



# INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2024 – 2025





# FUTURE



## Vision

Every member of Scouting America takes part in an experience that promotes international scouting fellowship and service.



## Mission

The International Committee champions Scouting America's mission by expanding access and opportunities for youth and adults to engage in international fellowship and service.



## Principles

The International Committee is dedicated to the following principles:

- **Educate** our youth that they are part of the largest youth movement in the world
- **Ensure** that our youth have the opportunity to participate in world events and international experiences
- **Deliver** the World Movement to every youth at every level through world programs and opportunities



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# LETTER FROM THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSIONER

Greetings to all,

Welcome again to our Annual report. This is our opportunity as a Committee to let you know what we have been up to, and to let you know the world of opportunities International Scouting has available to all.

Last summer, WOSM held it's capstone event, the World Conference - in Cairo, Egypt. We sent a large delegation, which included the largest group on Young Adult Scouters in the history of Scouting America. It was also the close of Andy Chapman as Chair of the World Committee. Andy did an amazing job, and we are thankful that he was our leader. I would also like to congratulate him on being recognized by Scouting America for his work with the bestowing on him the Silver Buffalo.

This year, we also saw a name change to Scouting America and a renewed focus on membership growth. The International Committee has not sat on the sidelines for this effort. We continue to focus on being relevant to Scout age youth and their parents. We also have programs that help with retention of our current youth. You can see this in our efforts in our Messengers of Peace Program. We also want to keep our aging out youth involved in the program. We are incredibly happy that Ken King is the Head of Contingent for the World Scout Moot this summer in Portugal. He will be leading over a hundred 18- to 26-year-old Scouts from Scouting America.

We are also changing our Annual training at Philmont. Now besides learning all about International Scouting we have three distinct tracks of learning included in the week. Do you want to be certified as an International Representative? Come to Philmont with us! Want to learn what Programs we have available and possibly help develop one? Join us at Philmont! Wondering what it takes to take a unit overseas or be trained for a leadership position for a World Scout Jamboree? Then we will see you at Philmont this June.

Finally, I want to thank our Committee for all of their work this past year and future years to come. What you will see in this Annual Report is just a small portion of the daily work that goes on in the International Committee. Most of the work is not outward facing, but it is necessary for all of the other things to happen. Our members do this work knowing that it will go unseen, but they do it for Scouting. I thank them, the Leadership and all of the Committee. I am honored to serve with them.

Yours in Scouting,



**Lou Paulson**  
International Commissioner  
Scouting America





# LETTER FROM THE DEPUTY INTERNATIONAL COMMISSIONER

Dear Scouters and Friends,

This past year has seen another active and engaging International Committee in world, regional and Scouting America events.

Scouting America's International Committee continues to play an active and meaningful role in World Scouting. Members have been appointed to the key positions of WOSM Treasurer and Auditor, serve as members of the World Scout Foundation, and as members of InterAmerican Regional Committee and Foundation.

Additionally, one of the largest WOSM Consultative Status members, the International Catholic Conference of Scouting, is now served by an elected American Secretary General, and an American was elected as the Vice President of the World Association of Top Achiever Scouts (ATAS).

Back in the USA, the International Committee continues to deliver international opportunities to Scouts and Scouters through the International Representative program providing direct service to Councils throughout the country.

JOTA – JOTI continues to be a big hit with the participation of 2 million Scouts around the world. The International Camp Staff Program is, once again available to Councils; and, the World Spirit Award provides Scouts with the opportunity to better understand International Scouting and culture in 176 WOSM member countries.

With the development of the Stewardship Committee, our young adults can now expand their commitment and participation in service to Scouting America on the world stage of Scouting.

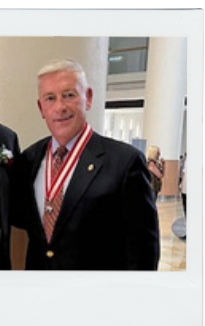
Under the leadership of International Commissioner Lou Paulson and commitment of the Executive Committee, International Scouting will continue to provide meaningful program and events for our Scouts, Scouters and Councils in support of membership growth and to better understand the world in which we live through Scouting friendship and fellowship.

Yours in Scouting,



**Bray Barnes**

Deputy International Commissioner  
Scouting America



# LETTER FROM THE INTERAMERICAN REGIONAL COMMITTEE 2ND VICE CHAIR

Saludos brother and sister Scouts!

2024 was an exciting year for our region. We welcomed our new Regional Director, Diana Carrillo, we had an in-person meeting of the Regional Networks in Panama in May and we gathered at the Regional Summit in Colombia in November. In addition, there was another successful iteration of the Interamerican Leadership training (ILT) in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic at the turn of the year.



During the Summit, key leaders from almost all the Interamerican NSOs discussed the progress of the current triennial plan and set out objectives for the next plan. Our next triennium begins with the Regional Conference this October in Curacao from Oct 30th- Nov 2nd, 2025. Over the next several months leading up to the conference, we will be gathering the voice of the region as we request feedback on the new plan, encourage NSOs to submit resolutions to be voted on, elicit nominations for committee members and youth advisors, and encourage bids to host regional events.

The committee and regional office are working diligently to wrap up the efforts of this triennium. Regarding the progress in three of our priority areas, we have seen 11% growth in our region from 2021-2024, the adoption of a new World Strategy, and impressive compliance and adoption of Safe from Harm. We also have five regional working groups in the areas of Diversity and Inclusion, Environmental Sustainability, Youth Platforms Assessment, Candidates and Advocacy and Partnerships, comprised of committee members, staff, and regional volunteers. We are looking forward to sharing the findings of their investigations at the regional conference in October. In addition, the Advocacy and Partnerships working group has successfully identified this region's first set of Youth Representatives, who are undergoing training this spring. Youth Reps serve as external advocates for the organization and have been deployed at the world level and in other regions.



Soon after the Regional Conference in Curacao, the region will have its first youth event since the pandemic – JamCam in Cali, Colombia from Dec 27th, 2025 to Jan 2nd, 2026. The theme is Americas United for Peace and participants will be young people between the ages of 11 and 14 (Camporee) and 15 to 17 (Jamboree), with international service team members over 18 years old.

Looking forward to seeing you on the road to the conference!

Yours in Scouting,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Meghan Pierson'.

**Meghan Pierson**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair  
Interamerican Scout Committee





## About the Interamerican Scout Region

As one of five regions within WOSM, the Interamerican Scout Region is at the forefront of regional Scouting, supporting more than 30 member National Scout Organizations in Central, North, and South America.

Scouting continues to gain popularity across the region with over 3 million Scouts having joined the Movement.



**35**

**Member Organizations**



**3 million**

**Scouts**



## SCOUTING AMERICA: A NEW CHAPTER

On February 8, 2025, The Boy Scouts of America officially rebranded as *Scouting America*, a name that reflects its longstanding commitment to welcoming all young people to experience the values of Scouting!

