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INTERNATIONAL

Planning a World Scout Night

Introduction

This is a great time for Cubs, Scouts, Venturers and Sea Scouts to learn more about Scouting around the world. This section gives unit leaders ideas on how to explore International Scouting in a 60 to 90 minute meeting that can be done in an evening, or during a summer camp experience.

Learning Goals

1. To gain appreciation that each member of the BSA is also a member of the World Scouting Family, which shares common values (Law, Oath, basic structure) while delivering programs with some variety (some have advancement, others not, etc.)
2. To learn about other cultures, languages, and Scouting traditions from other countries
3. To provide program ideas that align with WOSM's goals and programs, such as the Messenger of Peace program and the focus on the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

Overview

Hosting a "World Scout Night" is a great way to add a new dimension to your program. The suggestions in this guide are intended to spark ideas for a fun, engaging and educational 60 to 90 minute meeting or summer camp activity. There are more ideas here than any unit could accomplish in 90 minutes, so choose what activities best fit your group. Most of these ideas will work with all age groups, from Cubs to Venturers. Consider how you might adapt these ideas to your unit meeting.

Preparation

Read through these program notes. For some activities, you or your Scouts may need to do some research and prep work prior to the meeting.

We also encourage your unit to take a collection for the World Friendship Fund (<https://www.scouting.org/international/information-sheets/22-329/>), which is a BSA program to fund international Scouting projects. Remember to notify Scouts and parents that a collection for WFF will be taking place, so that Scouts are prepared to contribute.

Opening

After the opening ceremony, have someone read the Scout Oath and Law from other National Scouting Organizations. You can research this ahead of time, and choose any NSO you like, but here are some examples:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Scout_Promises_by_country

Learn a Song

In 1920, for the first [World Scout Jamboree](#), [Robert Baden-Powell](#) (the founder of Scouting) decided that a nonsense song was needed, one that everyone would find equally difficult (or easy) to learn. He borrowed the tune from [Mozart's Symphony No.1 in Eb major](#) and penned the words to the song which became an instant hit among the Scouts and Scouters.

Here are the lyrics:

Ging gang goolie goolie goolie goolie watcha,
Ging gang goo, ging gang goo.
Ging gang goolie goolie goolie goolie watcha,
Ging gang goo, ging gang goo.
Hayla, oh hayla shayla, oh hayla shayla, shayla, oh-ho,
Hayla, oh hayla shayla, oh hayla shayla, shayla, oh.
Shally wally, shally wally, shally wally, shally wally,
Oompah, oompah, oompah, oompah.

And here are few links to videos so that you can learn the tune:

<https://youtu.be/Ssnzq6CgGZY>

or

<https://youtu.be/rA1Ynm4cqTg>

Here is a great story about the song, giving it some history and context, so that you can introduce it appropriately:

https://stmargarets.london/archives/2014/06/shally_wally_shally_wally_shally_wally_etc_etc.html

And, for those of you with a flair for drama, might like this narrative version:

http://www.scoutingresources.org.uk/stunts/stunts_008.html#The%20Great%20Grey%20Ghost%20Elephant

Scouts at the World Scout Jamboree sing this song and break up into two groups. One group would sing the Oompah Oompah as the “bass line” and the other side would sing the Hayla and Shally verses, then switch. Each side would try to sing louder than the other.

Games

Try playing a few games from other countries during your meeting. A good place to start is to google “Scout Games from around the world”. Here are some sites that you might find helpful in picking a game with international roots:

Around the world in eight awesome games (UK)

<http://scouts.org.uk/news/2018/02/around-the-world-in-8-awesome-games/>

Around the World - Games

http://www.boyscouttrail.com/webelos/w2/otherresources/world_games.htm

International Games by Stuart Leacy

<http://packresources.co.uk/international/INTGAM.PDF>

International Games

http://www.gameskidsplay.net/games/foreign_indexes/index.htm

Some favorite games with international roots are:

Kim’s Game - A Scouting game based on Rudyard Kipling’s 1901 novel, *Kim*. It is an observation game that dens or patrols can play as teams or one-on-one. Kipling was a friend of Baden-Powell.

http://www.boyscouttrail.com/content/game/kims_game-296.asp

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kim%27s_Game

Red Rover - A game played in the UK, Australia and Canada. Also called Bullrush in New Zealand and Ali Baba in Russia.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Red_Rover

Mancala - Easy to make with a wooden board or egg carton, this African game is an addicting way to pass time at camp.

<http://www.mancalarules.com>

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mancala>

Steal the Bacon - A game indigenous to the USA, that you could teach other Scouts

http://www.gameskidsplay.net/games/chasing_games/bacon.htm

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Steal the Bacon](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Steal_the_Bacon)

Learn

Scouting was founded by Lord Baden-Powell in England in 1907. Baden-Powell had seen the horrors of war, as an officer in the Boer War in South Africa. He was saddened by the loss of millions of young people during World War I. He thought if he could convene a gathering of Scouts from around the world to build strong friendships, then future world wars could be avoided. He called this gathering a “Jamboree”. The first Jamboree was held at Olympia in London, England in 1920. More than 8,000 Scouts from 34 countries attended. Jamborees have been held every four years since then, except for a time during World War II.

The most recent World Scout Jamboree was held at the Summit Bechtel National Scout Reserve in 2019. More than 45,000 Scouts from 170 countries attended the Jamboree. The next Jamboree will be in South Korea in 2023.

The World Jamboree is the largest camping event on the planet. It is the largest event organized by the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM), which is the global organization of Scouting organizations, like the Boy Scouts of America.

The 2019 World Scout Jamboree gave participants a chance to experience the high adventure activities of the Summit Bechtel Reserve as well as many opportunities to learn about how to make the world a better place. The Global Development Village had hundreds of displays from various Scouting and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) that taught Scouts about sustainable development, environmental protection and peace. The Centro Mondial featured exhibits and activities featuring the culture, faiths and beliefs and technology from the hundreds of countries represented at the Jamboree.

Most Scouts who attend a World Scout Jamboree spend time making new friends from around the world. This is the highlight of the Jamboree. Where else can you meet people from all over the world in one place?

You can learn more about the Jamboree history here:

<http://www.karunaexpedition.com/world-scout-jamboree-history.html>

You can learn more about the 2019 World Scout Jamboree here:

<https://www.2019wsj.org>

You can learn more about the cultural experiences at the Jamboree here:

<https://wsj2019.us/2018/06/08/walking-around-the-jamboree/>

You can learn more about the next World Scout Jamboree here:

<http://www.2023wsjkorea.org/html/index.html>

Discussion

Discuss why it is important to learn about people, cultures, religion and Scouting that is different to that of your home country. What can you learn from others who are different from you? How might you be the same? What would you want to know if you met a Scout from another country?

Have you had a time when you have traveled to a different country or learned a different culture? What was that like? What did you learn?

Activities

All of these suggested activities can be done by all ages, but some may be more appropriate for younger Scouts. Here are some ideas for hands-on activities. Note, many of these activities are either required or optional requirements for the BSA International Spirit Award.

- Learn 10 words that are in a different language than your own. Practice them with each other.
- Play two games that originated in another country or culture.
- Research the process to get a USA passport and visa for another country. Discuss with your patrol or unit.
- Learn about another country and prepare a traditional dinner from that country to serve at a unit meeting or event. Discuss what you learned with others.
- Pick a country and research how Scouting in that country works. Talk, text or message with a Scout in that country via social media.
- Hold a combined meeting with a unit from a different country using Skype, Facebook Video or some other online video tool. Involve adults in this process. Teach the other unit a skill, skit or song. Have them teach you one too. Discuss with them what Scouting is like in their country.
- Research the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Pick one or two and discuss what your unit can do to further that goal in your community and on a global basis. Integrate these ideas into a future service project or unit activity.
 - <https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/>

- <http://worldslargestlesson.globalgoals.org>
- For example, a Scouting for Food activity aligns with SDG #2, finding ways to integrate girls into Scouting BSA would align with SDG #5, and using Solar Chargers on your next campout would align with SDG#7.

For more information and requirements to earn the International Spirit Award, go to:
<https://i9peu1ikn3a16vg4e45rqi17-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/International-Spirit-Award-app.130-044.pdf>

Safety Moment

Meeting other Scouts online can be a lot of fun, but we need to remember to be safe online. This is a good time to remind Scouts about online safety. Here are some resources:

Cyber Chip

<https://www.scouting.org/programs/boy-scouts/advancement-and-awards/merit-badges/cyber-chip/>

NetSmartz

<https://www.netsmartz.org/scouting>

NetSmartz Friend or Fake Video

<http://www.nsteens.org/Videos/FriendOrFake>

Protecting your Online Rep (Canada)

<https://youtu.be/jdZlaO1J0Bo>

World Friendship Fund

You may want to hold a collection for the BSA World Friendship Fund. The WFF is a BSA program that channels funds to international scouting projects, usually funding an initiative or project by a foreign National Scout Organization. For more information, go to:
<https://www.scouting.org/international/information-sheets/22-329/>

Another option is to directly fund a World Scouting project through WOSM. The “Scout Donation Platform” works like a “Go Fund Me” online platform, except that each project is screened by WOSM. Maybe your unit can fund an entire project! For more information, go to:
<https://www.scout.org/donate>

Service Projects: Messengers of Peace

Messengers of Peace (MOP) 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 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.

Practically any service project that benefits your community, or the global community, qualifies for the MOP Award (a circle patch that goes around the World Crest on your uniform). Once you complete the project, you can post pictures and a description on the WOSM MOP Page. Don't forget to also report it on your unit's Journey to Excellence online reports!

During or after the project, discuss the collective impact that 50 million Scouts could have on the world, if we all worked on service projects in our community. Discuss what could happen if we all worked on one or more SDG goals together.

Links

BSA MOP Program

<https://www.scouting.org/international/messengers-of-peace/>

WOSM MOP Program

<https://www.scout.org/messengersofpeace>

Connect

One of the best aspects of a World Scout Jamboree is meeting Scouts from other countries. Social media gives us the opportunity to do this every day, without travelling to the Summit or another country! Here are some ideas on how to meet other Scouts:

First, review the guidelines for safe use of the internet and CyberChip. Always stay safe online.

There are a number of open Facebook groups for International Scouts and Scouters where you could meet someone from a different county and start a conversation:

24th World Scout Jamboree Group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/24wsj>

1st Facebook Scout Group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2450689742/>

WOSM - World Organization of the Scout Movement

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2348421171/>

Adult leaders can also use these online networks to find adult unit leaders from other countries who might be interested in a “combined meeting” via Skype or other online video tool, so Scouts can meet each other and share Scouting experiences.

Share

Share pictures of your International Scout Meeting on social media with the hashtag #Scouts so others can see what you are learning.

Closing

A great way to end the meeting is to have a “Scoutmaster Minute” on the meaning of the World Crest. We all wear it on our uniform. Every Scout does. It is something we have in common with the 50 million Scouts around the world.

The World Crest is a Scout emblem that has been worn by an estimated 250 million Scouts since the Scouting movement was founded in 1907 by Lord Baden-Powell at the experimental camp on Brownsea Island in the UK. During this camp, he issued the first form of the World Crest, a copper fleur-de-lis badge, to all participants.

Scouts and members of the public often ask how the emblem originated. Lord Baden-Powell himself gave the answer: “Our badge we took from the ‘North Point’ used on maps for orienteering.” Lady Baden-Powell said later, “It shows the true way to go.” The emblem’s symbolism helps remind Scouts to be as true and reliable as a compass in keeping to their Scouting ideals and showing others the way.

The crest is designed with a center motif encircled by a rope tied with a reef or square knot, which symbolizes the unity and brotherhood of the movement throughout the world. Even as one cannot undo a reef knot no matter how hard one pulls on it, so, as it expands, the movement remains united.

The three tips of the center fleur-de-lis represent the three points of the Scout Oath or Promise. In some countries, the two decorative five-pointed stars stand for truth and knowledge.

The crest is white on a royal purple background. These colors are symbolic as well. In heraldry, white represents purity and royal purple denotes leadership and help given to other people.

The World Crest is an emblem of the World Organization of the Scout Movement and is authorized for wear on the uniform of all member associations as a symbol of membership in a world brotherhood. It is authorized by the Boy Scouts of America to be worn by all adult and youth members as a permanent patch centered horizontally over the left pocket and vertically between the left shoulder seam and the top of the pocket.

The BSA donates a small portion of the proceeds from each patch sold to the World Scout Foundation to assist with the development of emerging Scouting organizations.

Last Word

Encourage qualified Scouts (age 14 to 17) to apply to attend the next World Scout Jamboree and young adults (age 18 to 25) to attend the next World Scout Moot.

Sing "Ging Gang Gooley" one more time because it is so fun.