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FIRST QUARTER 2020



### Upcoming International Events

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



Scouting is all about adventure. In Scouting, as in life, adventure takes on many meanings: high adventure, learning, camaraderie, and simply being part of something bigger. An “Incredible Adventure” awaits you in the summer of 2020. The 16th Caribbean Scout Jamboree will be held in Trinidad and Tobago from July 12-20, 2020. The Caribbean Jamboree will offer participants a full Scouting experience, creating opportunities for high adventure, personal growth and brotherhood like no other region can. So get ready to experience the Incredible Adventure that is Scouting and the Caribbean.



To participate, Scouts and Leaders must form their own patrols of 10 (2 Adults, 8 youth) and register and pay as a patrol. A unit or local council may choose to send a Troop of 40 (consisting of 4 patrols of 10), but individual registrations will not be permitted.

While there will not be a centralized contingent, patrols will have to opportunity to connect with other patrols once registered. All arrangements, including transportation and tours will be the responsibility of the patrol, troop or local council. The International department will process registration and provide an accident and sickness insurance rider for those participating in Carijam2020, but the rest is up to you!

For more information please visit <https://www.scouting.org/international/events/carijam2020-participation/>



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## INTERNATIONAL CAMP STAFF PROGRAM

The International Camp Staff program provides BSA members and Scouters from other countries an international exchange of mutual benefit. Its aim is to allow members of the Boy Scouts of America to learn firsthand about the country, culture, customs, and Scouting program of a Scout leader from another part of the world. In return, the American Scouts provide the visiting Scout leaders the same opportunities to learn about the Boy Scouts of America and the United States.

Invitations were sent to both BSA councils and National Scout Organizations to participate in the International Camp Staff Program for the 2020 camp season. Learn more about and apply for the 2020 camp season by visiting <https://www.scouting.org/international/icamp/>. The council application deadline is February 15, 2020. For more council information please visit <https://www.scouting.org/international/local-council-guide/>.



## INTERNATIONAL RENDEZVOUS 2020

International Rendezvous 2020 is Silicon Valley Monterey Bay Council's 10th "Mini-World Jamboree." This is an unforgettable chance to experience the World Brotherhood of Scouting without extensive travel or expense! Registration for IR2020 is already going strong! Scouts from around the world will be hosted at Camp High Sierra in the beautiful Sierra Nevada Mountains. Don't wait. Spots are limited!



**Who:** IR2020 welcomes members of Scouting and Guiding Associations from around the world, including Scouts, Venturers, and Rovers from 14–20 years of age. Older Rovers and Scouts are welcome to attend as leaders, or on staff.

**When:** August 2–8, 2020

**Where:** Camp Hi-Sierra in the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

**Cost:**

Local Youth (\$580)

Local Adults (\$410)

International Youth (\$659)

International Adults (\$495)

To register, please visit: [www.ir2020.info](http://www.ir2020.info)





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## WORLD NON-FORMAL EDUCATION FORUM

Recently, the World Organization of the Scout Movement offered an exceptional opportunity for volunteers and professionals from the six major youth-serving organizations to present and collaborate on the best avenues for youth non-formal education. Scouting and non-scouting organizations from around the world met and networked to work together. Over the three-day conference, sessions on how organizations can implement new and innovative programs were presented.



As a member of the program development committee of the Boy Scouts of America I was able to co-lead a session on one of the Boy Scouts of America's newest program, STEM Scouts. The reception of the new program was overwhelmingly enthusiastic, with the room filled to capacity. Other session subjects included youth empowerment and sustainable development goals. I am excited to return with the information from the conference and share it with members of interested committees. For those of you who would like to learn more, you can read and watch some of the presentations at: <https://worldnfeforum.com/videos/>



Non-formal education gives youth numerous opportunities to learn important skills, exhibit leadership, and gain self-confidence to be better citizens in their communities, nations, and world. The conference came together to produce the following declaration on non-formal education: <https://worldnfeforum.com/declaration/>

Overall, the conference was a great success and opened up a new platform for creating and providing better programs for youth-serving volunteers and professionals worldwide.

Thank you to Jenn Hancock and Andy Chapman for representing the BSA!





