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UPCOMING EVENTS

2016

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

July 20–28 International Finnjamboree, Roihu, Finland

July 30–Aug. 6 Essex International Jamboree, UK

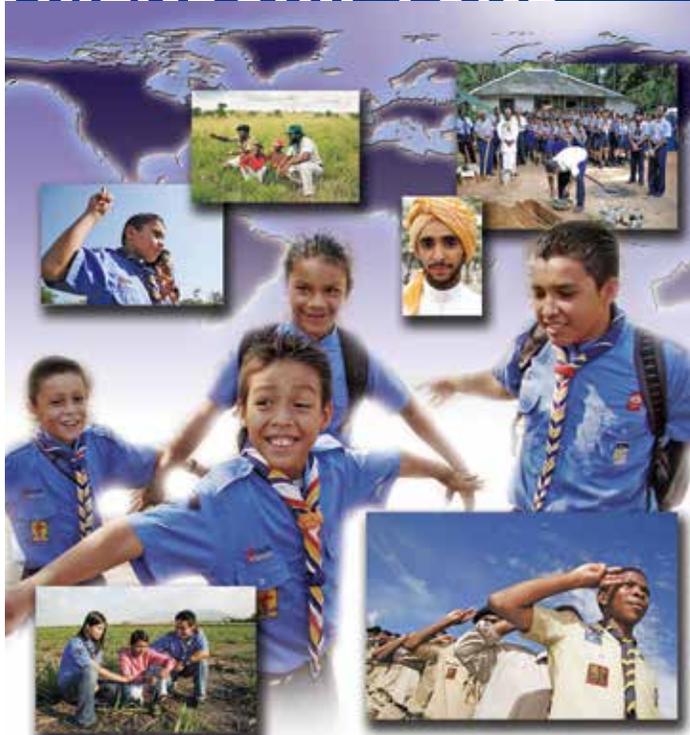
Dec 27–Jan. 2 Interamerican Jamboree and Interamerican Scout Camporee, Guayaquil, Ecuador

2017

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

July 25–Aug. 2 World Scout Moot, Iceland

WORLD FRIENDSHIP FUND



International Event and TRAVEL FAQ

Is the BSA taking a contingent? Is this a national BSA event?

If yes, Scouts must be nominated by their council in order to be considered to participate. A Scout can nominate himself or herself by submitting a completed [BSA Contingent Nomination Form](#) to their council.

If no, please contact the hosting NSO registrar for registration information. In some cases, BSA verification and approval will be requested. If so, forward the request to the International Department via email.

I am visiting or want to take my troop to another country and would like to visit Scouts while there. Can I do that?

Submit a completed [International Letter of Introduction \(ILI\) application](#) to your council. Once processed, you will receive a letter, ILI, and contact information for the Scout association in the country you are visiting. Review the [Travel with Scouts](#) document for helpful information.

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

Camp season this summer was another wonderful experience for our international camp staffers and for the BSA Scouts and Scouters who had the great opportunity to attend camp with an international camp staffer. See the photos and comments below, and don't forget to apply for the 2016 camp season by visiting <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/International/applications.aspx>. Also, if you met some wonderful international staffers at the world Scout jamboree this year, please recommend that they apply to work at your summer camp next summer! They can find an application at the same website.



Ayrton Ruales Vallejo from Ecuador, Carina Westford from Guyana, Patrick Howell from Jamaica, Ana Marti Pages from Spain, and Joshua Ramcharitar from Guyana each participated at the Heart of America Council's summer camps.

Note from Md. Abdur Rashid, Bangladesh Scouts, who worked at Black Hills Area Council's Medicine Mountain Scout Ranch:



"I'm so very happy to have become a part of the camp staff program of the Boy Scouts of America. It was a great experience for me. I would like to thank the Boy Scouts of America and the Black Hills Area Council, BSA, for giving me the opportunity to join the meaningful program for youth development. My camp director and all the staff were so very friendly and really awesome. I'm thankful to them."

"I believe that, by this program, the spirit of the world brotherhood and international understanding between Bangladesh Scouts and the Boy Scouts of America will be stronger."



