



# INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2021-2022

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# Letter from the BSA's International Commissioner



Welcome to International Scouting in the BSA's Annual Report. In the following pages, we hope to capture for you a glimpse of how our youth are participating in the world movement of scouting.

Your International Committee is dedicated to the following principles:

- 1) To educate our youth that they are part of the largest youth movement in the world;
- 2) Making sure that our youth have the opportunity to participate in world events and International experiences;
- 3) That we bring the World Movement to every youth at every level through world programs and opportunities.

From this report you will see how we are accomplishing those principles. You will also see the long history of international scouting in the BSA and the role that we continue to play supporting scouting around the world. This is punctuated with the first time in the history of the BSA where our Key 3 are all Bronze Wolf Award winners!

Nothing in this report was accomplished by a single person, rather a group of dedicated professionals and members of the International Committee. All are honored to represent the Boy Scouts of America in the fifty million membership of the World Organization of the Scout Movement. I would like to take a moment to thank all of these folks, the staff and volunteers, at all levels that help continue to move International Scouting in the BSA ahead.

Finally, it does not go unnoticed by me, and I hope you too will consider this; that while you have been reading this, a good turn was done, a service project was started and another one completed, tents were pitched somewhere under the stars and a group of Scouts gathered about a campfire.

Scouting never sleeps.

Let the Fires of Friendship Burn,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lou Paulson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lou" being more prominent than the last name "Paulson".

Lou Paulson

International Commissioner

Boy Scouts of America



# Letter from the World Scout Committee Chairperson

Dear friends in Scouting,

Earlier this year we celebrated 115 years since the 1st-ever Scout camp at Brownsea Island took place. More than a century later, Scouting has shown strength, resilience, and ingenuity, particularly in recent years, when we turned challenges into opportunities to ensure that young people, whose lives were disproportionately affected by the impacts of the pandemic, continued to experience the life-changing power of Scouting. We are not out of the woods yet. However, we keep showing flexibility, adaptability, and innovation to ensure that young people can still enjoy their most treasured Scouting activities.



Most NSOs have resumed in-person activities at the national and local levels, providing great opportunities for reconnection and to enjoy group activities once again. As global citizens, Scouts also have the opportunity to connect with their friends online, participate in virtual activities like JOTA-JOTI, and have access to an array of online resources. On the ground, young people and NSOs are contributing in so many ways towards building a more peaceful and sustainable world. Countless stories from around the world have shown inspiring examples of how NSOs are adapting their programs to respond to the needs of young people and communities, and how Scouts themselves are being advocates and champions for the change they want to see in the world.

The World Scout Committee just published the World Triennial Plan for 2021-2024. The plan, centered around the title and theme "Recovery. Sustainability. Impact.", lays out a bold vision for how we will deliver on the objectives of this triennium, and aligns with many of the key priorities that the World Scout Committee has agreed upon. The World Scout Committee has identified 8 key priorities from the World Scout Conference and World Youth Forum:

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| 1. Growth & Pandemic Recovery | 5. Positioning Scouting  |
| 2. Safe from Harm             | 6. Sustainability        |
| 3. Youth Engagement           | 7. Good Governance       |
| 4. Diversity & Inclusion      | 8. Strategy for Scouting |

Together these 8 priorities encapsulate the aspirations of this World Scout Committee and reflect the areas of focus identified by NSO's as the most urgent and important aspects of our work. I hope you will take an opportunity to explore these topics in more depth, and to define a path that will shape BSA's growth, influence, impact, and unity in the coming years. In this process, I encourage you to be open to the ideas of others, to be mindful of the commitments when we each made with the Scout Oath, and to challenge your own assumptions about what works and where we can improve.

Scouting's impact is clear, and it remains as relevant today as it was over 115 years ago. But we must also continue to make Scouting a modern, relevant and attractive educational offering if we want to ensure that Scouting reaches its targets for growth and evolves with the times. On behalf of the entire World Scout Committee, thank you for everything you do to bring Scouting to more young people around the world!

Yours in Scouting,

Andy Chapman  
Chairperson  
World Scout Committee





# INTERAMERICAN REGION UPDATE

The past two years have been most challenging as the Interamerican Scout Committee has needed to adjust and reprioritize several planned initiatives and activities. The Interamerican Region Summit, scheduled to be held in Ecuador in 2020, was reformatted to a virtual event that was held in November 2021. This event was extremely well attended and provided the opportunity to have various guests attend, including members of the World Scout Committee.

The Interamerican Scout Committee continued met virtually during the pandemic and resumed in-person meetings in March of 2022. After much analysis of the various options, it was agreed that the Youth Forum, traditionally held immediately prior to the Regional Conference, would be held virtually August 12-14, 2022.

Another key decision was for the Interamerican Scout Conference to be a live event with an option for those who wish to attend virtually. The Conference is scheduled for November 23-27, 2022, in Ciudad del Este, Paraguay, a city that borders Brazil near Iguazu Falls.

Daniel Corsen, Jr., Chair of the Interamerican Scout Committee, was the guest of BSA's International Committee at the International Conference at Philmont Scout Ranch in June 2022. Daniel provided great insights into the world-wide Scouting Movement and was able to provide a unique perspective on the importance of BSA to the Interamerican Region and to World Scouting.