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## INTERAMERICAN LEADERSHIP TRAINING

When you're in the Scout Movement, certain people and places hold a special place in your heart. Maybe it's your closest tentmate or your first resident camp. When they come into your thoughts, they make you pause and think about how grateful you are to be involved in such an amazing organization and to be around so many unique, amazing people. For us, we now have over 70 new people and a school about 1.5 hours from Panama City, Panama, to cherish for the rest of our lives.

At the 7th Interamerican Leadership Training, we problem-solved, connected, and brainstormed with Scouts from across the Interamerican Region of the World Organization of the Scout Movement, from El Salvador to Dominica to Uruguay. In the span of six days, we laughed (we are definitely bringing some of these scout songs back to the BSA), argued (every team's going to storm!), cried (the last day was pretty bittersweet), sweat (Panama was HOT, folks), ate new foods (plantains are delicious), and experienced cultures that differ from our own (and we even shared some US scout staples: trail mix and s'mores).

Each on our own teams (Lyndsey on team Red and Charles on team Cyan), we created and developed Messengers of Peace projects that all of our teammates will bring back to our home countries. Lyndsey's team's project is titled, "Better Start." Her team created this project to offer sufficient support for underprivileged





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students around the world through providing school supplies, clothing/uniforms, books, free haircuts, workshops, or any other necessities at the beginning of their school year. Charles' MoP project ("SDGo") has the goal of educating at least 1,000 scout-age youth across his team's 9 countries about the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals by 2022 and empowering them to create their own Messengers of Peace projects focused on a Sustainable Development Goal that they are passionate about or find to be important to their own community.

ILT brought us closer to the Scout Movement and made us excited to get to work once we landed back in the United States. Once strangers, our fellow ILT Scouts are now close friends eager to bring meaningful change to their home units, National Scout Organizations, communities, nations, and world. We cannot wait to show the kind of change 70+ Scouts gathered at a school in West Panama can bring to the world.

Scouts are not merely the leaders of the distant future. Too many issues need solving, and we need to get to work now. With the Scout Law as our guide and the Scout Movement as our vessel, we can be the agents of change today.



Thank you to Charles Echard & Lyndsey Nedrow for representing the BSA at ILT!



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## INTERNATIONAL REP. CONFERENCE

Mid-October at the Summit Bechtel Reserve proved to be an ideal time and setting for the 2019 International Representatives Conference, the first National Training Conference to be held at the Summit. Gone were the bustling crowds of the World Jamboree, but left was the serene beauty of the changing leaves and the cool, crisp air.

Led by Course Director Andy Jost, twenty-four enthusiastic participants representing Councils from across the country came together to learn more about International Scouting, share their respective experiences, network with their fellow Scouters, all while enjoying great Scouting fellowship. Participants were greeted by messages from BSA's International Commissioner, Kent Clayburn, as well as a message from the Secretary General of the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM), Ahmad Alhendawi. Helping facilitate the course were Brad Valdyke and Lou Paulson, who head up two of the three pillars of BSA's International Committee. Phillip Zabriskie, newly appointed Vice-Chair of the Supporting World Scouting pillar of the International Committee, attended the training as a participant.

The training was supported by Janine Halverson, head of BSA's International Department, as well as Kevin O'Keefe and Lisa Cristiano, staff members of the International Department.

The format for the "International Representatives Conference" will change in 2020. The next course, scheduled for June 15-19 at the Philmont Training Center, will be entitled "Navigate Your Next International Adventure" and will no longer be "by invitation only." Look for exciting new developments to help us spread the news of how international scouting can enhance the Scouting experience of the youth we serve.





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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?