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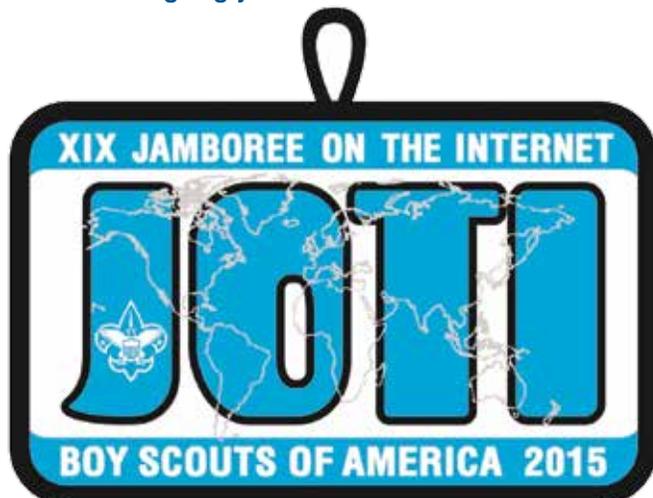


JOTA and JOTI REPORT



Jamboree-on-the-Air and Jamboree-on-the-Internet are annual Scouting events sponsored by the World Scout Bureau of the World Organization of the Scout Movement.

The 58th JOTA and the 19th JOTI will be October 16–18, 2015. Please visit www.scouting.org/jota and www.scouting.org/joti for more information.



INTERNATIONAL SPIRIT AWARD UPDATE

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.



The International Spirit Award application has been updated. Effective September 1, 2015, the new application must be used as there have been changes to the requirements. International Spirit Award emblems are \$4 each and are purchased from the International Department.

Did you attend the 23rd World Scout Jamboree in Japan? If so, you've completed one of the experience requirements! Please visit www.scouting.org/international/applications to see the requirements and apply for this 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.



Messengers of Peace at the National Order of the Arrow Conference



Arrowmen from around the country had the unique opportunity to gather together at Michigan State University in early August to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Order of the Arrow at the 2015 National Order of the Arrow Conference.



Bob Mazzuca, Jeff Bursley, Brigitte Therivel, Kevin Henao, Joe Ramanski, and Ulf Lueders staffed the Messengers of Peace booth at this event to increase awareness of the program's initiative among the record-shattering 15,000 Arrowmen attending.

More than 3,000 Arrowmen used the new and innovative conference-wide game, Spark, to request valuable Messengers of Peace information with just a touch of an NFC (near field communication) fob to an NFC touchpoint. Many more received information in person at the booth, and the staff helped answer specific questions about Messengers of Peace.

In an effort to connect NOAC to the world Scout jamboree that was occurring concurrently in Japan, Arrowmen who visited the Messengers of Peace booth folded origami cranes that symbolize a



hope for peace. By the end of the conference, close to 2,000 cranes were folded. Attendees created one full senbazuru, a group of 1,000 origami paper cranes held together by strings, which is commonly given in Japan as a tactile wish for peace.

On August 7, 2015, more than 14,000 Arrowmen gathered inside Michigan State's football stadium for what organizers called the largest emergency evacuation drill in Spartan Stadium history. Officially, the drill was the first big service project for #DareToDo, a new initiative that dares you to share your daily Good Turns with your friends and followers on social media. Participants at this event also displayed the Messengers of Peace dove hand sign, reminding everyone in attendance that all Scouts are a Messenger of Peace through the service they provide. This service project benefited MSU Residential and Hospitality Services and MSU Police.

The information distributed at the exhibit booth, the fun and excitement created by the folding of paper cranes, and the increased awareness of Messengers of Peace during the community service project will further inspire these young people to work toward achieving peace by providing positive service to their communities and the world.

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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
Greater Alabama Council, #1

NORTHEAST REGION

Nashua Valley Council, #230
Five Rivers Council, #375
Moraine Trails Council, #500
Bucktail Council, #509
Laurel Highlands Council, #527

WESTERN REGION

Redwood Empire Council, #41
Great Southwest Council, #412

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.