This change is more than just a shift in title — it is a reaffirmation of Scouting's dedication to ensuring that every young person, regardless of background, feels they belong. The rebranding follows a legacy of change and adaptation, demonstrating how Scouting America continues to evolve to meet the needs of today's youth while staying true to the values that have defined it for over a century.

Scouting America encapsulates a commitment to welcoming all youth and families while honoring the traditions that have shaped us for generations. It's a name that resonates with today's Scouts and their families, ensuring the future remains bright and unified.

With this new name, Scouting America looks ahead to the future — one where more young people can discover adventure, leadership, and service under a banner that truly represents the spirit of Scouting.

The International Committee continues to embrace this new chapter of Scouting America, striving to champion membership growth by refining our programs to retain and even recruit future youth and adult leaders. We hope this annual report illuminates the many actions and outcomes that align with our vision to ensure every member of Scouting America experiences international scouting fellowship and service.





## 2024 - 2025 INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

The following individuals served as members of  
Scouting America's International Committee for the 2024-2025 term.



### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Lou Paulson (International Commissioner)

Lynn Brooks (Vice-Chair, Program)

Brad Valdyke (Vice-Chair, Events)

John Dozier (Vice-Chair, Administration)

Bray Barnes (Deputy International Commissioner)

Mark Beese (Vice-Chair, Tools for Councils)

Robert Sinclair (Vice-Chair, Stewardship)

Dave Sears (Lead, Ad-Hoc Relationships)

Emily Hale (Lead, Communications)

### GENERAL MEMBERS

Armando Aguirre  
Council Jordan Armstrong  
Manuel Bagaco  
Ruth Barnes Shaw  
Mark Baxter  
Ben Beese  
Bryan Bell  
Lailah Bias  
Gary Bird  
Rick Bragga  
David L. Briscoe  
John Brogan  
Allen D. Brown  
Brad Brown  
Dottie Brown  
Elizabeth Brown  
Matthew Bull  
Jeff Burt  
Laura Bussiere  
Ajey Chandra  
Edward Andrew Chapman  
Kerry Cheesman  
Neal Clayburn  
Dan Coberly  
Benton Cole  
David L. Cowan  
Marilyn Cox  
William W Daggett  
Charles W. Dahlquist, II  
Keegan Daley

Richard Davies  
Dr. Wayne Davis  
James Delorey  
Joshua Dick  
Joey Dierdorf  
Joey Dimare  
Sasha Dimare  
John R. Donnell  
Brad Epstein  
Walter Fahnstock  
Michael Files  
Eugene Foley  
Pat Fountain  
Marcia French  
Tom French  
Jack D. Furst  
Nickolas Giovan  
Seth Griffith  
Joshua Hall  
Patrick Hamilton  
Jennifer Hancock  
Don Harris  
Rick Hathaway  
Marshall E. Hollis  
Eric Yongha Hwang  
Peter Hyman  
Tanadet Itsarapakdetam  
Tom Jansen  
Marc Johannsen  
Archer Jones

Kurt Kalafsky  
Mariah Kimes  
Ken King  
Bob Kreider  
Phil Krajec  
Szymon Laczny  
Jeffrey Lam  
William Layman  
Gene Lewis  
Eli Levsky  
Ed Lynes  
Mathew J Mann  
Bruce McCrea  
Jason McDonald  
Mikko McFeely  
Doug Meikle  
Miciah Mikes-Thacker  
David L. Nakabayashi  
Evan Nazareth  
De Tan Nguyen  
John Nieradka  
Jewell Norris  
Giovanni Orbita  
Vincenzo Orbita  
Ynes Ortega  
Chris Peurifoy  
Jean Perea  
Wayne M. Perry  
Laura Philpot  
Meghan Pierson

John Pyfer  
Gilbert Ramon  
Ron Ratto  
Gus Sanchez  
C. Bari Saunders  
Dakota Scott  
Dave Shelburne  
W. Scott Sorrels  
Andrew Steckner  
Greg Szczesny  
Jun Takei  
Arman Tavallaei  
Brigitte Therivel  
James S. Turley  
Pratik Vaidya  
William Wallace  
Mike Walton  
Eric Warner  
Christa Waterwiese  
Tim Weithers  
Bobby Ray Williams  
Nathan Williams  
James S. Wilson, D.M.  
Tony Woodard  
Katya Withrow  
Nick Withrow  
Steve Withrow  
Gregg Wojcicki  
Willy Xiao  
Daniel Young





# INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE UPDATES

In order for the International Committee to most effectively fulfill its mission, the Committee is organized as follows:



**Lynn Brooks**  
Vice Chair



**Mark Beese**  
Vice Chair



**Brad Valdyke**  
Vice Chair



**John Dozier**  
Vice Chair



**Bob Sinclair**  
Vice Chair



**Dave Sears**  
Lead



**Emily Hale**  
Lead



# PROGRAM PILLAR

The Program Pillar is responsible for developing, maintaining, and helping deliver all international programs. Lynn Brooks serves as the Vice Chair for Program, Michael Files as Deputy and Ruth Barnes Shaw as Assistant Deputy.

## International Awards

International Awards continue to serve as a powerful tool for engagement and retention. While not every Scout or Adult Leader may have the opportunity to attend an international event, every member can participate in the global spirit of scouting by earning an International Award.



The International Awards committee recommends that Councils promote the International Spirit Award as an award that should be earned together as a Unit. This collaborative approach has proven successful in fostering teamwork and shared purpose.

The International Spirit Award for each level (Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Sea Scouts, Venturing, and Adult Leader) has been updated. These updates align with the new Cub Scout advancement program and place greater emphasis on Adult Leader engagement with the Award. Having an adult advocate in a Unit who supports multiple Scouts in earning the award has shown to be especially impactful.

International Awards training courses were featured at both the Philmont International Training Conference and the January Council International Representative Training Seminar.

## Messengers of Peace



The Messengers of Peace committee is actively updating the program to align with the World Scouting Triennial Plan 2024–2027 and its four global educational initiatives under Scouts for SDGs: EarthTribe, Messengers of Peace, HealthAllies, and LifeLeaders. These updates will better integrate with Scouting America's traditional advancement programs — including Cub Scout Adventures, Scouts BSA, Venturing, and Sea Scouting — ensuring Scouts can engage in MoP while earning rank advancements, merit badges, and capstone ranks like Eagle, Summit, and Quartermaster.

The updated program will be launched this summer, beginning with faculty-led sessions at the Philmont Training Center International Course in June and full rollout by recruitment season in August. Updated program materials — including a refreshed website, training resources, promotional videos, council guides, applications, and print collateral — will be released throughout this transition.

Looking for MoP Project Awards? Head to Page 22!

## Sustainable Development Goals

2024 saw tremendous growth in the realm of Scouts for SDGs.

The Cub Scout Committee released a new SDGs-oriented “Champions of Nature” elective adventure, the Scouts BSA Committee named a designated SDGs-lead, the Order of the Arrow requested SDG expertise for Project 2028, the Outdoor Ethics and Conservation Committee launched Scouts for Clean Waterways with support from the SDG Task Force, and the 2026 National Jamboree is developing SDG programs for the Sustainability Treehouse.