**VENTURINGFEST™**

**2020** SUMMIT  
BECHTEL  
RESERVE

### **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
- \* International Scouts are being invited, but must have NSO approval to attend



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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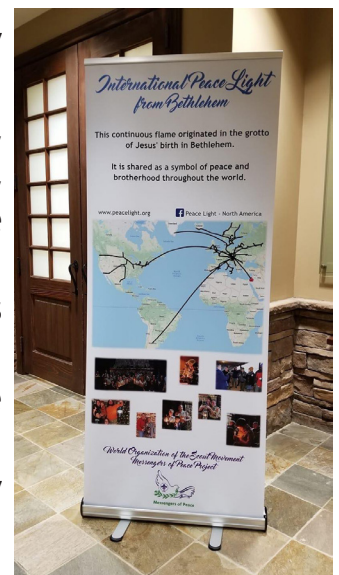
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## INTERNATIONAL PEACE LIGHT

The International Peace Light is an eternal flame originating at the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, where oil lamps have burned continuously for more than 1,000 years. Similar to the Olympic flame, it is spread around the world with a message of peace and brotherhood. Each year, a child fetches the flame into blast-proof lamps. These lamps are then flown from Bethlehem to Vienna, Austria. From there, the Peace Light then travels to various points around the world, entering the US from New York City. The flame is never allowed to extinguish throughout its journey. Individuals as well as delegations from many churches, Scout groups, and other youth organizations receive the Peace Light at a service at John F. Kennedy Airport, then spread the flame and its message of peace and brotherhood across the North American continent. The program is recognized as a Messengers of Peace project.

While the program originated in Austria in 1986, the first known presence of the Peace Light in the US came in 2001. Scouters from the UK presented it to America at a ceremony that took place at Ground Zero following the terrorist attacks of September 11. Both the UK Scouter who felt compelled to share a message of peace and the BSA Scouter who received the flame and took it to Ground Zero are still active with the International Peace Light.

The Peace Light and the message it carries crosses every imaginary separation that humans can contrive. It is relevant and important to all people, regardless of religion, geographic location, gender, age, language, socioeconomic status, academic achievement or struggle, political belief, heritage, and/or cultural background. I had the opportunity to share the Peace Light with a group of Japanese Scouts. It was an interesting interaction because I speak no Japanese, their primary interpreter was ill, and the secondary interpreter we used admittedly didn't speak much English. Needless to say, much of the spoken explanation didn't make it from me to the Japanese Scouts; however, I know without hesitation that they understood the significance of the flame they spread from my lantern to their candles and internalized its message.





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Within Scouting, the Peace Light can be used in several ways. During the holiday season, when the flame spreads anew across the US, Scouts can attend or host a candlelight ceremony. They can choose to be a part of the distribution network or maintain the flame in their homes, as well as share it with fellow Scouts, family, houses of worship, and others, such as including it in holiday gatherings. At other times of the year, the Peace Light is a meaningful addition to Eagle and/or Summit Award celebrations, unit Courts of Honor, Cub Scout bridging ceremonies, OA events, blue and gold banquets, and Scout Sunday events.



The International Peace Light is an excellent recruiting tool. My activities with the Peace Light have afforded me many opportunities to recruit both Scouts and chartered organizations. I recently shared the Peace Light with a priest for use in Advent services in the Episcopal churches of Louisiana. The priest had no experience with Scouting and very little knowledge of our organization; after our visit, he was interested in starting a new Cub Scout pack in his church. The Peace Light is also valuable in building positive relationships with other youth-serving organizations. Youth and adults of all uniforms often stand side-by-side in community Peace Light ceremonies and work together to spread the message of peace and brotherhood.



For more information about the International Peace Light from Bethlehem, please visit [www.peacelight.org](http://www.peacelight.org), or [www.facebook.com/groups/PeaceLightNorthAmerica/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/PeaceLightNorthAmerica/).

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## INTERNATIONAL ADVENTURE @ PHILMONT

### *Navigate Your Next International Adventure*



A JamCam? What's that?

How can my Scouts attend a Moot?  
And what is a "Moot" anyway?

What opportunities are available to the  
Scouts in my unit to experience Scouting  
on an International level?

When is the next World Scout Jamboree?  
How can my Scouts attend? How can I  
attend?



### **Open to *all* Scouters**

Philmont Training Center  
June 14-20, 2020

For more information and register please visit:  
[http://www.philmontscoutranch.org/  
ptc/2020-conferences](http://www.philmontscoutranch.org/ptc/2020-conferences)





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## 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 [www.scouting.org/international/international-representative/](http://www.scouting.org/international/international-representative/).

