

# INTERNATIONAL ADVENTURE

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**2017**

Aug. 5–12 [Swedish National Jamboree 17, Rinkaby, Sweden](#)

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, