Their staff is ready to provide a great experience and support your event and meeting needs. Take advantage of the 10,000+ acres of the Summit and the many activities they can offer your group. Of course, no trip to the Summit would be complete without a raft trip down the New River! The Summit is within one day's drive for many councils. The closest airports to the Summit are Charleston, WV; Pittsburgh, PA; or Charlotte, NC.

We are excited to announce that the Pigott Dining Hall and Dorms as well as the Tillerson Leadership building are up and running. The Pigott Headquarters is centrally located in the center of the Summit and is easily accessible to the Thomas G. Pigott Dining Hall and Bunkhouse. Facilities include:

- Two meeting rooms, each with a seating capacity of 50 and audio/visual support
- Large lobby area for meeting, breaks, and dining.
- Reception desk.
- Outdoor covered porch.

The Rex W. Tillerson Leadership Center is a great location for your training needs. Facilities include:

- Six large classrooms with AV capabilities. Each classroom can accommodate up to 40 participants.
- Ross Perot Leadership hall is a 2,662 square foot lecture hall that can accommodate up to 160 participants.
- Catering preparation kitchen.
- Large lobby and patio area for registration and meeting breaks.
- Two classrooms are divided by a sliding partition, that when opened will provide a conference room with a seating capacity of up to 100 participants.
- The Rees-Jones Foundation Leadership Veranda offers a unique outdoor classroom or social space.

The J.W. Marriott, Jr. Leadership Center & Gene H. Yamagata Hall will be operational as of Jan. 1, 2020. Among their many features are seating for 280 with full AV capabilities, 32 double queen rooms, 8 queen rooms, full kitchen food service and dining area seating 300 to accommodate meal and breaks needs, and so much more!

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## 2019-2020 COURSES AND CONFERENCES

The following courses will be offered at SBR this year:

Oct 13-18	International Scouting Representative Training
Oct 14-18	Advance District Administration
Oct 14-18	District Operations (DOB2)
Jan 7-10	Nat'l Outdoor Adventure Planning Conference
Feb 11	Fayette County Youth Leadership
Jan 14-25	Wood Badge Course
Jan 26-Feb 1	Crossroads of America Council Planning Conf
Feb 9-15	DOB Course
Feb 23-28	Managing Performance
Mar 1-7	DOB Course
Mar 15-20	Advance District Administration
Mar 22-28	DOB Course
Mar 29-Apr 4	Managing Performance
April 18-24	National Camping School
April 19-25	DOB Course
April 26-May 1	Leadership Dev. Series- Steve Yackel
May 3-9	DOB Course
May 9-15	National Camping School
May 17-22	Managing Performance
May 30-Jun 5	National Camping School
May 31-Jun 6	DOB Course
Jun 12-19	SBR Sportsman Classic
Jun 14-20	DOB Course
Jun 21-27	NAYLE Session 1
June 28-July 3	Venturing Fest
Jul 5-11	NAYLE Session 2
Jul 5-11	International Scout Leadership Academy
Jul 12-18	District OPS Course
Jul 13-17	National Law Enforcement Conference



For pricing and additional information on these and all other conference venues at the Summit, contact Larry Boggs, Summit Training & Conference Director at [Larry.R.Boggs@scouting.org](mailto:Larry.R.Boggs@scouting.org).



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## WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE TESTIMONIAL

One hundred and fifty-two nations. 45,000 scouts. Two weeks of laughter, exploration, and adventure. This summer I embarked on one of the greatest adventures, the 24th World Scout Jamboree housed at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in beautiful West Virginia. My name is Alexa Agamalian. I am from California and currently a junior in high school and I have been traveling for as long as I can remember. Through those experiences, I fell in love with exploring new lands, meeting new people, and learning new things. The World Scout Jamboree was right up my alley. It's amazing that thousands of scouts from all around the globe can come together to rejoice and I could hardly wait to embark on the adventure of my lifetime.



A unique opportunity for scouts had risen prior to the Jamboree, the Global Ambassador program. I applied for this unique opportunity and was selected to be one of the Global Ambassadors representing the United States of America



Contingent alongside 3 other ambassadors. Global Ambassadors are the representatives of their respective countries to the world and their homeland. The neat thing about this program is that Ambassadors can share Jamboree experience through their perspective for others to see. Almost every country had a Global Ambassador. There were 91 countries with Global Ambassadors and 155 Global Ambassadors in total. As an ambassador, I had access to a cellular device to take pictures and videos and write blog posts that were uploaded to the WSJ website.

I am so grateful to have had the opportunity to proudly represent the USA Contingent and to have met so many amazing scouts through this process.