Recognizing this unprecedented level of interest, the SDG Task Force is working with the International Commissioner and National Executive Team to develop a National SDG Working Group. This group, as currently proposed, will inventory, support, and coordinate all SDG programs within Scouting America. In 2025, the Scouts for SDGs Task Force is working diligently with the National Executive Team to lay the foundations for this national team, which will ensure dedicated support for current and future SDG-related programs.



**SCOUTS**forSDGs



# PROGRAM PILLAR

## International Camp Staff

The International Camp Staff Program (ICSP) has made some great strides since the summer of 2024. Materials for potential counselors (including the application) as well as the information for councils have been completely revised. We have a new J1 Camp Counselor Visa Sponsor, Odyssey International Camp, and the fee for councils to participate has decreased from \$700 to \$520.

For the summer of 2025, applications were received from over 85 international scouters, representing 24 countries. Over 40 councils expressed interest in the program. Two zoom informational sessions were also held to help those interested learn about the program.

At the time of this writing, an estimated 15-20 councils are expected to host 20-25 international staffers in the summer of 2025. Actual numbers will depend heavily on visa interview wait times, which vary widely by country – from as little as one day to over 150 days at some US Embassies.

Looking ahead to summer 2026, the ICSP Team anticipates shifting the program timeline back by approximately three months. This adjustment is expected to significantly reduce concerns around visa interview delays. It will also give councils more time to plan effectively, potentially increasing overall participation in the program.



## JOTA-JOTI

Jamboree On The Air/Jamboree On The Internet (JOTA-JOTI) connected an estimated two million young people from more than 170 countries in October for Scouting's annual digital and radio Jamboree. Scouting America reported over 18,000 registered participants! Some participated locally, either individually or in groups, in their own programs. Others participated in the official JOTA-JOTI program – a digital campsite that offered a 'Fun Zone' with games and activities, the Innovation Lab, a chat room, live shows, Minecraft, and an Amateur Radio Hub. Scouts also learned about online safety, a priority in all Scouting events.



For the first time ever, JOTA-JOTI featured two Scouts from Scouting America on the worldwide virtual stage — recipients of the Distinguished Messengers of Peace Awards in 2024, Daniel Thomas (Eagle Scout, Troop 1905, Longhorn Council) and Mason Schlafer (Eagle Scout, Troop 1053, Michigan Crossroads Council). These two exceptional Scouts participated in a live session, sharing their experience with their Messengers of Peace projects which aligned with one (or more) of the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

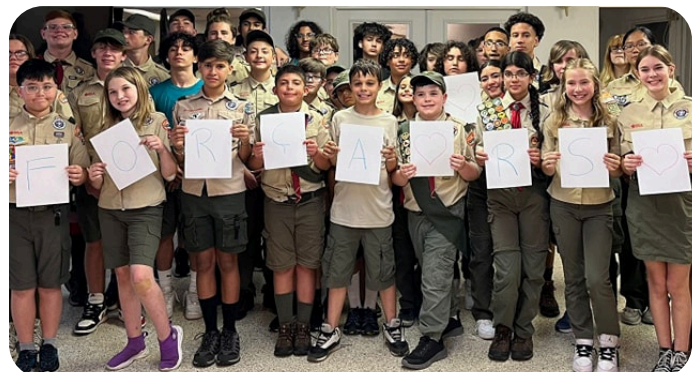
The world's largest digital and radio Scout event will next take place October 17 – 19, 2025. We encourage all to participate through the world scouting website ([jotajoti.info](http://jotajoti.info)) or by joining in on a local Scout group's JOTA-JOTI activities. For more information, visit [scouting.org/international/jota-joti](https://scouting.org/international/jota-joti).

## Coming in 2025 - 2026

In October of 2024, three new Working Groups were established under the Programs Pillar:

1. Program in a Box
2. Sister-Cities/NSO- Council Exchange Programs
3. A "TripAdvisor" type Program of Scouting International Travel

These new offerings will be introduced at the Philmont International Training Course and available Fall 2025.



# EVENTS PILLAR

The Events Pillar team's vision is to increase opportunities for youth and adults to participate in International Scouting experiences that foster fellowship and service.

In 2024, Scouting America was part of some remarkable international activities, including:

The **Transatlantic Council (TAC) Normandy Camporee** in April. TAC serves over 4000 Scouting America youth, families and volunteers living in Europe, Africa, the Middle East, and Central Asia. The 2024 camporee welcomed participants from all over the world to commemorate the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the D-Day landing of Allied Forces on the beaches of Normandy during World War II. The program featured a campfire on Omaha Beach and a memorial service at the Normandy American Cemetery.



The **National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC 2024)** was held at the University of Colorado. Events Pillar team members set up and staffed a booth designed to promote International Scouting opportunities, including the World Scout Moot, ATAS, and Messengers of Peace. In addition to exhibit activities, workshops were offered on International Scouting and Messengers of Peace.

The **43<sup>rd</sup> World Scout Conference** took place in August in Cairo, Egypt. The governing body of the World Organization of the Scout Movement meets every three years and provides an opportunity for members to play an active role in shaping the standards, policies, and shared goals of the Scout Movement. It also elects the voting members of the World Scout Committee and decides the host countries of future World Scout Events.

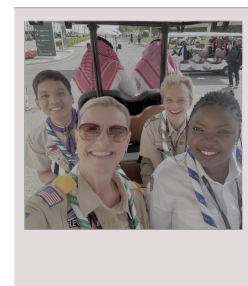


Learn more about these incredible events featured in the rest of our annual report!

While 2024 offered many opportunities to engage in international Scouting activities, there is so much more to come! Planning is underway for the next several years of world Scouting:



The **16<sup>th</sup> World Scout Moot** will take place in Portugal from July 25-August 3, 2025. Open to Scouts aged 18 to 25, the 100+ Scouting America contingent will enjoy the country's beauty and cultural heritage. Participants will form multi-national patrols, living and working together to foster international understanding and cooperation among Scouts.



We're looking forward to sending a contingent to **JamCam 2025** from December 27, 2025 to January 2, 2026 in Cali, Colombia. This great Inter-American gathering will bring together Scouts from all over the region for an unforgettable experience in a spirit of adventure and brotherhood.



# EVENTS PILLAR

The Events Pillar has also launched a series of strategic initiatives designed to enhance the Scouting experience on a global scale. We continue to develop and upgrade our approach to planning world Scouting events:

- **SELECTION PROCESS** – We aim to streamline and accelerate the process of selection of leaders and members of Contingent Management Teams for events.
- **LEADER TRAINING** – Specialized training programs are being implemented for contingent management teams, unit leaders, International Service Team, and youth participants so all can understand their roles and responsibilities in preparing for international adventures. Our inaugural training occurs at the Philmont Training Center (PTC) International Week this summer June 22-28, 2025.
- **MEDICAL REPORTING** – We strive to make Scouting America contingents inclusive and diverse while ensuring a safe environment for all staff and participants. Decision making will be transparent, timely and institutionally supported.
- **DATABASE MANAGEMENT** – After-action reports on all world and regional Scouting jamborees, moots, Gilwell and Kandersteg International Scout Centre gatherings will be collected, digested, and cataloged for more effective planning by leaders of future such events.

