

INTERNATIONAL ADVENTURE

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UPCOMING EVENTS

2015 July 28–Aug. 8 23rd World Scout Jamboree, Japan

2016 June 13–18, Week 2 International Representative Conference, Philmont Training Center

July 30–Aug. 6 Essex International Jamboree (BSA not sending a national contingent)

2017 July 19–28 2017 BSA National Scout Jamboree, The Summit Bechtel Reserve



UP FOR THE ADVENTURE?

Scout Activity Centres is a network of outdoor activity centres across the UK, and part of The Scout Association. In order to maximise the profit we return to the Movement, we staff our centres primarily with youth volunteers, who assist in the delivery of a quality programme for visitors of all ages, and gain experience, skills, and qualifications in the process.

Scout Activity Centres is looking to recruit up to 20 Volunteer Activity Instructors and Guest Service Assistants to join our international teams across the UK for 8 months from March 2015. Our volunteers deliver a variety of activity sessions—including climbing, kayaking, archery, teambuilding, and campcraft—to the groups visiting our centres throughout the year. They also have the chance to live and work with volunteers from over 30 countries, achieve recognised qualifications, and gain experience at a busy outdoor activity centre. Our Guest Service Assistants help us with the running of our Training and Events centre, manage our busy reception, and are the first port of call for our many and varied customers.

We don't ask for specific qualifications or experience; just plenty of energy and enthusiasm, a passion for creating safe and exciting experiences for young people, and a willingness to be outdoors whatever the weather! Our opportunities are available to all Scouts and Guides aged between 17–29 who speak English to a good standard. If any of your members are interested in joining the team, they can email volunteering.sac@scouts.org.uk, or visit www.scouts.org.uk/sac for more information and an application form. They can also have a look at what our current volunteers have been getting up to on our Facebook page—Scout Activity Centres Volunteer Programme.

—Scout Activity Centres, www.scoutactivitycentres.org.uk

WORLD FRIENDSHIP FUND



Do you know how to get World Friendship Fund brochures, coffee can labels, or posters for your next collection? Well, let us tell you! Contact your local council, and ask them to order the items from the National Distribution Center via bin inventory. You will need these item numbers:

Brochure, No. 130-159
Label, No. 22620
Poster, No. 22609

Our supply of World Friendship Fund DVDs is limited, so be sure to order one today before they are gone!

We also can accept World Friendship Fund donations online! To donate online or to download the brochure, **please visit** www.scouting.org/international/worldsupport.



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INTERNATIONAL CAMP STAFF PROGRAM

Thank you to all the councils, volunteers, and internationals that participated during the 2014 camp season with the International Camp Staff Program (see accompanying photos). The international camp staff counselors had a wonderful time, and the Scouts and leaders at camp learned more about international Scouting.



Robert Rose from Jamaica participated at the Great Alaska Council's Camp Carquist. [Check out the article in the Alaska Star.](#)



Rhys Lanham (top) from the UK and Saad Waqas from Pakistan participated at Camp Bartle in the Heart of America Council.

European CAMP STAFF PROGRAM

The International Camp Staff Program is where internationals come to the U.S. and work at BSA summer camps, but the European Camp Staff Program is where BSA Venturers and Scouters, 18–30 years of age, go to Europe and volunteer at a summer camp over there. Find out more on our website, www.scouting.org/international/ecamp.



Carrie Dietz (l) and Sarah Samms (r), both from Heart of America Council, participated at Gilwell Park in the UK.

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2014 REPORT JOTA and JOTI



Participants of JOTA and JOTI had a wonderful time over the October 20–21 weekend!

This year, we had 13,326 BSA participants in the 57th Jamboree-on-the-Air (JOTA) across 205 stations. The 18th Jamboree-on-the-Internet (JOTI) had 202 BSA participants across 11 stations. It is believed that significant activity occurred that was not reported, and we hope to improve upon this next year. We also need to get the word out to local Scouting organizations that—when approached by amateur radio operators—have not been aware of the event!