The past The Interamerican Leadership Training (ILT), a very successful leadership training course that was initiated with the support of BSA's International Committee, is planning to resume after a 3-year hiatus in December 2022. ILT this year will be hosted by the Panamanian Scout Association and is scheduled to start December 28th.



Armando Arguirre, Vice  
Chairperson, Interamerican  
Scout Committee



Daniel Corsen, Jr. and 2022 PTC  
Conference Chair, Ajey Chandra,  
touring Taos, NM



# Letter from the BSA's Deputy International Commissioner



Bray Barnes, Deputy  
International Commissioner

It is truly a pleasure to serve as the BSA Deputy International Commissioner working with truly committed volunteers and professionals. Through the International Committee, BSA Scouts and Scouters are given opportunities to participate in activities, programs and projects that positively impact, not only the United States, but resonate around the world. Never before, in the history of Scouting has there been the need for Scouts to make an impact on the world, the environment and the society in which we live as there is today.

Commencing under the leadership of International Commissioner Kent Clayburn and continuing with International Commissioner Lou Paulson, the Committee has been organized into Pillars to effectively and efficiently deliver international Scouting to the BSA membership.

The International Committee is very proud to have young adults engaged in all aspects of the Committee including governance, leadership, heads of contingents, program development, project delivery and participation. They have proved to be invaluable and

have become a cornerstone of the many successes that have been realized. As we look to the future, they will continue to play a key role and define the International Committee at home and abroad.

As the BSA faced challenges over the past months, Scouting's volunteers undertook additional responsibilities that resulted in a consistent delivery of services and support. The International Committee is committed to assure that International Scouting will be available as well as look to new and exciting opportunities that will give American Scouts and Scouters, and our brother and sister Scouts from other countries, to truly experience Scouting friendship and fellowship around the world.

We are part of a worldwide movement consisting of 57 million Scouts in more than 172 countries. The International Committee opens doors so we can better understand and share the values of Scouting that brings us together. These are truly exciting times where Scouting's impact will globally resonate for many years to come.



# 2022 INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

The following individuals are currently serving as members of BSA's International Committee.

## Executive Committee

Lou Paulson (International Commissioner)	Bray Barnes (Deputy International Commissioner)
John Dozier (Vice-Chair, Administrative Support)	Brad Valdyke (Vice-Chair, Tools to Councils)
Phil Krajec (Vice-Chair, Promotion to Scouts)	Phillip Zabriskie (Vice-Chair, Supporting World Scouting)

## General Members

Armando Aguirre	William F Cronk	Marshall E. Hollis	Ron Ratto
Council Jordan Armstrong	Bill Daggett	Conner Huey	Gus Sanchez
Manuel Bagaco	Charles W. Dahlquist, II	Peter Hyman	C. Bari Saunders
Ben Beese	Dr. Wayne Davis	Archer Jones	Dave Sears
Mark Beese	James Delorey	Reece Kilbey	Dave Shelburne
Bryan Bell	Joshua Dick	Ken King	Robert Sinclair
Marcia Bettich	Joey Dierdorf	Jeffrey Lam	W. Scott Sorrels
Gary Bird	Jordan Diliberto	Ed Lynes	Jun Taki
Del Bishop	John R. Donnell	Matthew J. Mann	Brigitte Therivel
David L. Briscoe	Robbie Dzierzanowski	Bruce McCrea	James S. Turley
Lynn Brooks	Charles Echard	Savi McMillan	David Van Proosdij
Allen D. Brown	Clark W. Fetridge	Rick Nagowa	Pratik Vaidya
Dottie Brown	Dr. William "Bill" Finerty	David L. Nakabayashi	William Wallace
Amy Burdick	Gene Foley	Arija Noel	Christa Waterwiese
Matthew Bursley	Pat Fountain	Paul Noel	Bobby Ray Williams
Ajeay Chandra	Tom French	Ynes Ortega	James S. Wilson, D.M.
Edward Andrew Chapman	Jack D. Furst	Jean Perea	Tony Woodard
Todd Christian	Seth Griffith	Wayne M. Perry	Willy Xiao
Neal Clayburn	Emily Hale	Laura Philpot	
Philippe Colinet	Joshua David Hall	Meghan Pierson	
Matthew Cook	Jennifer Hancock	Jenna Platner	



# P R O M O T I O N   T O   S C O U T S

The Promotion to Scouts pillar covers many different topics all around bringing international scouting opportunities to the BSA. Here are some of the highlights of our ongoing work with Order of the Arrow, Messengers of Peace, JOTA-JOTI, and the next National Jamboree.



Phill Krajec – Vice-Chair,  
Promotion to Scouts

## ORDER OF THE ARROW

You can read about International BSA's presence at NOAC on page 14. The committee is planning a joint international Messengers of Peace, service project in 2023 in conjunction with the Order of the Arrow and another National Scouting Organization. The project will give those in Scouts BSA, Venturing, and Sea Scouting an opportunity to give back to their international community while learning about world Scouting. We are hoping to partner with an external sponsor/partner such as Rotary International.

## MESSENGERS OF PEACE

The Messengers of Peace subcommittee has developed a new recognition structure designed to encourage broader and deeper participation in the MoP program. SDGs will be integrated into the new MoP award structure. Once approved and the awards become available, a marketing campaign across all social media and national channels will be launched along with a promotional and training packet for Council International Representatives and Advancement Chairs.