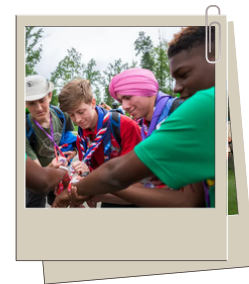


“ No one can pass through life without leaving tracks behind, and those tracks may often be helpful to those coming after him in finding their way. -- Robert Baden-Powell ”

By creating a culture of continuous improvement, the Events Pillar can help the International Committee lead Scouts from all corners of the earth to a better world!



**Scouting America's National Jamboree** will be held at Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia from July 22-31, 2026. The International Committee will present an interactive international exhibit and host Scouts from a number of other countries.



We are actively initiating planning for the **26<sup>th</sup> World Scout Jamboree**, which will be held July 2027 in Gdańsk, Poland. The World Scout Jamboree is held every four years and gathers tens of thousands of Scouts aged 14-17 from nearly every country in the world. Scouting America's Head of Contingent will be named soon, and a Contingent Management Team will be assembled shortly afterwards.

# ADMINISTRATION PILLAR

The Administration Pillar has had a busy and impactful year, working diligently to support the International Committee's core functions. Led by Vice Chair John Dozier, the pillar has focused on enabling other parts of the organization to prioritize their external initiatives.

Key accomplishments over the 2024 – 2025 program year include:

## Mentoring 2.0: Supporting New Members

A key development this year was the introduction of Mentoring 2.0, a program designed to aid the retention and professional development of new committee members. Launched with training courses "Committee Onboarding" and "Mentoring" in 2024, the program saw its first training session in 2025, involving members from the Events, Program, and Tools for Councils pillars. The effectiveness of this training will be assessed and refined over the coming year.

## Open Calls: Streamlining Recruitment

The Administration Pillar also rolled out a new "Open Call" program, which allows committee pillars to post job opportunities openly. This initiative facilitates the match of candidates with suitable skills to specific roles, with promotion through Scouting social media channels. Since its launch in November 2024, the program has successfully filled Tools For Council Pillar requests and is actively recruiting for the Administration Pillar itself.

## International Credentials: Transition and Enhancement

Responsibility for International Letters of Introduction and credentialing transitioned to the Administration Pillar from the former Supporting World Scouting Pillar. In its first year, more than sixty requests were provided, and systems are in development to improve the speed and accessibility of this process.

## International Scouting Merchandise: Expanding Visibility

The merchandise platform, initially launched in 2023, has expanded in collaboration with the National Outfitters (formerly the National Supply Service). The enhanced storefront (seen below) now offers a wider range of items featuring the International Scouting logo and is open to all interested Scouters. A portion of the sales revenue supports the committee, with the new platform officially open for business since February 2025 at [myscoutshop.org](https://myscoutshop.org)

These initiatives highlight the Administration Pillar's commitment to efficiency, support, and growth as they continue their essential work in the International Committee.





# TOOLS FOR COUNCILS PILLAR

The Tools for Councils (TFC) Pillar is focused on supporting Councils and their International Representatives (IRs) in their efforts to bring World Scouting to the Council, Unit, and individual levels of Scouting in the United States. Led by Vice Chair Mark Beese, the Tools for Councils Pillar has focused on three main goals: communication, training, and IR census and recruiting.

## Communication

The TFC team conducted quarterly Zoom calls with International Representatives to update them on ongoing and upcoming events and activities. Periodic newsletters are published with information on important topics and events. The TFC team conducted an Open Call for volunteers that resulted in 3 new team members.

## Training

Virtual Training was conducted in January 2025 and was attended by more than 75 IRs and faculty. Feedback from participants and faculty was overall very positive. At the peak, there were 91 scouters on the call.

International Representatives will have a new IR Certification program at the PTC training in June under the new curriculum.

## IR Census and Recruiting

A census was conducted to obtain current information for all International Representatives. Responses have been received from 50 Councils. Council Executives were contacted, requesting an update on their current IR or appointing a new IR. More than 30 Councils have responded with an update. We are working with councils that do not have registered International Representatives to appoint qualified volunteers.



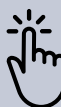
**NEW**

### Open Calls: Ignite Your Passion for International Scouting!

Looking for a new volunteer role and eager to get more involved with international scouting? Check out our Open Call program!

This initiative facilitates the match of candidates with suitable skills to specific roles, promoted through Scouting social media channels. When a position needs filling, we will first announce it on our primary social media platforms (e.g., Facebook, Instagram).

Detailed information about open call postings, including expected tasks, time commitments, required skills and experience, and application instructions, can be found on our website at: [scouting.org/international/resources/open-call](https://scouting.org/international/resources/open-call)



# STEWARDSHIP PILLAR

The newly created Stewardship Pillar is responsible for promotion of the World Friendship Fund and raising funds for Committee needs such as Young Adult scholarships, special projects, and other donations. Led by Vice Chair Bob Sinclair and members Manny Bagaco and Dick Davies. Key activities have included the following:

## Kent Clayburn Memorial Scholarship Fund

- ✓ **Strategic Engagement:** Delivered a key presentation at our annual planning conference (Oct 2024), spotlighting our mission and energizing support for our initiatives.
- ✓ **Targeted Outreach:** Written two personalized appeal letters to committee members, each accompanied by a donation form.
- ✓ **Strong Donor Response:** To date, we have received \$57,000 from 17 committed members—a testament to the growing belief in our cause.
- ✓ **Impact:** These funds have already made a difference—enabling several young adults to attend both regional and world scouting events.

## World Friendship Fund

- ✓ Provided **equipment for Ukrainian Scouts** attending a summer camp in Poland, hosted by our Transatlantic Council.
- ✓ Offered short-term funding to support the **Interamerican Leadership Training**, helping to cultivate the next generation of Scout leaders across the our region and beyond.
- ✓ Contributed to the renovation of the American and African Rooms at **Kandersteg International Scout Centre**, preserving these cultural spaces for future generations of Scouts from around the world.

## About the Kent Clayburn Memorial Scholarship Fund

Scouters with international experience fondly remember Kent Clayburn as Scouting America's long-serving International Commissioner. For other Scouts, their first encounter with Kent was at the 2011 World Scout Jamboree in Sweden, where he served as Deputy Camp Chief, inspiring thousands with his leadership and vision. Kent passed away in 2021, after a long courageous health battle. He spent most of his career in financial services in the San Francisco Bay area and founded his own wealth management firm. Following his passing, one of Kent's clients made a generous contribution to Scouting in his memory – marking the first donation to The Kent Clayburn Memorial Scholarship Fund.