The official JOTA and JOTI report that was submitted by the BSA to the World Organization of the Scout Movement will be posted on their website at <http://scout.org/jotajoti>. You can find previous JOTA and JOTI reports there as well. Please be sure to visit www.scouting.org/jota and www.scouting.org/joti during the upcoming months for information on JOTA and JOTI 2015!

INTRODUCING THE INTERNATIONAL SPIRIT AWARD

The International Spirit Award is a temporary emblem that is awarded to registered Scouts and Scouters who have completed the necessary requirements, have gained a greater knowledge of international Scouting, and have a greater appreciation and awareness of different cultures and countries. This award serves as a replacement for, and therefore eliminates, the International Activity emblem and the Youth Exchange emblem. International Spirit Award emblems are \$4 each and are purchased from the International Department.



Please visit www.scouting.org/international/applications to see the requirements and apply for this new award.

COUNCIL INTERNATIONAL EVENT GUIDELINE

If your council is planning to host international Scouts as participants at a local council event, the International Department will work with your event registrar to verify that contingent leaders and International Service Team (IST/staff) members are registered and approved by their own WOSM Scout association to attend your event.

This may seem like an unnecessary step in your event planning, but it can be crucial to your event's success. For a large event in 2012, only 85 percent of the contingent leaders and 78 percent of the IST that applied were approved by their Scout association. Contact the International Department to verify the registration and approval of your international Scouts.

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MESSENGERS OF PEACE

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

If you would like to know more about MoP, please join our contact list at www.scouting.org/international. Click on "I want more information" on the left side of the page and input your contact information and interest.



New Messengers of Peace Heroes Awarded in Saudi Arabia

Scouts and Scout leaders as well as national Scout organizations from different parts of the world received the 2014 Messengers of Peace Hero Award during the recent Saudi National Day celebration in Ha'il, Saudi Arabia.

The award, conceived in 2012, is a special recognition from the Saudi Arabia government to individual Scouts or national Scout organizations (NSOs) for all the outstanding work they have been doing to create a better and more peaceful world.

During this third presentation, awardees from all the six regions—Africa, Arab, Asia-Pacific, Eurasia, Europe, and Interamerica—were honored for their remarkable peace initiatives at local, national, and regional levels. From relief operations after devastating floods to sustainable environmental activities in 33 countries, their projects have helped to raise awareness and foster a culture of peace, social entrepreneurship, and humanitarian cooperation. These Scouts are true examples of active citizens working for positive changes in their communities.

Five BSA members were recognized with this honor:

Bray Barnes organized a camporee May 16–18, 2014, in Sea Girt, New Jersey. Ten thousand Scouts from across state became Messengers of Peace. Hosted by the New Jersey State Police and National Guard, the Scouts earned their Messengers of Peace ring badge by conducting community service projects before the big event and then participating in a variety of activities at the camporee related to peace and service. Special thanks went to BSA volunteers Bray Barnes and Peter Hyman as well as the New Jersey State Troopers Eagle Scout Association for an outstanding and inspirational event.

Joseph Vitale raised funds to build a [three-classroom school that will serve more than 100 children in Guatemala](#). The facility, with a small library in each classroom, gives students the opportunity to improve their education through the sixth grade. The kids are able to learn in a safe and clean environment, quite different from the one-room wooden shack they previously had.

Chris Harloff, Hilarlo Lumbreras, and Todd Christian were recognized for their participation in Trees for the World. The international project was started by a group of 11 Scout friends from nine countries in an effort to develop community service initiatives. Inspired by the Interamerican Leadership Messengers of Peace training, these young leaders used social media and direct invitation from Scout to Scout to gather support for the project. After a couple of months more than 33 countries in six regions were engaged, developing their own local campaigns. From April 26 to Sept. 27 last year, more than 66,000 trees were planted by Cubs, Scouts, Venturers, Rovers, and Scout Leaders, united with a common goal to create peace through environmental action.

Since 2012, Scouts inspired by World Scouting initiatives like Messengers of Peace, Scouts of the World, and the World Scout Environment Program have registered more than 584 million service hours. Their efforts are helping to create the global network of service envisioned a century ago by Baden-Powell—a place “where young citizens, male and female in all countries, are brought up to look upon their neighbors as brothers and sisters in the human family allied together with the common aim of service and sympathetic helpfulness towards each other.”