Far East Council (Asia-Pacific Region)

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

(Africa, Arab, Eurasia, and Europe Regions)

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

Address—Transatlantic Council BSA, Unit 31301, Box 25,
APO AE 09613

Web/email—www.tac-bsa.org; tony.dvorak@scouting.org

Direct Service Scouting

Phone—972-580-2489

Address—Member Care and Shared Services Department,
1325 W. Walnut Hill Lane, Irving, TX 75038

Email—directservicescouting@scouting.org

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WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE (WSJ)



In late July, the Boy Scouts of America sent approximately 1,600 youth, leaders, and staff to the 2015 World Scout Jamboree in Japan.



For 12 days, Scouts from about 150 countries and six continents participated in an amazing Scouting adventure at the sun-scorched Yamaguchi prefecture. In addition to participating in programs in their subcamps, Scouts enjoyed various activities organized by

the International Onsite and Offsite Program staff.

Through the onsite programs, Scouts learned about global issues, science, culture, nature, and world faiths and beliefs. The offsite program not only took them on memorable outings, getting acquainted with local cultural and natural heritage, but also on a

journey into history via the peace program's visits to Hiroshima. The Hiroshima Peace Memorial Ceremony and the Nagasaki Peace Forum were eye-opening experiences for about 150 Scouts, including two representatives from the BSA. They learned about the tragic nuclear bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki and why Scouts, as Messengers of Peace, should always work toward creating and maintaining peace. The touching ceremony included Scouts praying for the victims and for world peace, and offering thousands of paper cranes made by Scout units attending the jamboree.

As part of the effort to promote the jamboree theme, "Wa: a Spirit of Unity," there were many opportunities for Scouts to gain a deeper understanding of other cultures.

On August 2, at the World Scout Centre, tents representing various National Scout Organizations (NSOs) introduced and promoted the

exchange of Scouting and cultural knowledge. The Better World Tent staged by the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM), on the other hand, allowed Scouts to explore the many ways our NSOs are the same and strive to be agents of positive change around the world.

In his closing speech, the secretary general of the World Organization of the Scout Movement, Scott A. Teare, commended the Scouts for their spirit of unity. "Let us continue our mission as Messengers of Peace and live as active global citizens," said Teare, who also urged them to "share the good work you are doing so that we can all continue to learn from each other. Together, Scouts can create a better world."



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BSA INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT

We have had a very busy last six months as our entire staff worked on delivering the best possible service to the BSA contingent at the 2015 World Scout Jamboree. Support of the BSA contingent is the largest project this team supports every four years. We are winding down our final reports, and now we have more substantial information to improve our support for the BSA contingent to the 2019 WSJ, co-hosted by the BSA, Scouts Canada and Asociación de Scouts de México.

Now we have the ability to focus our efforts on our standard programs as well as consider improvements to our current processes.

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



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



Lisa Cristiano
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- Jamboree-on-the-Air (JOTA)/ Jamboree-on-the-Internet (JOTI)
- International, European, and Korean Camp Staff Programs
- International Representatives
- 2016 Interamerican Region Conference
- 2017 NSJ International Staff and Exhibit support



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

- 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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- 2016 Interamerican Region Conference 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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A WORD FROM WOSM

The Scout movement counts 40 million members worldwide and is coordinated, at the world level, by the World Scout Committee. Its chairperson, João Armando Gonçalves, tells us in this interview about Scouting, its impact at the grassroots level, its governance, and the work carried out from Geneva.

[Read the full interview.](#)



UPCOMING JAMBOREES

Registration for the 2017 National Scout Jamboree 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 soon.



The first promotion for the 2019 WSJ was rolled out in Japan. This event will be held July 22–August 2, 2019, at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia. Join co-hosts the BSA, Scouts Canada, and Asociación de Scouts de México, as we “Unlock a New World.”

To learn more about the 2019 WSJ as information becomes available, join our distribution list at 2019wsj.org. If you are a Facebook user, you can also like the Facebook page at 24th World Scout Jamboree–North America 2019.

Contact Us!

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