One of Kent's legacies was his commitment to youth leadership. He championed the inclusion of young adult members on the International Committee, ensuring they had a voice in shaping the future of global scouting. In that same spirit, the scholarship fund supports young adult members of our International Committee, enabling them to participate in international conferences and forums. These emerging leaders are often early in their careers and face financial barriers to international engagement. The scholarship fund helps bridge that gap – partially covering travel and meeting expenses so they can represent Scouting America on the world stage and contribute to the youth-driven vision of WOSM.

In 2024, the fund awarded \$14,000 to support these remarkable Scouters. Our initial goal is to raise \$100,000 by the end of 2025. Fund balances currently stand at \$57,000. Long-term, we aim to endow the assets in a larger fund, creating a sustainable source of support for future generations of international Scouting leaders.

The fund is maintained as an account through Scouting America's National Foundation, and donations to the fund are fully tax deductible. To ensure your gift is directed to the Kent Clayborn Memorial Scholarship Fund, please use the official donation form and send to the address indicated.



# AD-HOC RELATIONSHIPS COMMITTEE

The Ad Hoc Relationships Committee, led by Dave Sears, works with, engages, and promotes awareness to those organizations that provide a variety of support to Scouting; including charter partners, faith-based organizations, and Scouting America Alumni in order to enhance international opportunities.

The Ad-Hoc Relationships Committee continues to develop dialogue, build relationships, and create meaningful fellowship with Scouts around the world. Scouting America has long been a steadfast supporter of WOSM and many other international scouting organizations, through the work of the Ad-Hoc Relationships Committee this support continues to grow.

We encourage Scouting America Alumni to enroll in the Alumni SPARK database. We are actively working with the Scouting Alumni Association and hope to enable even more people to enjoy international scouting as they never have before!

The Ad-Hoc Relationships Committee, along with the rest of the International Committee, continues to open doors for Scouts seeking international adventures. In 2025, we will cross borders, break barriers, and bring the world closer to Scouting America, enriching the Scouting experience for all.

The key focuses for the Ad-Hoc Relationships committee over the next year include; focusing on engagement with WOSM and Consultative Status Groups, continuing existing work on a sustainable program that support refugees and asylees arriving in the United States, and promoting enduring engagement with senior leaders of Direct Service, Far East, and Transatlantic hosted Scouting events.

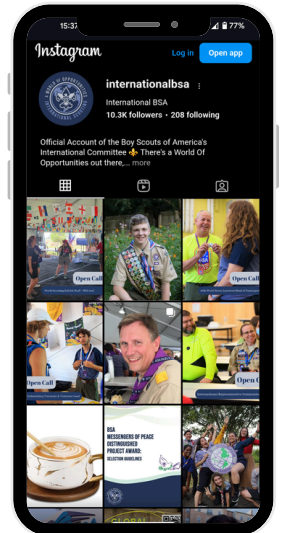


# COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

The International Committee and Scouting America members across the globe are constantly supporting and participating in a range of international scouting activities. The communications committee exists to share all the great work that is being done, and the world of opportunities that are out there.

There are a couple of key focus areas for our communications currently: updating the international website and establishing a more frequent calendar of communications to those interested in International Scouting. One of the first updates to the website has been launching the Open Call page discussed earlier in this report to support the work of the Administration Pillar. The goal of the rest of the updates is to similarly make it easier to find information on international opportunities by creating consistent, easy to find hubs with all the information you could need. We ask for your patience as we work through transitioning all the information that has been collected over the years and figure out how best to support all the incredible international scouting activities within Scouting America.

The Communications Committee is reliant on stories from Scouts and volunteers in order to share the message of international scouting. We encourage you to share with us the ways you are engaging with the work of the International Committee, whether that is attending world events, fundraising for Scouts overseas, or participating in international programming locally with your unit.



# NEW INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING TRAINING

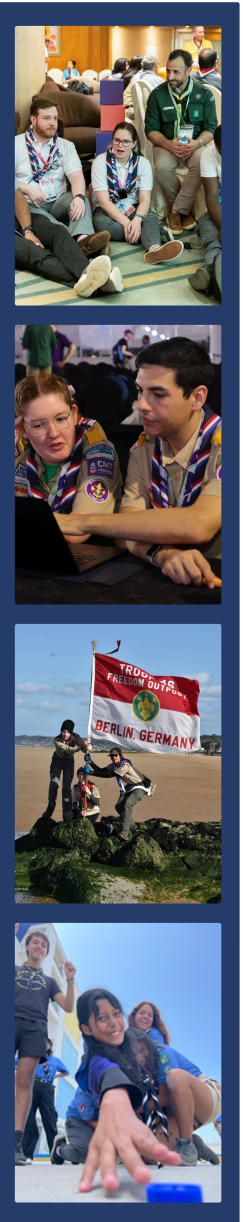
The International Committee is thrilled to introduce a new Annual Training Course at the Philmont Training Center (PTC), June 22 – 28, 2025. This immersive course is designed for Scouters eager to expand their knowledge of the World Scout Movement and engage deeply with international Scouting initiatives.

Each morning will feature sessions exploring the history, structure, and impact of the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM), enhancing participants' understanding of Scouting's global mission and initiatives. In the afternoons, participants can choose one of three specialized tracks; International Representatives (IR) Training, World Event Contingent Training, or International Programs for Scouting America.

- The **International Representatives (IR)** Training Track covers best practices for council IRs and unit leaders, focusing on promoting international activities, integrating WOSM events at the council and unit level, and leading local Scouts into global Scouting opportunities.
- The **World Event Contingent** Training Track offers World Event Contingent training for Contingent Management Team (CMT) members and unit leaders, covering the planning, promotion, and management of contingents traveling to international Scouting events, including World Scout Jamborees and other international adventures.
- The **International Programs for Scouting America** Track provides practical guidance for incorporating international themes into local Scouting programs, ensuring that international values are woven into the fabric of Scouting at all levels.

General sessions for all participants will offer an overview of World Scouting's structure and programs, the WOSM framework, and the transformative power of international scouting. Each track will be a hands-on experience, with projects and resources designed to be directly applicable to participants' Scouting roles at home.

This course is ideal for any Scouter passionate about global engagement, eager to strengthen international ties, and committed to fostering cross-cultural understanding in their councils, units, and districts. It's a chance to grow leadership skills, deepen cultural understanding, and create exciting global experiences for the Scouts they serve.



## PHILMONT SCOUT RANCH SCENES CERTIFICATION

WOSM recognizes Scouting facilities around world as Scout Centers of Excellence for Nature, Environment, and Sustainability, or SCENES, who are committed to protecting their natural environment, minimizing environmental impact, and enabling everyone around them to engage with nature. SCENES lead by example and act as positive role models to other Scout centers, non-Scout centers, their guests, and their local community. They provide hands-on educational activities for Scouts and training opportunities for leaders to build a passion for nature and make positive changes for the environment at home and in their communities.