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INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES



The following councils do not have an International Representative (IR) on file with our department. If your council is listed below, please nominate an IR to represent your council and help share all the wonderful international opportunities that are available! To find out who your IR is, visit <http://www.scouting.org/International/InternationalRepresentative.aspx>.

CENTRAL REGION

Twin Valley Council, #283
Gamehaven Council, #299
W.D. Boyce Council, #138
Greater Cleveland Council, #440
Muskingum Valley Council, #467
Buckskin Council, #617
Mid-Iowa Council, #177
Pony Express Council, #311
Sagamore Council, #162
Glacier's Edge Council, #620
Blackhawk Area Council, #660

SOUTHERN REGION

Calcasieu Area Council, #209
Northwest Texas Council, #587
Colonial Virginia Council, #595
South Texas Council, #577
Pee Dee Area Council, #552

NORTHEAST REGION

Nashua Valley Council, #230
Five Rivers Council, #375
Moraine Trails Council, #500
Bucktail Council, #509

CHANGES IN SUPPORT SERVICE

As of June 1, 2015, the International Department is no longer servicing the Scouts and Scouters who are part of Direct Service. As approved by our International Committee in October 2014, the support of these Scouts and Scouters has been moved to the three councils/departments listed below. We wish each of the Scouts outside the U.S. the very best in your continuing journey toward Eagle rank.

If you are moving or live outside of the United States, you can continue to be a member of the Boy Scouts of America. The World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM), of which the BSA is a member, is divided into six regions: Africa, Arab, Asia-Pacific, Eurasia, Europe, and Interamerican (North, Central, and South America and the Caribbean).

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR SCOUTING OUTSIDE THE U.S.

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Unit 35049, FPO AP 96373-5049

Web—www.fareastcouncil.org; www.fareastcouncil.org/about/service-centers

Transatlantic Council

(Africa, Arab, Eurasia, and Europe Regions)

Phone—CIV: +39-050-54-7795; mobile: +39-346-319-5814

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APO AE 09613

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2015 WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE (WSJ)



Kirara-hama, Yamaguchi, Japan July 28 through Aug. 8, 2015

More than 30,000 Scouts, leaders, and staff from 161 countries around the world will converge on Kirara-hama, Yamaguchi, Japan, for the 23rd World Scout Jamboree. The event will provide opportunities to raise awareness of global issues, explore the environment, participate in community service, make friends from around the world, and deepen understanding of developments in science and technology. This jamboree provides a unique opportunity for participants to experience an exciting program of activities including Global Development Village, City of Science, Crossroads of Culture, the Peace Program, and much more.

BSA participants in Kirara-hama will get to live and learn with fellow Scouts from around the world. They will camp along with the BSA contingent, but will venture out to mingle with tens of thousands for two weeks of activities and adventure. To learn more about the jamboree, visit www.scouting.org/worldjamboree.aspx.



The BSA contingent will visit the Unknown Scout Soldier monument on their tour. The monument was erected to honor an event that occurred during World War II and is a wonderful sign of the brotherhood of Scouting. Following is a basic translation of the plaque on the monument:

This statue is a memorial of a true story of a fierce battle in World War II, which happened on an island somewhere in the South Pacific Ocean. An American soldier was seriously wounded, and he was lying where he had fallen. The sound of gunfire stopped and the surroundings quieted down. He heard someone's footsteps approaching. When he opened his eyes, a Japanese soldier who had a gun with a bayonet was standing over him. The American thought that he was going to be killed by the Japanese soldier, and he fainted. After a while, he woke up. He found a white slip of paper on the sand by his side, and he put it in his pocket. He was carried on a stretcher to the field operations aid station soon after that. When he was put on the operating table, he remembered the slip of paper in his pocket and gave it to the doctor. It was a message from the Japanese soldier: "When I was about to kill you, you made the three fingered Scout salute. I am a Scout. A Scout is a brother. Therefore, I could not kill any person who lost the fighting spirit. I tended to your wound. Good luck!" ... This monument is to the Unknown Scout Soldier. This is an example of Bushido and the Scout spirit of Japan.

