

INTERNATIONAL ADVENTURE

FALL 2017



UPCOMING EVENTS

2017

Oct. 20–22 [Jamboree-on-the-Air and Jamboree-on-the-Internet](#)

2018

Jan. 2–13 [17th Australian Venture, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia](#)

July 27–Aug. 5 [III Interamerican Scout Moot, Sacred Valley, Cusco, Peru](#)

Oct. 19–21 [Jamboree-on-the-Air and Jamboree-on-the-Internet](#)

For additional international events, please visit <https://www.scout.org> or click [here](#) for the WOSM International Events List 2017-2021.

SCOUTING HEROES REACT IN MEXICO

Mexico suffered two major earthquakes in mid-September, one in the south and the other near Mexico City. More than 400 people have lost their lives, buildings have been destroyed, and infrastructure has been badly affected.

To support relief teams, the Scouts of Mexico have been working hard to ensure the emergency operations run as smoothly as possible. These heroes have been working tirelessly, setting up a command center at the national office, collecting and delivering food and medical supplies, keeping rescuers fed and hydrated, and launching a Scout Donation Platform campaign.

As the devastation unfolds, the need for help continues to skyrocket. And the Scouts continue to serve. Support their efforts on the Scout Donation Platform, <https://donate.scout.org>. Please note: U.S. tax receipts are only available on the Scout Donation Platform for those donations of \$5,000 USD and above.

WORLD FRIENDSHIP FUND



Scouts from across the country upheld a Jamboree tradition by participating in a World Friendship Fund collection on Saturday, July 22. Each unit received a collection bag, and unit leaders shared information about the global brotherhood of Scouting and the purpose of the fund: to help develop the Scouting movement around the world.

In doing this Good Turn, the Scouts at the 2017 National Scout Jamboree contributed more than \$10,000 to the fund. Base Camp Charlie was recognized for making the largest contribution.

Contact your local council to get World Friendship Fund brochures, coffee can labels, or posters to help Scouts hold their own collection. Ask the council to order the items from the National Distribution Center via bin inventory. You will need these item numbers:

Brochure, No. 130-159

Label, No. 130-620

Poster, No. 130-609

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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STATE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM INTERNATIONAL SCOUT NIGHT



Youth and adult Scout leaders from 24 of the world's national Scout organizations, directors of the State Partnership Program (SPP), and BSA international staff gathered for the SPP International Scout Night on Wednesday, July 26, at the Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve during the national jamboree.



The event, held in preparation for the 2019 World Scout Jamboree, set in motion a new avenue for the SPP to support U.S. national policy objectives by connecting with our worldwide partners through Scouting.

The evening included food, fellowship, a campfire activity, and sharing of information about the National Guard's support for Scouting and the SPP program in general. Pairs of representatives from the following national Scout organizations (NSOs) took part in the event:

Azerbaijan	Guatemala	Peru
Bangladesh	Haiti	Philippines
Barbados	Honduras	Poland
Colombia	Jamaica	Senegal
Dominica	Liberia	Slovenia
Dominican Republic	Morocco	Thailand
El Salvador	Nicaragua	Trinidad-Tobago
Ghana	Nigeria	Uruguay



2017 BSA NATIONAL JAMBOREE NUMBERS

Our international Scouting friends attended the very successful 2017 National Scout Jamboree in full force. Thirty staff, 75 adult leaders, and 305 youth were welcomed from these 48 countries!

Algeria	Cameroon	El Salvador
Argentina	Canada	Ethiopia
Aruba	Colombia	Finland
Australia	Curaçao-	France
Azerbaijan	Netherlands Antilles	Germany
Barbados	Dominican Republic	Ghana
Brazil	Egypt	Guatemala

Haiti	Nicaragua
Honduras	Nigeria
Hong Kong	Norway
Ireland	Pakistan
Japan	Peru
Kenya	Philippines
Korea	Poland
Kuwait	Saudi Arabia
Liberia	Sierra Leone
Madagascar	Slovenia

Spain
Sweden
Taiwan (Republic of China)
Thailand
Trinidad and Tobago
Uganda
United Kingdom
Uruguay

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INTERNATIONAL CAMP STAFF PROGRAM

Thank you to all of the councils and high-adventure bases that participated in the International Camp Staff Program during the 2017 camp season! They provided a fantastic, cross-cultural experience for our international camp staffers as well as all the BSA Scouts and Scouters who had the opportunity to go to a council camp or a high-adventure base.