In 2024, **Philmont Scout Ranch** became the third site in the USA to be SCENES Certified – following Florida Sea Base and the Summit Bechtel Reserve.





# INTERAMERICAN LEADERSHIP TRAINING



The 10th iteration of the Interamerican Leadership Training (ILT) was held December 27, 2024 to January 3, 2025 in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. ILT provides Scouters from across the Americas with opportunities to develop their leadership skills, project planning, communication, and team dynamics while fostering a sense of belonging within the World Scout Movement and the InterAmerican Region.



Scouting America's representatives this past year were Elizabeth Brown (Northeast Georgia Council), Miciah Mikes-Thacker (Dan Beard Council) and Aidan Wells (Colonial Virginia Council).



Their participation in this experience offered an appreciation of the global nature of Scouting and where Scouters belong within the movement. They also gained exposure to the different WOSM initiatives and considered how they can be utilized in local Scout groups within Scouting America. Additionally, they strengthened their leadership skills as well as learned from the experiences of the Scouters from other countries, while building new friendships across the Americas.



Elizabeth, Miciah and Aidan brought back their insights to share with the International Committee and Scouting America. They encouraged deeper attention to and integration of the WOSM initiatives in our existing programs, strengthening the topics of environment (EarthTribe and Scouts for SDGs), mental health (LifeLeaders), physical health (HealthAllies), and inclusivity (Messengers of Peace). They suggested that Scouting America learn from smaller, more nimble organizations across the region as our membership and support staff have fluctuated in recent years. This includes tactics to engage young people at the local and national level. Lastly, they felt a deep sense of appreciation for the core Scouting values during their interactions with Scouters from around the Americas, a reminder that would serve well the units across the United States. An emphasis on these values and promotion of the program as building global citizens may increase the relevance of our programs to parents and youth in the United States.

Next year, the training will be held in Mexico in the summer. The selection process will begin in early 2026.



## 2024 NATIONAL ORDER OF THE ARROW CONFERENCE

The International Committee took part in NOAC last summer which was held at the University of Colorado Boulder. In addition to a booth advertising the World Scout Moot, ATAS, and other international programming, there were also classroom sessions on the Messengers of Peace program and an Introduction to International Scouting.

We had a great time and look forward to the next NOAC in 2027!



# TRANSATLANTIC COUNCIL NORMANDY CAMPOREE

In April 2024, members of the International Committee, National Commissioner Scott Sorrels, and Scouting America President and CEO Roger Krone joined over 1,500 Scouts from across the world to participate in the Normandy Camporee – also marking the 80th Anniversary of the D-Day Invasion. The event, hosted by the Transatlantic Council, embodies the spirit of Scouting, offering a platform for service, skill-building and commemoration internationally. Activities included memorial services, ceremonies recognizing achievements and visits to historical sites.

The Camporee concluded with World Scout Committee Chair Andy Chapman, Scouting America President and CEO Roger Krone, International Commissioner Lou Paulson, and Deputy International Commissioner Bray Barnes participating in a wreath laying ceremony at the American Cemetery honoring the greatest generation who made the ultimate sacrifice, and share those very same values that are part of the Scout Oath and Law.



## 16TH WORLD SCOUT MOOT

The World Scout Moot is a global gathering that unites young adults from every corner of the world. Held every four years, a one-of-a-kind experience goes beyond what we experience at a jamboree. The moot offers unique adventures, cultural exchanges, and lifelong friendships.

With over 7,000 Scouts participating, the Moot features a full lineup of activities: outdoor adventures, cultural immersion, hands-on community service, and inspiring educational workshops designed to spark personal growth, build leadership skills, and encourage intercultural learning.

This year, the 16th World Scout Moot in Portugal is special for Scouting America— celebrating our largest-ever moot contingent, with over 100 members heading to Lisbon in July! Our contingent includes over seventy participants, thirty international service team (IST) members, and three contingent management team (CMT) members. Two participants have designed paths for the moot and two members of Scouting America are serving as planning team members, working directly with the moot leadership, helping to organize the moot.

To help first-time world travelers, the Moot CMT organized monthly webcasts and interactive webinars, offering travel tips, global guest speakers, and practical guidance, covering topics like travel safety, world citizenship, smart packing, and navigating Portugal's public transportation.

Scouting America's contingent will arrive in Lisbon in three waves: first our CMT, then our IST team, and finally, just before the Moot begins, our participants. After the kickoff on July 25, participants will embark on adventures with their international patrols while the IST heads to the main camp near Porto. The Moot concludes with a closing celebration on August 3, with most of our group returning home on August 4— though a few adventurous spirits will continue exploring Europe!

Moot leadership includes Ken King (HOC), Brea Baygents and Ben Beese (CMT), along with associate CMT/IST members Marcia French, Nate Steele, and Emily Hale.



The contingent logo (pictured above), designed by Marcia French, nods to Portuguese folklore inspired by the Rooster of Barcelos.



# 43RD WORLD SCOUT CONFERENCE

The World Scout Conference (WSC) is the governing body of WOSM. It takes place every three years and provides an opportunity for Member Organizations to play an active role in shaping the standards, policies, and shared goals of the Scout Movement worldwide. The conference defines the general policy of WOSM and takes decisions to advance the purpose and interests of the Scout Movement.

7 days. 176 countries. Over 2000 participants. The 43rd World Scout Conference brought together delegates from Member Organizations in 176 countries to Cairo, Egypt from August 17 - 23, 2024. The seven-day event was organized by World Scouting and hosted by the Egyptian Federation for Scouts and Girl Guides. As the first in-person Conference since 2017, the event provided a unique opportunity for Scouts to reconnect, collaborate, exchange ideas, and strengthen unity.

The week was packed with meaningful decision-making which will set the direction of the Scout Movement for years to come. National Scout Organization leadership came together to agree on crucial strategic directions, including the adoption of key resolutions, an amendment to the WOSM Constitution, and the unanimous approval of a new vision and Strategy for Scouting – an ambitious project that captures the long-term ambitions and direction of Scouting for the next decade. The strategy will outline key focus areas for Scouting to remain relevant, enhance impact, and foster growth.

The Conference also addressed a range of important topics, including peace, sustainability, youth leadership, human rights, and non-formal education, and inspired our own leadership through engaging keynote talks and workshop sessions.

Scouting America's delegation to the WSC proudly represented the future of our movement. Over 45% of our delegation comprised of young adults (ages 18-30), including our Head of Delegation, Seth Griffith and Deputy Head of Delegation, Emily Hale. This ensured that we brought together a dedicated group of international scouting volunteers that truly represent the future of our movement.



## Congratulations to the Hosts of Future World Scout Events!

The Conference made a number of decisions that will guide the movement for the next three-year triennium and beyond. Delegates elected the members of the next World Scout Committee and selected the hosts for the following upcoming World Scout events:

- 44th World Scout Conference (2027) – United Kingdom
- 17th World Scout Moot (2029) – Scouts of China
- 27th World Scout Jamboree (2031) – Denmark



# MESSENGERS OF PEACE DISTINGUISHED PROJECT AWARD

## 2024 Distinguished Project Award Recipient



Scouting America proudly recognized **Jason C. Woodman** (Troop 1094, National Capital Area Council) as the 2024 recipient of the Messengers of Peace Distinguished Project Award. Jason's environmental initiative in Poolesville, Maryland transformed a ½-acre of non-native grass into a thriving pollinator habitat, enhanced water filtration for the local well system, and introduced innovative community programs like fishing line recycling and bird habitat creation. Engaging over 100 volunteers, his project exemplified the spirit of the Messengers of Peace initiative by aligning with UN Sustainable Development Goals and fostering community collaboration for lasting ecological impact.

Messengers of Peace Distinguished Projects are chosen annually by the International Commissioner of Scouting America and the Scouting America Messengers of Peace (MoP) committee. The award is open to registered Scouts who have made significant contributions to the promotion of peace and have met the requirements laid out in the MoP Program Guide. Scouts may be nominated for this award by any registered Scout Leader and must be approved by their Council International Representative and Scout Executive. The deadline for 2025 award nominations is October 31, 2025.

## Renewal of Messengers of Peace Grant

In April 2025, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia renewed its \$50 million Messengers of Peace grant during the Agenda 2030 – Human Capability Initiative Conference in Riyadh. The renewed funding will bolster peacebuilding, environmental initiatives, and capacity development for national Scout organizations.

Representing Scouting America, Marcia French (Messengers of Peace Chair) and Ben Beese (Scouts for SDGs Task Force) highlighted the impact of Scouting America Scouts at a dinner hosted by longtime Scouting & Messengers of Peace supporters HH Princess Sama Bint Faisal Al Saud and HH Prince Faisal bin Abdullah Al Saud.

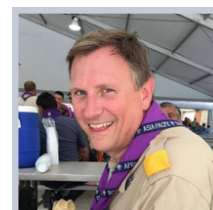


Pictured (left to right): Ben Beese, Junbert Pabon (Philippines), Norah Alroykayan (Saudi Arabia), Ivy Akii (Kenya), Marcia French

## RECENT WORLD APPOINTMENTS

During its first meeting, the World Scout Committee (WSC) approved the appointment of a new Treasurer and the Chairs for the five Standing Committees for the 2024-2027 triennium. We are pleased that the legacy of Scouting America volunteers serving Scouting around the world continues with the appointment of **Dan Ownby** and **Scott Sorrels**, as Treasurer and Chair of the Audit Committee respectively.

The Treasurer of the WSC plays a pivotal role in overseeing the financial management, transparency, and accountability of the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM), and is appointed as an ex-officio member of the WSC. Meanwhile, the WSC's five Standing Committees (Constitutions Committee, Ethics Committee, Finance Committee, Audit Committee, and Honours and Awards Committee) contribute to the institutional compliance, financial stewardship, ethical conduct, and recognition processes of WOSM.





## SILVER BUFFALO AWARD



Established in 1925, the Silver Buffalo Award is presented to those who give noteworthy and extraordinary service to youth. This award is Scouting 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, Scouting America.

We are thrilled and honored to share that **Andy Chapman**, has been selected to receive this award in 2025.

## BRONZE WOLF AWARD

In July 2024, **Armando Aguirre** was announced as the 395th recipient of World Scouting's Bronze Wolf Award. This is the only award presented by the World Scout Committee and recognizes the outstanding service and commitment by individuals to the Scout Movement.

Armando had dedicated much of his life over the past 40 years to the Scout Movement with a focus on training future generations of Scout Leaders. His commitment to developing leadership skills and strengthening international Scouting relationships has left a lasting impact on the global Scout community.



Regionally, Armando was a key member of the Interamerican Scout Committee from 2016 to 2022, and served as Vice Chairperson from 2019 to 2022. Since 2012, Armando has been instrumental in the development and immense success of the Interamerican Leadership Training (ILT), previously serving as course director, coordinator, promoter, recruiter, fundraiser, and representative. His efforts have inspired other Scout Regions to conduct similar leadership training programs. The growth and impact of the ILT owe much to Armando's initiative to recruit and develop volunteer staff, design the curriculum, and raise funds to support the program.

Nationally, Armando's efforts to train leaders began early in his days with Scouting America. Over the past 30 years, he has led numerous national and regional leadership training courses for youth and adult Scouts, and has served as Wood Badge course director. As Vice-Chair for the International Seminar at Philmont Scout Ranch, he was involved in syllabus development and bringing international presenters to the event. Armando is a member of the International Committee and works closely with the Committee's Chair to familiarise local Scouts with international Scouting and encourage their participation in global events.

Currently, Armando is an active member of the Interamerican Scout Foundation since 2022. His innovative approaches to fundraising have significantly expanded the base of donors, earning the foundation a strong standing in the region. He continues to be involved in the ILT, celebrating its tenth anniversary this year, and remains a key driving force behind its continuous success to upskill young people in the region and create more youth-focused leadership opportunities.



"Armando is a true servant leader. His quiet style of leadership has influenced so much of the Interamerican Region and international scouting in Scouting America. We are thankful that WOSM has recognized his body of work and awarded him the Bronze Wolf. All of us in the International Committee are honored to be able to work with him."

- Lou Paulson, International Commissioner

# SILVER WORLD AWARD

The Silver World Award, created in 1971, is a distinguished service award of Scouting America presented for noteworthy and extraordinary service to youth at the international level. Recipients of this award are registered in scouting programs recognized by the World Organization of the Scout Movement, not within Scouting America.

These eight Scouters worked together with assistance from Scouting America, on the Alliance Bid for the 2031 World Scout Jamboree. Their dedicated efforts towards a Peace Jamboree united scouts and scouters from all WOSM regions, igniting a dream of living and scouting in harmony, regardless of cultural or social differences – where empathy and respect outweigh conflict. They showed the world that diverse cultures can collaborate to create something greater than their individual parts, breaking boundaries in the attempt to promote global peace and cooperation. They also laid the groundwork for innovative organizational structures, proving that varied perspectives can come together to implement effective, remarkable events benefiting all scouts.

## Asociación de Scouts del Ecuador



**Eduardo Erazo**  
President of the Scout Association



**Eduardo Erazo**, the President of the Scout Association of Ecuador, has been a strong supporter of the scouting movement since he first joined 48 years ago. With his wife and son at his side, he has been involved in several WOSM events, trainings, and activities at the regional and global level. He also organized the Inter-American Jam Cam that took place in Ecuador in 2017. Peace has long been a pillar of Eduardo's focus, both in and out of scouting which drew him into the Alliance for the Peace Jamboree.



**Javier León**  
International Commissioner



**Javier León** is a dedicated leader in the Scout movement, serving as International Commissioner of the Asociación de Scouts del Ecuador and a Trustee of the Interamerican Scout Foundation. His contributions to youth education, event management, and international projects have strengthened Scouting's impact across the region. A visionary leader committed to innovation, sustainability, and youth development, Javier León exemplifies the values of service, leadership, and positive change.