### CENTRAL

- Gamehaven Council, 299
- Samoset Council, 627
- W. D. Boyce Council, 138
- Northeast Iowa Council, 178
- Greater St Louis Area Council, 312
- Great Trail Council, 433
- Mountaineer Area Council, 615
- Ohio River Valley Council, 619
- Great Rivers Council, 653
- Sagamore Council, 162
- Potawatomi Area Council, 651
- Blackhawk Area Council, 660

### NORTHEAST

- Hudson Valley Council, 374
- Five Rivers Council, 375
- Seneca Waterways Council, 397
- Green Mountain Council, 592
- Westmoreland-Fayette Council, 512
- Chief Cornplanter Council, 538
- Jersey Shore Council, 341
- Garden State Council, 690

### SOUTHERN

- Mobile Area Council, 4
- Pushmataha Area Council, 691
- Norwela Council, 215
- South Texas Council, 577
- Rio Grande Council, 775
- Sequoyah Council, 713
- Colonial Virginia Council, 595
- Tukabatchee Area Council, 5
- Black Warrior Council, 6
- Central Georgia Council, 96

### WESTERN

- Cascade Pacific Council, 492
- Inland Northwest Council, 611
- Oregon Trail Council, 697
- Alameda Council, 22
- Southern Sierra Council, 30
- Great Southwest Council 412



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## BRAZIL CONTINGENT RECAP



This year, the BSA made its inaugural appearance as a nationally organized contingent at an Interamerican Regional JamCam as a national contingent.

With three 10 person patrols, along with 8 IST members from across the US, the BSA Contingent connected quickly with Scouts and Leaders from all around the Interamerican Region. As part of the JamCam program, participants were able to take part in some exciting and unique activities which covered a variety of different aspects of Scouting. From learning about the local cultures of the Interamerican Region to putting some of their Scout skills to the test, our participants broadened their worldview and gained perspective on how the magic of Scouting transcends geographic borders.

As Scouts, the concept of a Jamboree seems to come somewhat naturally - get a bunch of Scouts from all over the country/world and have a big Scouting party. Jamborees have been going on around the world for decades, but usually are restricted to Scouts who are 14 or older. About 10 years ago, the Interamerican region did something unique and combined a jamboree with a camporee to create what we now know as JamCam.

A unique aspect of this particular JamCam is that in addition to sending participants and IST, the BSA had the opportunity to send another group of representatives to observe the inner workings of the JamCam and promote the next JamCam, which the BSA will host in 2023. This team was able to connect with representatives from around the Interamerican Region to gain insight, grow excitement, and help prepare for hosting this awesome event.

At the closing ceremony for JamCam2020, the Scout Association of Brazil symbolically passed the torch to the BSA to transition the hosting duties for JamCam 2023!





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## JOTA/JOTI RECAP

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 reported Scouts and Scouters who joined in online or on the air for WOSM's annual free global Jamboree.



Some of the highlights that were reported were an increase in the number of participants per station at JOTA sites and an increase in participation online, especially on the Minecraft servers. Additionally, our JOTA/JOTI work groups of the International Committee collected a lot of really great feedback on how to best support Local Councils and Units in the future. Be sure to stay tuned for more information and resources in the coming months.



For more information on BSA participation in JOTA/JOTI, you can check online at [scouting.org/jota](https://scouting.org/jota) or [scouting.org/joti](https://scouting.org/joti) or for more information on JOTA/JOTI on a global scale, check out [jotajoti.info](https://jotajoti.info)!

If you had a chance to hop online or on-the-air this last October, make sure that you record it on your International Spirit award application. While participation in JOTA/JOTI is just one aspect of the award, it's a great way to dive into international adventure ...and get a patch!

For more information about the International Spirit Award, be sure to check out the recognitions page on our website!



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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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- International commissioner of the BSA
- Represents the BSA in World Scouting
- Chair of the International Committee
- Chair of the United States Fund for International Scouting Committee



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- Relationships with the World Scout Bureau foundation and committee, WOSM regional directors, Interamerican Region Office foundation and committee
- Staff advisor: International Committee, United States Fund for International Scouting Committee
- Donations to all world Scouting foundations.

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- International representatives
- International recognition: International Scouter's Award, International Spirit Award
- World and region conferences
- Donations to World Friendship Fund



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- JOTA/JOTI
- Messengers of Peace



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