Check out these pictures and stories of participating international camp staffers, and don't forget to apply for the 2018 camp season by visiting <http://www.scouting.org/International/applications.aspx>.



"I have been keeping Antoine at my house. I picked him up from the airport in Atlanta. I went to see him back in April and he toured me around Haiti while I was there for a mission trip with my church. He starts camp today. We have enjoyed his stay with us. Thank you for your service to international Scouts and our Scouts going over there."

—Randall Barnett, Scouter from the Daniel Boone Council who hosted an ICSP counselor from Haiti, Antoine Jean-Brice



"I am absolutely loving life at the Florida Sea Base, and I really want to thank you and all the international staff for making this possible. Here are photos of when I caught a 12-pound tuna fish from the sea and of all my lovely colleagues with our catch of the day!"

"I love talking about international Scouting with my Scouts and leaders whenever possible, from answering questions about the difference between crisps, chips, and fries for Brits and Americans to telling them about my time at the World Scout Jamboree. There is a whole world out there, as you know!"

—Angela Stoddard, ICSP counselor from the United Kingdom, working at Florida Sea Base

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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. At a previous large-council event, 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.

INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION

The International Department manages the requirements for two awards, the International Spirit Award and the International Scouters' Award.

To introduce your Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, Venturer, or Scouter to international Scouting, we recommend the International Spirit Award. Earning this award is a great way to gain knowledge about international Scouting while developing appreciation and awareness of different cultures and countries. For the list of requirements and the application, please visit <http://www.scouting.org/International/recognitions.aspx>.



The International Scouters' Award encourages Scouters to broaden their involvement through participation in world Scouting activities. It also recognizes Scouters for their contributions to world Scouting. For more information and the application, please visit <http://www.scouting.org/International/InformationSheets/22-721.aspx>.



2017 JOTA AND JOTI



Jamboree-on-the-Air (JOTA) and Jamboree-on-the-Internet (JOTI) are coming up soon! Have you already added JOTA and JOTI to your unit, district, and/or council calendars? If not, don't forget to mark Oct. 20–22, 2017, as JOTA and JOTI weekend!



It's an opportunity to meet Scouts from around the world, complete requirements for Cub Scout adventures, and complete part of the requirements for the International Spirit Award. JOTA and JOTI are also great ways to tie

into STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math). JOTA introduces Scouts to the fun and technology of amateur radio, and you can prepare your Scouts for safe internet use by incorporating the BSA's training tool, [Cyber Chip](#), before they participate in JOTI.

Does your unit or council want to participate in JOTA, but you don't have an amateur radio station? Icom America and the Boy Scouts of America have a sponsorship agreement that began in 2012 and now extends through 2018. One aspect of that agreement is that Icom America will provide up to 10 complete amateur radio stations for use by local Scout councils. *Development loans* of up to one year in duration can be requested for starting a radio Scouting program, or an *event loan* may be arranged to support special events like JOTA at the council level. For more information, an application, and a loan agreement form, go to www.scouting.org/filestore/jota/pdf/AmateurRadioStationLoanProgram.pdf.

Be sure to visit JOTA's webpage, www.scouting.org/jota, and JOTI's webpage, www.scouting.org/joti, where you can learn how to participate, download participation certificates, order this year's patches, and MUCH MORE. We hope you have lots of fun and success during these exciting events!

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2017 NATIONAL SCOUT JAMBOREE

By Soham Patel

*Foxtrot international commissioner,
Orange County Council, 17 years old*

Vibrant sunsets, endless celebrations, long-lasting friendships. These are some of the phrases that the Venturers and international Scouts at the national Scout jamboree may have used to describe their stay in Foxtrot Base Camp.

Over the summer, a few thousand Scouts made this campsite on the hill their home away from home while enjoying boundless opportunities for fun at the Summit Bechtel Reserve. With participants and staff coming from all 50 states and 37 countries, Foxtrot became the place to be at the jamboree.

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The 2017 National Scout Jamboree marked the second time the Boy Scouts of America hosted Scouts from all over the world at the Summit Bechtel Reserve. International contingents varied in size from two participants all the way to 52, and unlike last time in 2013, the international contingents camped in the same sites as our BSA Venturing contingents. This mix of young adults led to some interesting experiences for Scouts attending the jamboree as well as staff.

Every day, Foxtrot staff planned an evening activity for all of our participants. One evening, Scouts could expect to try their hand at lassoing a fake bull and enjoying Old West saloon music. The next evening, they could be transported across the world and watch a Thai stage show about a royal court and its king. In campsites, dinner on Tuesday could be homemade mac-and-cheese while on Wednesday it might be Huancaína—Peruvian nachos with beef and tomatoes. In fact, it was not uncommon for sites to come together and cook communal-style, allowing the host crews and the international crews to take turns preparing dinner. One evening, the contingents from Saudi Arabia, Algeria, and Kuwait opened their dinner to the entire camp. Tables with varieties of Saudi desserts and rice lined the pavilion, and Arabic music and dancers congregated in the middle. With all this happening, you should not have been surprised if you heard the sound of Trinidad and Tobago steel drums playing away to tropical beats or saw Korean Scouts teaching games to their site mates.

“I never get experiences like this,” shared Ricardo of Scouts Australia. “My family originally came from Colombia. At this national jamboree I get to meet Scouts from my home country, and it’s so easy to become friends because we already share a common interest: Scouting.”

Venturers weren’t the only ones who had fun with the international Scouts. Eh Too, one of our international youth staff from Jacksonville, Florida, was a refugee from Burma to Thailand. Since coming to the United States, he had known almost no Thai people beyond his family in their new community. At the jamboree, he sought out the contingent from Thailand and, much to his surprise, discovered that the Scouts from Thailand knew the village where he had lived and even spoke the same dialect of Thai that he had grown up learning.

Matthew May, an international staffer from Scouts UK, happened to spot a young lady from Kenya. During an extended time working in Africa, he had picked up conversational Swahili. Upon seeing her, he started a conversation in Swahili, and she was thrilled to meet someone who could use her mother tongue.

In any other place in the country, stories like these would be considered pure luck, nothing more than a coincidence. Yet these were just a few of the happy accidents occurring at Foxtrot Base Camp during the jamboree. Perhaps we could even say they were an integral part of the experience. Scouting is a brotherhood that includes 38 million young men and women. What is a national jamboree, then, but a family reunion with just a small segment of your immediate family?

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A few other important facts to mention regarding the overwhelming success of international participation at the 2017 National Scout Jamboree:

- Trinidad and Tobago graciously played the steel drums for other basecamps and at the Summit Center.
- Foxtrot Base Camp displayed the flags of every country present on our famous flag row, which was assembled and provided by the international contingent support staff at Foxtrot.
- International contingents enjoyed the closing show where they were able to display their flags.
- The Order of the Arrow hosted a fantastic international campfire where international contingents were able to display customs and performances from their countries.
- The West Virginia National Guard hosted an evening for their international partners that was enjoyed by all.
- Staff from international exhibits were able to coordinate several volunteers from international contingents to assist with the interpreter strips and talk about international Scouting at the Summit Center.
- Several countries hosted get-togethers in their sites where they displayed cultural items and provided refreshments to the Venturing community.
- Foxtrot's talent show was a fantastic mixture of Venturing and international cooperation.
- Twenty-five percent of the international contingent staff was under the age of 23, providing new leadership opportunities for young adults. They did a fantastic job!



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III INTERAMERICAN SCOUT MOOT



The III Interamerican Scout Moot will be held in Cusco, Peru, from July 27 to August 5, 2018. It is an official event of the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM), hosted and organized by the Scout Association of Peru for young people ages 18 to 25.

There are many international Scouting events each year, with more than 160 member organizations in the WOSM. These events provide a fantastic opportunity for BSA members to connect with the world, to make new friendships as part of their Scouting adventure, and to learn about other countries, people, and cultures.

The activities of this Interamerican Scout Moot will be developed within the framework of sustainable development objectives, the Scouts of the World program, and the educational objectives of the Youth Scout Forum.

The Moot will be a privileged space for the exchange of intercultural experiences between participants and members of the community, offering the opportunity to develop collective projects, all participating in “Creating a Better World.” Activities will include the following three modules:

Adventure module. The Andean Mountains are a particularly attractive setting for adventure sports such as *via ferrata*, zip-lining, mountain biking, rafting, hiking, horseback riding, climbing, and others.

Tourism module. We will have the opportunity to visit the Sacred Valley of the Incas and learn about the impressive architecture in Pisac, Ollantaytambo, Maras, Moray, and Sacsayhuaman, as well as the historical monuments in the Imperial City.