## Kenya Scouts Association



**Victor Radido**  
Chief Commissioner



**Victor Radido**, Chief Commissioner of the Kenya Scouts Association, exemplifies the courage and steadfast leadership required to bring change to the world through scouting. As a public figure, he believes that peace is a crucial aspect of the general public order and public good. Victor rallied the entire Kenya Scouts Association toward the goal of a Peace Jamboree, and the aftereffects of that dream are now found in the ongoing programs and plans of the Kenya Scouts Association, and they will be for years to come.



**Antony Gitonga**  
International Commissioner



**Antony Gitonga** has been active in National and International Scouting for over 15 years. As part of his ongoing effort to share scouting at its best, he authored the book 'Rovering As Intended', a rover guidebook that has guided and revitalized Rover Scouting around the world, but especially in Africa. He also holds the Presidential Medal of Merit Award awarded him by H.E President Uhuru Kenyatta in 2018. Anthony has travelled far and wide on diverse assignments and holds the coveted Global Communications and Public Affairs Excellence Award (Germany 2015).



# SILVER WORLD AWARD

“It was inspiring to watch these visionary leaders work collectively to create a truly sustainable Jamboree focused on Peace. They showed that Scouting can create a better world when we all come together. We are honored to bestow this award on them”

- Lou Paulson, International Commissioner



## Bangladesh Scouts



**Atiq Zaman**  
Immediate Past National  
Commissioner, Program



**Atiq Zaman** is a dedicated scouter and active member of his community and the world brotherhood of scouting. His engagement in scouting reaches far and wide, since joining the program in 1978. He is the president of the Samatat Open Scout Group, the immediate past National Commissioner of Program for Bangladesh Scouts, and served as the chair of the Membership Task Force for WOSM. Scouting is integral to the lives of Zaman and his wife, inspiring their three children to be active in scouting as well.



**Md Raquibul Amin Khandaker**  
Senior Rover Mate,  
13th Hussars



**Md Raquibul Amin Khandaker** is a Rover Scout and has been an active member of Bangladesh Scouts for 13 years. Through his time in scouting he has already worked on a variety of projects within his NSO, the Asia Pacific Region, and WOSM. A thoughtful and energetic leader, Raquibul brings a fresh perspective and unending drive to bring about a better world. He leads with a deep-rooted desire for peace and unity, which was essential as a part of the Alliance bid for the 27<sup>th</sup> world scout jamboree.

## Egypt Scout Federation



**Mohammad Omar (MO)**  
Past International  
Commissioner



**Mohammad Omar (MO)** previously served as the International Commissioner of the Egyptian Scout Federation for Scouts and Girl Guides. Through his numerous efforts both within and out of scouting, Mo shows himself to be an enthusiastic leader in providing opportunities for youth to thrive. Recently this included his simultaneous work on the Alliance bid and lead host support at the 43rd World Scout Conference. His innovative thinking supports efforts to expand the possible experiences of scouts and scouters worldwide.



**Amr Abolazm**  
Deputy International  
Commissioner



**Amr Abolazm** serves as the Deputy International Commissioner for the Egyptian Scout Federation for Scouts and Girl Guides, and he has been involved in scouting since he began as a Cub Scout in 1990. Outside of scouting, Amr is a successful manager where he puts his Doctorate in Business Management to good use as a Corporate Relationship Manager at one of the largest private banks in Egypt. His incredible family is made up of his wife and three daughters.

# WORLD SUPPORT

We are incredibly grateful for the generous gifts that U.S. 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 World Scout Foundation (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.

Have you heard of the World Baden-Powell Fellowship? The BP Fellowship recognises different levels of donation beginning at \$10,000 for adults and \$1,000 for Young BP Fellows. There are also many [ways for you to donate](#), in line with your preferences, means and motivations.

There are currently over 2500 Fellows spread throughout 80 countries and territories around the world. Included in the Fellowship are around 180 Young BP Fellows, who support Scouting at a rate appropriate to their means starting from a young age and who participate in Fellowship events and other activities as part of a dedicated program to both engage and support young philanthropy.

- Official WSF Donation Page: [worldscoutfoundation.org/donate](http://worldscoutfoundation.org/donate)



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

Scouting 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. Scouting America has been proud to offer this special Scouting olive branch since the conclusion of WWII.

- Official USFIS/WFF Donation Page: [donations.scouting.org/#/council/NCFD/appeal/1647](http://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.



**Kandersteg**  
International  
Scout Centre

- Official Gilwell Fellows Donation Page: [scouts.org.uk/about-us/support-scouts/1st-gilwell-park/](http://scouts.org.uk/about-us/support-scouts/1st-gilwell-park/)
- Official Kandersteg Donation Page: [kisc.ch/donate](http://kisc.ch/donate)
- Official SBR Donation Page: [donations.scouting.org/#/national/give/appeals](http://donations.scouting.org/#/national/give/appeals)



Learn more about the US Chapter of the World Scout Foundation on Page 27!



# WORLD SCOUT FOUNDATION - UNITED STATES CHAPTER

The US Chapter of the World Scout Foundation had a marvelous year in 2024-25.

The US Baden-Powell Fellowship grew by 13 new Young Baden-Powell Fellows, 21 full fellows, 1 fellow in memoriam, and 15 donors who either entered or increased their support of scouting through the Honors Programme. This brings the total number of US Baden-Powell Fellows to 536.

US BP Fellows had a wealth of opportunities to gather in 2024-25. Fellows new and old connected at the US Chapter's annual reception during Scouting America's National Annual Meeting in May. Those in attendance were the excited first recipients of the new US Chapter neckerchief, designed by Chris Mulhall.

Another first came in February 2025 when the US Chapter gathered virtually for two keynote events with guest speakers Meghan Pierson, second vice chair to the Interamerican Scout Committee, and Lou Paulson, Scouting America's International Commissioner.



US Fellows also gathered at the World Scout Conference in Cairo, Egypt and the 76th Baden-Powell Fellowship Event in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Over 50 US BP Fellows and their guests were in attendance in Rio, including many first time attendees who were eagerly welcomed by US Chapter board members. US Fellow Margot Bogert received a special recognition for her outstanding 31 years on the World Scout Foundation Board and her generous lifetime support of World Scouting.

The US Chapter is excited to build on these successes in 2025-26. Already, the Chapter Board has grown to include Dennis Kohl, a retired Scout Executive from New Jersey, and Marcia French, current Messengers of Peace Chair and International Committee Member. The US Chapter will gather again at the 2025 National Annual Meeting, the International Scouting Annual Training at Philmont Scout Ranch, the 77th Baden-Powell Fellowship Event in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, and the 78th Baden-Powell Fellowship Event in Stockholm, Sweden.

Dates and more information about the Baden-Powell Fellowship Events can be found at [worldscoutfoundation.org](https://worldscoutfoundation.org)







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