## JAMBOREE ON THE AIR / JAMBOREE ON THE INTERNET

In 2022, Jamboree of the Air/Jamboree on the Internet will take place from October 14 to 16. JOTA/JOTI is the world's largest digital Scout event taking place on the Internet and over the airwaves. Held every year in October, the event connects millions of young people around the world for a full weekend of online activities that promote friendship and global citizenship. JOTA-JOTI aims to support young people of all ages to learn about communications technology, the values of global citizenship, and their role in creating a better world.

## NATIONAL JAMBOREE

Recruiting and planning is underway for an interactive international exhibit at the National Jamboree in July 2023. The exhibit will include Messengers of Peace displays and videos, the opportunity to earn the Interpreter Strip, a live Jamboree on the Internet (JOTI) program, presentations on the Kandersteg International Scout Centre in Switzerland, and promotion of the 26th World Scout Jamboree to be held in Poland in 2027. We will also feature shows with dance teams and performers from other countries.

# T O O L S   T O   C O U N C I L S

The Tools to Councils pillar, with outreach through Council International Representatives (IRs), works to create energizing international opportunities within the BSA.

Our key work areas over 2021 and 2022 were Council IR Engagement, Program Support & Promotion, International Awards, the International Camp Staff Program, and training for International Adventures.



Brad Valdyke – Vice-Chair, Tools to Councils

## COUNCIL IR ENGAGEMENT

Direct contact with Council IRs, starting at their onboarding, and maintained by in-person quarterly webinars, monthly newsletters, and online engagement.

Working towards having an active IR in every council and increasing the diversity of IRs and international event participants.

## PROGRAM SUPPORT & PROMOTION

Created informal guides for councils, units, and individuals in the BSA; including an IR Toolbox, Unit Guide to World Scouting, and a WOSM & International Scouting slide-deck.

Initiated task force on implementing WOSM programming on the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals. You can read more about the work of the SDG Task Force on page 10.

## INTERNATIONAL AWARDS

Includes the International Spirit Award, Interpreter Strip, World Conservation Award, and the International Scouter's Award.

Increased promotion of international awards through content on social media and the BSA website as well as presentations at the Philmont Training Center and National Order of the Arrow Conference.

Collaboration on program development with the National Program Committee and the National Outdoor Committee. We believe the international opportunities are a growing feature of BSA's program and are excited for more work to be undertaken in this area.

Partnering with the National Supply Group, moved the International Spirit Award into inventory of the Scout Shop website and local Council Scout Shops. It is now reflected in Scoutbook and fully available as a BSA unit-level award. Inventoried the Interpreter Strip program for cost effective availability.

## INTERNATIONAL CAMP STAFF PROGRAM

Gained headway to re-start the International Camp Staff Program. This keynote program was suspended in 2020 due to change in USA policy for visas and the ability of the BSA to staff those applications.

Several councils took part in a pilot of a renewed Camp Staff Program during their 2022 summer camps. It was great to demonstrate the program's renewed viability and success this summer and we look forward to again making the program available and an affordable opportunity for Council Scout Camps.

## TRAINING FOR INTERNATIONAL ADVENTURE

Opened participation in the International Conference week at the Philmont Training Conference (PTC) to all BSA Scouters. The new course format was designed for new and long-time IRs as well as any Scouter seeking to become more engaged in international scouting. You can read more about the conference on page 11.

Looking forward, the Tools to Councils team is most excited by the growing engagement of both youth participants and younger scouters in international scouting. We will continue to promote and empower our Council IRs to spread and promote resources and news that brings the World Scout Movement into the BSA!







# SUPPORTING WORLD SCOUTING

The Boy Scouts of America benefits tremendously from World Scouting, and World Scouting benefits tremendously from the Boy Scouts of America. We are proud to remain one of the strongest and most enduring supporters of WOSM. Our volunteers generously donate their time, talent, and treasure towards numerous world initiatives like the World Friendship Fund, Regional Events, World Scouting Heritage Sites, JOTI/JOTA, Kandersteg, and much (much) more.



Phillip Zabriskie – Vice-Chair,  
Supporting World Scouting

Thank you to everyone who has helped support the BSA's efforts to grow capacity abroad, strengthen our world institutions, and provide a rock-solid foundation during a time of global uncertainty.

You empower the movement and continue to represent the BSA in the best light. Your thoughtfulness does not go unappreciated. Our committee takes notice, the BSA takes notice, and so does the World.

The Supporting World Scouting Pillar is working in several areas, here are some highlights of what we have been doing:

## SUSTAINING TASKS

Process incoming donations and outgoing grants

Interface with & give support to Major Scouting Foundations

Process BSA International Letters of Introduction, Endorsement, and Nomination

Coordinate visit arrangements with Official International Scouting Delegations

## SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Launched Rover Friendship Project, connecting with Young Adults around the world

Administered three world-level 'Open Calls' for volunteers

Organized successful campaign to get Andy re-elected to the World Scout Committee

Developed emergency response for Afghan refugee influx

Supported Kandersteg and Gilwell through two difficult pandemic years

Led first ever outreach to international Air Scouting programs, in support of Exploring

Began new engagement with Direct Service, Far East, and Transatlantic senior leaders

Mobilized 2019 WSJ leads in support of WOSM Listening Ear initiative

There's even more to be accomplished in the year ahead:

- Finalize video course to automate BSA International Letters of Introduction
- Support successful campaign to support the BSA's new pick for Regional Committee
- Develop a sustainable program to serve refugees arriving to America



# ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

Administrative Support, the newest operational team with the BSA's International Committee, focuses on providing high quality administrative and procedural support to the BSA's International Committee so that all members of the BSA may have access to engaging and life-changing international Scouting experiences.

Many of the tasks of the administrative work is ongoing. Among the highlights:

- Meeting support. Administrative support was provided for the January/February remote committee meeting.
- Training support. The members of the pillar supported the training function of the committee by resourcing and coordinating gear for the 2022 Philmont Training Center International Scouting conference.
- New member support. The pillar members developed a prototype mentoring process that may be used across all program pillars to integrate and orient new International Committee members to their roles with the committee. This training process is awaiting final approval for its launch.



John Dozier – Vice-Chair, Administrative Support



## Sustainable Development Goals Task Force

The Sustainable Development Goals Task Force educates BSA members on the United Nations' 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and their relevance to the BSA. WOSM adopted the SDGs as a cornerstone of the World Scouting program in 2015. Since then, the SDGs have had a tremendous impact on National Scout Organizations (NSOs) across the world.

The SDG Task Force formed in July of 2021. Their first accomplishment was an analysis that found that 45% of BSA merit badges already connect to one or more SDGs. Subsequently, they created a presentation explaining sustainable development, the SDGs, and existing contributions by both World Scouting and the BSA to the SDGs. The SDG Task Force also described example merit badges that relate to SDGs, and others that missed an opportunity to do so. The SDG Task Force feels that in many areas the BSA is already supporting the SDGs. Most notably, the BSA Membership Committee recently held a meeting regarding the SDG initiative and how that may influence membership growth.

The SDG Task Force presented this information to many stakeholders, including: attendees of the World Scout Conference in August 2021, the BSA International Committee in February of 2022, the BSA Conservation and Outdoor Ethics Committee in March of 2022, the BSA National Program Development Group in May of 2022, the Philmont International Representative Conference in June of 2022, the National Council of Chiefs at the National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) in July of 2022, and White House Staff Members with the Council on Environmental Quality in June of 2022. SDG Task Force Members also created social media posts for the International Committee pages, worked with WOSM to develop their SDG program, and participated in dialogue with other NSOs at both JOTA-JOTI in October 2021 and at the Interamerican Region Forum for Sustainable Development in June of 2022.

Next, the SDG Task Force plans to prepare formal documentation for their constituents on incorporating SDGs in BSA programs and emphasize SDGs in BSA public relations endeavors.





## International Adventures in Scouting Conference

The BSA 2022 International Conference met at the Philmont Training Center (PTC) the week of June 19. This is the second year that the Conference, with a new curriculum focused on helping participants bring international scouting to the unit level, has met at PTC. The current curriculum is focused on helping Scouters understand the structure of the BSA's international activities, the structure of the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM), and how we can all add international scouting into the BSA program.



Presentations included the structure of BSA International, structure of WOSM, the Interamerican Region, and a review of a large number of international events. Lou Paulson, BSA's International Commissioner, was in attendance all week and played a key role in helping the participants understand how international fits into the overall BSA program. There was lively discussion on how to organize and plan an international activity for youth who want to participate in an overseas event. The participants also learned about the SDG's and Messengers of Peace.. Everyone had a chance to participate in a MOP project on Wednesday, where the group provided 35 service hours to Philmont by bagging over 800 trail meals.



Daniel Corsen Jr., the Chairperson of the Interamerican Regional Committee of WOSM, was a special guest during the week, and brought additional insight to the participants by discussing the role of the IAR Committee and providing participants with additional insight into how WOSM operates in the Interamerican Region, where BSA plays a key role.



The participants had a chance to work together on projects that would be beneficial to their home units and Councils. A key learning of the week was that you don't have to go on an overseas trip to participate in "international". There are many ways to include international programming in regular unit activities. On Thursday night, a silent auction was held that raised over \$5000 for the World Friendship Fund, along with raising additional money to help support Scouting in Ukraine.



At the end of the conference, members of BSA's International Committee joined the participants to hear presentations of the group projects. This allowed the International Committee to get an understanding of what the participants had learned and also get feedback and ideas on how individual units and Councils can increase their involvement in international activities.



Staff of the course included Ajey Chandra (Chair), Jun Takei (Vice Chair), Armando Aguirre, Doug Meikle, Dave Shelburne, Manny Bagaco and Christa Waterweise.

We will be back at the Philmont Training Center in June 2023 for another International Adventures in Scouting Conference. This conference is open to all registered adults in the BSA, and we encourage everyone to consider attending. Registration will open early next year.





# World Scout Conference and Youth Forum

In August 2021, the 14th World Scout Youth Forum brought together a total of more than 700 young leaders from 163+ National Scout Organizations and global partners to shape the future of the world's leading educational youth movement. This Youth Forum brought many new opportunities and resources during a unique time of the COVID-19 pandemic. Nonetheless, Scouts overcame this challenge and hosted the first-ever Virtual World Scout Youth forum, staying connected around the world. The BSA Delegation safely convened using the virtual conferencing platform that connected delegates together. This platform allowed participants to be directly involved in discussions and decision-making opportunities from around the world.

Over the course of the five-day event, the BSA delegation was successful in virtually connecting with young people from all corners of the globe, enabling them to connect, learn and engage in making decisions that will shape the future direction of the Scout Movement. There were a range of networking sessions, cultural celebrations, virtual exhibitions, and challenges on the digital event platform brought young people together to have fun and connect with other fellow Scouts. We even had many fun opportunities to show off our dancing skills!

To further strengthen youth involvement in decision making, each delegate was placed in an International Team, comprised of Scouts from diverse backgrounds and nationalities. Throughout many time zones and late-night discussions, a Youth Forum Declaration was prepared to represent the ideas and opinions of the participants of the 14th World Scout Youth Forum. This allowed the youth participants to put forward a bold agenda and focus for Scouting in the next triennium; emphasizing the need for young-adult participation in Scouting. The biggest take-away from the Youth Forum proved that young adult participation in Scouting is more critical than ever to adequately prepare for our future, the youth.

The week after the Youth Forum, the World Scout Conference was also held virtually and was the largest ever convened in the event's 100-year history. The BSA delegation gathered in Texas to participate in the event. The theme "Bridging the World" challenged participants to build bridges in their communities and across borders between National Scout Organizations, emphasizing the need to work together to put our planet on a path towards peace and sustainability.

# Interamerican Scout Conference and Youth Forum

A year later, from August 12-14, 2022, the Interamerican Youth Forum was also held virtually. The BSA Delegation enjoyed connecting with other participants across the region to; draft a Youth Declaration, learn about local initiatives, and create new Scouting friendships. Several members of the Youth Forum Delegation will be joined by other members of BSA at the Interamerican Scout Conference in November which is being held in Paraguay. Look out for more updates from this event.





## Supporting the National Organization of Scouts Ukraine



In response to the unfolding humanitarian crisis resulting from the war in Ukraine, hundreds of Scout volunteers mobilized to help meet overwhelming short-term and long-term needs in Ukraine and neighboring countries. The World Organization of the Scout Movement is coordinated emergency relief efforts together with the World Scout Foundation and in close collaboration with our Eurasian and European Scouting Regions and the National Organization of Scouts of Ukraine (NOSU) to respond to the unfolding humanitarian crisis resulting from the war in Ukraine.

The initial target of \$100,000 USD was reached within just a few days of its launch on 25 February, 2022. This funding went directly to the NOSU to purchase essential items for the civilian population affected by the fighting, including medicines, food and water (through Red Cross) and shelter supplies like sleeping bags, blankets and mats. It also supports psychological support and educational activities for children and young people, in partnership with the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies. WOSM raised their fundraising target to \$500,000 USD in March. Additional donations were directed to Ukraine as well as neighboring National Scout Organizations in the region who have been helping and coordinating the humanitarian response. As of October 2022, over \$700,000 USD has been donated.

Scouts in the BSA have been involved in this support in several ways. Many groups held fundraisers and in May a request went to Council Executives asking for donations of tents and sleeping bags to the National Organization of Scouts Ukraine (NOSU).

Over the summer, Ben Beese, from the Denver Area Council, talked with several members of NOSU to coordinate donating items. They put him in contact with a US-based Logistics company, D.T. Gruelle, and two other BSA councils facing the same issues. D.T. Gruelle, and their non-profit D.T. Cares, had been sending humanitarian supplies to Ukraine via the Polish Scouting and Guiding Association (ZHP) since the outbreak of the war. Meanwhile, Miami Valley Council (Dayton, OH) and Northern Star Council (Minnesota) had reached out to NOSU with offers of over 80 canvas tents and 50 sleeping bags—if only they could figure out shipping.

D.T. Gruelle was happy to help. They agreed to ship the supplies on their next ocean container, allowing them to ship from their warehouse to Poland at no cost to the BSA councils. The only requirement was that they needed to get the stuff to their warehouse in western Pennsylvania before their next shipment went out. D.T. Gruelle's director, Marco Gruelle, didn't want to miss this opportunity to help NOSU and agreed to split domestic shipping costs 50/50. To fundraise, Ben started a GoFundMe campaign, with a goal of \$1,500. Today, thanks to his Scout friends from around the world, he has surpassed that goal, which will cover the remaining cost of domestic shipping.

On August 4, the tents and sleeping bags started their long journey east. They arrived in PA in the nick of time—taken directly off the trucks and into their shipping container. On August 9, the container west sent to Poland.

# National Order of the Arrow Conference

Adventure Central at the National Order of the Arrow Conference in July 2022 featured a booth promoting International Scouting with videos and displays, as well as neckerchief and patch giveaways.

An International Scouting themed quiz show was presented on the Expo stage daily. In addition, the committee delivered three workshops each day: International Scouting in general; Messengers of Peace; and the Sustainable Development Goals, the 17 objectives developed by the United Nations and adopted by the World Organization of the Scout movement to help end poverty, fight inequality and address climate change.

On the packed NOAC agenda was also the Distinguished Service Awards Dinner where Roger Mosby was presented his Bronze Wolf, ATAS recruitment, and plenty of time to catch up with international scouting friends!

# 25th World Scout Jamboree, 2023

In less than a year, the USA Contingent of 504 youth participants, 56 adult leaders and 250 International Staff Team (IST) members will be heading back from an incredible experience in South Korea at the 25<sup>th</sup> World Scout Jamboree.



Central Florida scouter Brad Valdyke, a jamboree veteran, was appointed to the position of Head of Contingent of the USA Contingent. Brad appointed Team Leads of the Contingent Management Team (CMT) at the end of 2021; for the Commissioner, Marketing, Administration, and Operations teams.

The registration system opened on November 15, 2021, and by June 19, 2022, all 504 youth participants spots had been claimed. Over 250 scouters expressed interest in being a leader or assistant leader and over 300 have registered for IST positions.

Youth participants were engaged to help determine interests for the Jamboree Pre-tour. The travel agency working with the CMT have some exciting, educational and fun pre-tours are in the works!

In early August, several CMT members attended the Heads of Contingent Meeting in South Korea to tour the Jamboree site and learn more about the jamboree. There was a lot of information presented and many questions answered. Planning for the USA Contingent is moving forward, and we are excited to be able to have more information that we can share with the contingent over the coming months.

Over the next year, Scouts will get to know the others in their units and continue their preparations. We will soon find ourselves joining scouts and scouters from around the world in SaeManGeum, South Korea, for the 2023 World Scout Jamboree.





# Remembering Douglas Kent Clayburn



Douglas Kent Clayburn was born in Horton, Kansas on March 4, 1955 to Ansel Erwin Clayburn and wife Barbara. The family moved to California when Kent was 2 years old. Kent's youth was spent in Stockton, California where he was a member of the 49er Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Kent progressed rapidly through the ranks and earned his Eagle Scout in 1971. Kent comes from a family committed to the Scouting movement. His grandfather, Ansel Bennett Clayburn, was an Eagle Scout and led a troop to the 1950 National Jamboree. Kent's father, also an Eagle Scout, was his Scoutmaster.

Kent married Constance Miller and they had two children, Evan, an Eagle Scout, and Alexis. Alexis is married to Ernie Harmon and they have a daughter, Kent's grandchild, Hazel Evan Harmon. Kent's extended family includes his older brother Neal and wife Shelley. Neal and Shelly have 2 boys, both Eagle Scouts, Nate married to Caitlyn and Nick who is single.

Kent was an outdoor type who loved to hunt and fish. He was a skilled duck hunter and a great fly fisherman. Did I fail to mention, he loved great wine, good whiskey and a good cigar.

Kent's accomplishments and awards are numerous. As a youth he was an Eagle Scout, earned his God and Country and was a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow, Sumi Lodge #342. He served on camp staff at Camp 49er. He made a Philmont Trec and attended the 1973 National Jamboree in Idaho. He continued to serve as a counselor at Camp 49er during his college years. Kent served as Assistant Scoutmaster in Moraga, California with his son Evan. During this time he took the Troop on two bicycle high adventure trips, one to Banff, Canada and one to Germany.

Kent was involved:

- President of the Mt. Diablo Silverado Council
- President of the Western Region
- International Commissioner BSA
- Leadership in many National and World Jamborees
- Vice Chairman Interamerican Scout Committee
- Director, Interamerican Scout Foundation
- Chairman Elect of World Scout Foundation
- Appointed to the Philmont Ranch Committee
- Chairman of the National Court of Honor
- Distinguished Eagle Scout
- Silver Beaver
- Silver Antelope
- Silver Buffalo
- Bronze Wolf
- Baden Powell Fellow
- Gustaf Adolf Metal – Sweden

So, what can I say about Kent Clayburn. He was a lover of life and life's experiences. Kent was a lifelong Scout and a Servant Leader. Kent led by example and great leadership skills he learned early in Scouting. He was a mentor to all. I traveled the world with him and treasure every moment I was with him.

I miss you Kent,

Bill



*Scouting around the world is a success due to the hard work of volunteers and professional scouters. Over the past two years, numerous awards have been presented to those who have made a significant impact to the movement.*

## SILVER WORLD AWARD RECIPIENTS

The Silver World Award is a distinguished service award of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA). It is presented for noteworthy and extraordinary service to youth on an international basis and awarded to members of the World Scouting family who are not part of the BSA. In 2022, the International Committee selected three individuals to receive the Silver World Award; Hector Robledo, Stephen Peck, and Craig Turpie.

Whether it is providing the financial resources or making sure Scouting is delivered worldwide, or leading a World Organization, these three individuals have shown exceptional character and service to the youth of the World. The Boy Scouts of America is honored to be able to recognize these Scouter's and what they have done for the movement with our Silver World Award.



**Hector Robledo Cervantes** has been involved in Scouting since 1971 as Cub Scout, Scout and Rover. He also served as Troop Leader, Group Leader, Wood Badge Course Director, National Vice-President and until recently as Vice-President of the Interamerican Scout Foundation. Since April 2012 Hector has served as a Board Member of the World Scout Foundation and from 2019-2021 was the Chair of the Board.