Scouts of the World—Cusco Base. WOSM, within the Scouts of the World program, will use Cusco as a base to work on projects of sustainable development proposed for the Scouts of the World recognition. The ancestral ceremonies of the Inca Empire brought to life at the opening and closing ceremonies of the III Interamerican Scout Moot will provide the cultural, historical, and commitment framework for each participant to assume their role in “Creating a Better World.”

Along with experiencing the III Interamerican Scout Moot, the BSA contingent will also go on a day trip to the historic Inca ruins of Machu Picchu! To join the BSA contingent at the Interamerican Scout Moot, you must be a registered member of the BSA and age 18 to 25. Members older than 25 can join the Moot’s International Service Team (IST). More information on BSA contingent pricing and registration will be announced soon. Please continue to check our website, www.scouting.org/international. If you would like to join our distribution list and start receiving updates, send an email to international@scouting.org. To visit the Interamerican Scout Moot website, go to <http://www.scout.org.pe/mootperu2018/en/#moot>.



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BSA CONTINGENT ATTENDS WORLD SCOUT MOOT IN ICELAND

The Boy Scouts of America was represented by a contingent of nearly 60 Scouts who participated in or served on the international service team (IST) for the 15th World Scout Moot in Iceland, July 25–Aug. 2, 2017.

Brad Ward, a BSA Moot participant from Norwich, New York, said, “It was a fantastic experience. It was life-changing in that I got to learn how other groups and cultures go about running and participating in Scouts. I made so many close friends during the Moot. The majority of us will continue to stay in touch throughout our lives and travel between our different countries to visit because the bond we created was so strong. By the end of it, a lot of us would refer to our tribe as more of a family because we would do everything together. We would always be traveling in groups of 20–25 because we were all such good friends. This was by far the best life experience I have ever participated in.”

More than 5,000 Scouts ages 18–25 from more than 100 countries participated in the World Scout Moot. Another 1,000 IST members served as staff and “tribe advisors.” The BSA contingent gathered at a campground in Reykjavik the night before the Moot opening ceremony. The contingent consisted of men and women, Boy Scouts and Venturers from across the U.S., from California to Maine. At the opening ceremony, participants met their “tribe,” a group of 40 participants from around the world.

Participants departed from the Reykjavik Sports Center with their tribe to one of 11 expedition centers around the island country. In patrols made up of 10 international Scouts, participants engaged in a wide range of fun and high-adventure activities, including glacier walks, puffin watching, mountain climbing, and visiting museums. Each tribe participated in a service project that benefited the local community. Nearly all expedition centers were near a town hot-spring pool, so everyone had a chance to enjoy Iceland’s favorite pastime of soaking in a hot tub.

On the fifth day of the Moot, participants boarded buses headed for Iceland’s national Scout camp, Ulfjotsvatn. The next



several days were full of educational programs on environmental sustainability, Iceland’s history, global impact, respect for religious beliefs, arts, and innovation.

Some participants had a chance to travel to the Althingi site, home of the world’s oldest parliamentary institution. These Scouts engaged in a forum to discuss issues facing world Scouting. The resolutions that came from the forum were presented at the 2017 World Scout Youth Forum in Azerbaijan.

The BSA contingent sponsored a “S’Mores Demonstration” for International Day, where each country put on a demonstration illustrative of their nation’s Scouting or cultural heritage. Thousands of Scouts lined up to learn how to toast marshmallows and make a s’more.

The evenings were a time to meet new friends, dance to world music in the Dutch “Fire and Ice” disco, and learn new games or songs at one of the international coffeehouses.

One participant summed up her experience: “The Moot was the best Scouting experience of my life. Better than the World Jamboree in Japan! I loved living with people from around the world and getting to learn about their lives, cultures, and viewpoints. I left the Moot feeling more connected to the world and more concerned about peace. I know that the friendships I made in Iceland will last forever.”

Leaders of the BSA contingent were Andy Chapman, Mark Beese, and Alex Call. Chapman was subsequently elected to the World Scout Committee at the World Scout Conference in Baku, Azerbaijan.

The next World Scout Moot will be held in Ireland in 2021. Visit the website, www.worldscoutmoot.ie, for more information from the host country.



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BSA INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBER ELECTED TO WORLD SCOUT COMMITTEE

The Boy Scouts of America is pleased to announce that International Committee member and OA Vigil Honor member Edward “Andy” Chapman from Houston, Texas, was elected to the 2017–2020 World Scout Committee during the 41st World Scout Conference held in Baku, Azerbaijan, from Aug. 14–18, 2017.