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I didn't quite know what to expect going into Jamboree, but it was better than I could have ever imagined. Different world foods lingered in the air from the international food houses. Global Development Village hosted many opportunities for scouts to get involved and learn about some of the problems in the world today through interactive programs designed to inspire. World Point housed a handful of countries with activities and ways to learn about scouting in that country and cultures, traditions, etc. The World Scout Jamboree offered so many ways to become more knowledgeable, involved, and interested in other aspects of this world.

Throughout the Jamboree I met a lot of interesting people and learned a ton of new things. I find it so fascinating to listen to someone else talk about their interests, beliefs, and thoughts on certain subjects. I love to expand my collection of lenses to view things in and to challenge and complicate my understanding of topics.

The most important thing I learned on this adventure was that we are much more similar than we think. While jumping up and down at the Basecamp B bash, I looked down and saw hundreds of feet jumping, sliding, and grooving to the music, all connecting down to the roots of the earth. I looked up and saw hundreds of faces with wide grins and laughter overpowering my sight. Smiling scouts sharing their joy and energy. This moment was so beautiful for me because I learned that no matter where



you come from, what you believe, or what language you speak, harmony and peace can still be exchanged between others. We learn about each other's differences and thrive upon our commonalities to broaden our view of the world and its inhabitants. Something as simple as dancing to a song can connect thousands of people through the actions and energy exuded. I am so amazed and have been forever changed by this amazing experience.

"A smile is the universal language for kindness"



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## STORIES OF THE IC

I remember walking into an enormous, loud lunchroom with my tray of mediocre school pizza. It was 2001 and I had just moved to a completely new school, forced to make new friends. I sat down next to Joseph that day and I quietly started eating my lunch. Cub Scout den leaders were at the school during our lunch. They talked about camping and other activities available within the program. Joseph noticed my interest and told me I should join his cub scout patrol. At 8 years old, little did I know that I was about to join the world's leading educational youth movement and make 50 million new friends. Fast forward through each rank, camping trip, leadership position and my Eagle Court of Honor to my first international scout experience.



I was in Buenos Aires, Argentina presenting the bid to hold the 2016 Interamerican Scout Conference in my hometown of Houston, Texas. After a couple of days of meeting scouts from several countries in the western hemisphere, we finally gathered up the hundreds of folks to take the official conference picture. We had just finished the keynote address from the former President of Ecuador, where he inspired the room with his story on how scouting shaped his life. The room was

alive with scouting spirit and filled with scouts songs and chants. It took us what seemed like an hour to finally get everyone still for one picture. That picture captured a very special moment in my life- the trip that reignited my passion for scouting. I have had the honor to represent the BSA in many other international events, but the highlight of my international scouting experience is being elected to serve as the first Youth Advisor to the Regional Scout Committee in 2016.



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## STORIES OF THE IC

The role of Youth Advisor is held by a young person between the ages of 18 to 26 in order to involve youth in the decision-making process of WOSM. This individual will participate in all committee meetings and discussions, serve in committee working groups and task forces, and contribute to the vision of the region. The Youth Forum trusted that my experiences over the last couple of years would help guide the future of the organization in the Interamerican Region. If you haven't googled it yet—the World Organization



of the Scout Movement (WOSM) is encompassed by 6 regions, the Africa, Arab, Asia-Pacific, Eurasia, European and Interamerican Scout Region. The IAR spans 34 countries from Canada to Chile and includes the Caribbean islands. There are nearly 4 million youth in the IAR—and it was my responsibility to represent each of them in the Regional Scout Committee. During my tenure as Youth Advisor, the region made huge advancements in areas like youth involvement/engagement and gender equality. If you compare pictures of scout conferences in our region from a decade ago to the ones from last year in Panama—you would notice the closer gender balance and lower average age. The key was better intergenerational dialogue—how you communicate with other generations and use their expertise and experiences to help us create new ideas to achieve our goals laid out in the Triennial Plan. Every trip was full of great conversations with other people from different corners of the world, all equally passionate about scouting.

We would often talk about how and why we joined scouting; serving as a reminder that what we are doing is important. We strive to give the next generation of youth and young people a safe place and progressive program to develop into the leaders of tomorrow. In December of 2018, I finished my term as Youth Advisor and I passed the torch to two new young people that will continue serve as an inspiration for more scouts in the IAR during the next triennium.



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*Thanks to Gus Sanchez for his story.*

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## KEY CONTACTS

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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- World and region conferences



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- JOTA/JOTI
- Messengers of Peace



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..and newsletters when they come out!



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