**Stephen Peck** joined the Scout Movement as a Cub Scout in the UK where he developed a passion for Scouting's unique educational experience. As a young adult, he became a volunteer leader contributing to the advancement of Scouting in the European Region and took part in events such as the European Scout and Guide Conference in Cyprus. Stephen went on to serve The Scout Association in the UK as its National Commissioner for Venture Scouts before becoming a member of the national staff at Gilwell Park as Operations Director, a role he held for 18 years. During this time, Stephen supported a variety of World Scouting initiatives in Europe and beyond, including several World Scout Jamborees, Adults in Scouting and GSAT workshops, and the strategic growth of a number of new and emerging Scout Associations, particularly in Eastern Europe. He was also central in the creation, development and delivery of the international training program for new Scout professionals held annually at Kandersteg International Scout Centre in Switzerland and the European Scout Academy. Stephen was the last person to wear the original six Wood Badge beads in the now legacy role of "Camp Chief" of Gilwell Park. In 2015, Stephen joined the World Scout Bureau and was responsible for a wide portfolio of activities, including the development and innovation of Scouting's World Events. Stephen was one of the first planners involved in the renewal of the World Scout Youth Forum, and led the successful development and implementation of several World Scout events.

**Craig Turpie** first got involved in Scouting by joining his local Cub Scout Pack in 1983 and followed the youth program through, achieving both the Queen's Scout Award and Explorer Belt. He became Assistant Area Commissioner for Venture Scouts in Edinburgh, and later the first Area Scout Network Commissioner for Edinburgh. It was at this point that Craig first became involved with the Scottish Headquarters and UK Headquarters in a number of different roles. He was a member of The Scout Association's International Team between 2001 and 2007 and then rejoined that team in 2013 for a brief stint as Deputy International Commissioner. In 2014 Craig was elected to the World Scout Committee and then from 2017-2021 served as the Chair of the World Scout Committee.

# BRONZE WOLF AWARD RECIPIENTS

In the past two years, two members of the Boy Scouts of America have been awarded the Bronze Wolf. This is the only award presented by the World Scout Committee and recognizes the outstanding service and commitment by individuals to the Scout Movement. 40 members of the Boy Scouts of America have now received this award. Congratulations to Rabbi Peter Hyman and Roger Mosby on their Bronze Wolf Awards.

**Rabbi Peter Hyman** has served in various Scouting leadership positions since 1983, including long-standing roles as the Boy Scouts of America's National Jewish Chaplain and National Jamboree Chaplain. Through these and other positions, Rabbi Peter has worked to break down barriers and prejudice between cultures and religions, encouraging an attitude of servant leadership, both locally and globally.

When the Messengers of Peace initiative was launched in 2010 by WOSM, he was invited to become Chairperson of the Messengers of Peace Committee of the Boy Scouts of America. His experience in interfaith dialogue prepared him well to contribute to the program which encourages Scouts to be of service to their communities and to humanity regardless of their religious or political affiliations. In 2011, Rabbi Peter was recognized as a Messenger of Peace Hero, one of the very first Scouts to receive the honor, and a year later he travelled to Saudi Arabia as Messenger of Peace Ambassador with the Boy Scouts of America where he was welcomed by the late King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz Al Saud.

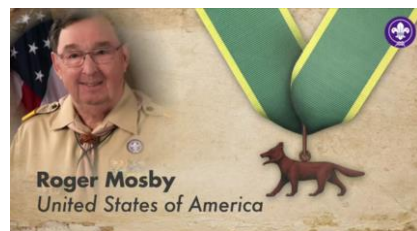
Over the past three decades, Rabbi Peter has been an active staff member at every World Scout Jamboree except one, since the event took place in Australia in 1987-88. One of the highlights of his participation in the 2015 Jamboree in Japan was delivering a sermon during a memorial service in Hiroshima. Most recently, Rabbi



Peter served as Chair of the Faith and Beliefs Zone at the 2019 Jamboree in West Virginia, United States. In 2016, Rabbi Peter was the Co-Chair of the planning team for the World Scout Interreligious Symposium which took place in New York, United States. The Symposium is a World Scout event organized regularly since 2003 that brings together various religious organizations and groups to discuss topics related to inter-religious dialogue and spiritual development in Scouting.

**Roger Mosby** has held many distinguished positions with the BSA's Sam Houston Area Council, first as a Member of the Board and Council Commissioner, then as Vice-Chairman of the Board and Chair of the Program Committee where he was responsible for revitalizing the Council's international agenda by promoting the foreign camp staff program and raising the profile of World Scouting within the Council. At a national level, Roger has earned several prestigious BSA awards, including the Silver Beaver Award, Silver Antelope Award, and Vigil Honor of the Order of the Arrow.

At the international level, Roger has served WOSM in various capacities as Chairman of the Audit Committee during the 2014-2017 triennium and working in collaboration with the Secretary General during this period to provide valuable support, advice and mentorship on financial management, reporting and legal matters. In 2016, Roger Mosby was instrumental working as a volunteer to support the World Scout Committee and its Steering Committee in the process of transitioning a new Secretary General into the role. The current Key 3 of BSA, Roger Mosby, Scott Sorrels, and Dan Ownby, are all Bronze Wolf Award recipients for the first time in history.