Andy’s platform stated that he could help continue moving the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) in a positive direction, given his volunteer and professional experience. He believes that it is our responsibility as a world organization to help the regions support NSOs in achieving financial stability, leadership development, and youth empowerment. Andy represents a generation that embraces change and is constantly striving to improve the Scouting movement to make a better world.

The day after the election, he was additionally chosen as one of the two vice chairpersons on the Steering Committee.



Edward “Andy” Chapman

BSA INTERNATIONAL COMMISSIONER COMPLETES WORLD SCOUT COMMITTEE TERM

While Andy was elected to the World Scout Committee, International Commissioner Dan Ownby completed his two three-year terms on the same committee. Dan’s contributions to world Scouting during his tenure on the World Scout Committee are above and beyond what was expected from a committee member. Dan’s guidance on administrative, financial, and leadership projects have changed how world Scouting functions, for the better. We thank Dan for his exceptional contributions to the World Scout Committee.



Dan Ownby

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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
Muskingum Valley Council, #467
Mid-Iowa Council, #177
Pony Express Council, #311
Sagamore Council, #162
Glacier's Edge Council, #620
Blackhawk Area Council, #660
Mountaineer Area Council, #615
Northeast Iowa Council, #178
Anthony Wayne Area Council, #157

SOUTHERN REGION

Northwest Texas Council, #587
Colonial Virginia Council, #595
South Texas Council, #577
Pee Dee Area Council, #552
Shenandoah Area Council, #598

NORTHEAST REGION

Nashua Valley Council, #230
Five Rivers Council, #375
Bucktail Council, #509

WESTERN REGION

Redwood Empire Council, #41
Great Southwest Council, #412
Maui County Council, #102
Chief Seattle Council, #609
Piedmont Council, #42
Verdugo Hills Council, #58

SCOUTING OUTSIDE OF THE U.S.

CHANGES IN SUPPORT SERVICE

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.

Far East Council

For countries in the Asia-Pacific Region of WOSM

Phone—within Japan: 098-970-2400;
international: +81-98-970-2400

Address—Far East Council BSA,
Unit 35049, FPO AP 96373-5049

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

Transatlantic Council

For countries in the Europe, Arab, Eurasia, and Africa Regions of WOSM

Phone—DSN 368 9836 CIV +32-2717-9836;
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Address—USAG Brussels, Unit 28100, Box 24, APO, AE 09714

Web/email—www.tac-bsa.org; vince.cozzone@scouting.org

National Capital Area Council

For countries in the Interamerican Region of WOSM

Phone—301-530-9360

Address—9190 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20814-3897

Web—<http://www.ncacbsa.org/directservice>

WHAT IS WOSM?

“World Scouting,” or the Scout movement at the global level, is governed by the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM).

WOSM is an independent, non-political, non-governmental organization that is made up of 161 National Scout Organizations (NSOs). These NSOs are located in 223 countries and territories around the world. With more than 40 million members in 1 million local community Scout groups, WOSM is one of the largest youth movements in the world.

The BSA became an approved and recognized NSO of WOSM in 1922.

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BSA INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT

In order to identify who you need to speak to regarding specific programs, see the overview of the department responsibilities below.



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- Relationships with World Scout Bureau foundation and committee, WOSM regional directors, Interamerican Region Office foundation and committee
- Staff advisor: International Committee, United States Fund for International Scouting Committee



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- Camp staff programs: International Camp Staff Program, European Scout Voluntary Program, Suncheon Asia-Pacific Scout Centre staff
- Staff advisor to NSJ teams: international exhibit, International Service Support Team
- International representatives
- International recognition: International Scouter's Award, International Spirit Award
- World and region conferences



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- National and world Scout jamborees: 2017 NSJ MOP exhibit, 2017 NSJ International Contingent Support Team
- BSA contingents to world and region events
- JOTA/JOTI
- Messengers of Peace



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- International Camp Staff Program support
- International Department newsletter
- International Letter of Introduction
- International registration: internationals to 2017 NSJ
- International recognition: International Spirit Award



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- Donations to international foundations, the World Scout Foundation/Baden-Powell Fellowship, the Interamerican Scout Foundation/Order of the Condor, other region foundations, the Gilwell Park Development Fund, and the Kandersteg International Scout Centre
- BSA donations, World Friendship Fund

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