After the war the American soldier and his father visited the Boy Scout headquarters in the U.S. and told this story. They donated money for the Boy Scouts to put up a monument to the Scouting spirit. The Scout Association of Japan honored this plan, and Scouts throughout Japan also made donations to the monument.

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BSA INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT

We have had four staff changes in the International Department since late 2014. Desiree LaPointe and Zachary Hanks joined the department in August and October, respectively. Lynne Franklin was with us for one year and left the BSA in November. We wish Lynne the best in her future undertakings. We would also like to welcome Robynn Watson who joined the department in March 2015. We are pleased to have a full staff of five members and continue to train our newest members on the programs of the department.

An overview of department responsibilities will allow you to contact the specific person with whom you need to speak.



Zachary Hanks
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- 2015 WSJ contingent support
- 2017 NSJ contingent support
- Messengers of Peace
- Contingent trips
- International Representative Conference—Philmont Training Center



Lisa Cristiano
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- 2015 WSJ Registrar
- Jamboree-on-the-Air (JOTA)/ Jamboree-on-the-Internet (JOTI)
- International, European, and Korean Camp Staff Programs
- International Representatives
- 2016 Interamerican Region Conference



Robynn Watson
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- Donations to foundations: World Scout Foundation, Interamerican Scout Foundation, European Scout Foundation, Kandersteg International Scout Center, Gilwell Park Foundation
- Administrative support for the International Department

- 2017 NSJ International Staff and Exhibit support
- Visits to the BSA office and coordination with other departments for national Scouting organizations



Janine Halverson
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- Leadership of programs in the International Department
- Relationships and support to World Scout Bureau, World Scout Foundation, World Scout Committee, WOSM Regional Directors, Interamerican Region Office, Interamerican Scout Foundation, and Interamerican Region Committee



Desiree LaPointe
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- 2015 WSJ registration support
- 2015 WSJ marketing support
- 2017 NSJ Registration
- International Spirit Award
- World Friendship Fund donation processing
- International Letter of Introduction

- Support to BSA International Commissioner/Chairman, USFIS Committee members, and International Committee members with or without world Scouting assignments
- United States Fund for International Scouting (USFIS) committee advisor and grants
- 2017 NSJ: registration development for internationals
- 2019 WSJ: co-host executive team support, contingent planning, registration development, marketing support

- International Camp Staff Program support
- Verification of participants and staff from other national Scouting organizations attending BSA events
- Verification of BSA participants and staff attending non-BSA national contingent trips

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Interamerican LEADERSHIP TRAINING (ILT)

The 2014 ILT was held at the Sea Scout Base Galveston from Dec. 26, 2014 through Jan. 2, 2015.

This was the second year of a 10-year program to train two young Scouters (ages 18–26) from each National Scout Organization (NSO) in the Interamerican Region. The training was similar to an NYLT format but updated to be utilized by non-BSA Scouters. Participants were encouraged to become more active leaders in their own NSO to utilize the tools they learned at ILT. The value of strong young leaders is an investment in the future of the Interamerican Region.

The International Department has hosted this event during the last two years, primarily providing administrative support. An expanding group of enthusiastic volunteers, including many young adults, has been critical to the success of the event and provides most of the program and support staff. The 2015 and 2016 courses will be hosted by the Asociación de Scouts de Guatemala.

UPCOMING JAMBOREES

Registration for the 2017 National Scout Jamboree (NSJ) has begun. We hope that many BSA members as well as international Scouts will register for the event and apply for positions on the contingent support and exhibit staffs. Invitations will be sent to other national Scout organizations after we return from the 2015 WSJ.



The first promotion for the 2019 WSJ will be rolled out in Japan. This event will be held July 22–Aug. 2, 2019, at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia. Volunteer leaders from the BSA, Scouts Canada, and Asociación de Scouts de México are busy preparing the announcement.

To learn more about the 2019 WSJ as information becomes available, join our distribution list at www.scouting.org/International/data.aspx.



2014 Interamerican Leadership Training, Sea Scout Base Galveston

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