# SILVER BUFFALO AWARD RECIPIENTS

Established in 1925, the Silver Buffalo Award is the Boy Scouts of America's highest commendation of the invaluable contributions that outstanding Americans make to youth. The service must be national in scope and can be independent of, or directly through, the Boy Scouts of America. International BSA was honored to have two members of the International Committee honored with this award; **Jenn Hancock** and **Brigitte Therivel**, who were awarded the Silver Buffalo in 2021 and 2022 respectively.





John-Aaron, a Scout from California, had a goal of picking up 1,000,000 pieces of trash and invited Scouts from around the world to help! He ended up surpassing his goal and inspired thousands of Scouts to take action and clean up their communities! Service projects completed in the BSA were part of the astonishing 2 billion hours of community service contributed through the Messengers of Peace initiative by February 2021.



Ian Simon, part of an overseas Scouts BSA troop in Panama, constructed a hydroponic garden for an orphanage for his Eagle Scout project.

Scouts from the Great Rivers Council served the Columbia Center for Urban Agriculture's vision of connecting people to agriculture, promoting food and agricultural literacy, and improving food security in our community by volunteering their labor at the CoMo Ag Park. Scouts harvested, trimmed, washed, and bundled over 150 pounds of produce to be distributed to low-income families through the Food Bank for Central and Northeast Missouri.



David Blair competed in the 2021 Paralympics. David is the World Record Holder for the F44 Discus Throw and an Eagle Scout!





In August, a BSA participant from the 2019 World Scout Jamboree spent 8 days in the UK meeting up with 3 scouts that he met in West Virginia. They offered couches to sleep on and acted as tour guides.



When Volkswagen built their US manufacturing facility in Chattanooga, Troop 82 (Cherokee Area Council) reached out to units in Wolfsburg, Germany where Volkswagen has their HQ. The troop has sustained sister unit relationships with two troops in Wolfsburg, and bought their own German-style Jurtes to celebrate their friendship! These tents are used by Troop 82 at summer camp and Courts of Honor.



In August, the International Committee sponsored the Global Scouts Kitchen Jamboree! Including a virtual food table presentation, virtual cultural program, service project, and campfire. Scouts from across the world got the opportunity to learn cooking skills and learn about different cultures!

For his Eagle Scout service project, Christian Norris from South Carolina, led an effort to install 20 giant, heart-shaped bins that allow residents in Torreón, a city of 750,000 people in northeastern Mexico, to recycle plastic bottle caps.



In October 2021, Scouts around the world participated in Jamboree-on-the-Air / Jamboree-on-the-Internet (JOTA-JOTI). This annual event is the largest gathering of Scouts around the world, including 1900+ Scouts from the Central Florida Council.

# WORLD SUPPORT

We are incredibly grateful for the generous gifts that BSA Scouters make abroad. Whether at the World level, the Region level, or to a specific Scouting heritage site, these gifts make a tremendous impact. Please review the following information if you are considering a gift abroad. Gifts should be made directly to the institution per the links provided, and should always come above and beyond local support to Friends of Scouting.

## The World Scout Foundation

The WSF is the official fundraising arm of the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM). Headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland, the WSF has served as World Scouting's strongest supporter and continues to invest millions of dollars annually into the movement. Donors who contribute \$10,000 and above are formally recognized as "Fellows" and are individually recognized at an annual gala dinner.



Official WSF Donation Page: <https://worldscoutfoundation.org/donate>

## Interamerican Scout Foundation

The ISF is the official fundraising arm of the Interamerican Scout Region. This foundation makes capacity-building investments in National Scouting Organizations, funds training events throughout the Americas, and directly supports the region's strategic priorities. Individuals who contribute \$1,000 or more are recognized individually as leadership donors in the Order of the Condor. The ISF is a United States recognized 501(c)3 charity and is eligible for tax-deductible gifts in all 50 US States.

Official ISF Donation Page: <https://iscoutfoundation.org/donations/order-of-the-condor/>



Please note, we also wish to thank those young adults who have lent their support to these meaningful causes. Young adults can join the Order of the Condor starting at \$150 and the Young BP Fellows at \$1,000. Please keep these options in mind when reviewing the sites above. Thank you!

## United States Fund for International Scouting and The World Friendship Fund

The Boy Scouts of America manages two funds that support international Scouting initiatives. This includes capacity building abroad, training activities, scholarships, and much more. Donations -- of any amount -- are accepted from Cub Scouts to Wood Badgers in support of this deeply meaningful work. The Boys Scouts of America have been proud to offer this special Scouting olive branch since the conclusion of WWII.

Official USFIS/WFF Donation Page: <https://donations.scouting.org/#/council/NCFD/appeal/1647>



## Gilwell, Kandersteg, and the Summit Bechtel Reserve

Within World Scouting, there are only a handful of camps that have truly global recognition. Among those are Gilwell, Kandersteg, and the SBR -- each of which have staff, alumni, and/or benefactor organizations. Maintaining these facilities is vital to continuing the adult training, youth programming, and special opportunities these camps afford World Scouting. Your support is deeply appreciated.

Official Gilwell Fellows Donation Page:

<https://www.scouts.org.uk/about-us/support-scouts/1st-gilwell-park/>



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Official SBR Donation Page: <https://donations.scouting.org/#/national/give/appeals>

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<https://www.scouting.org/international/world-support/>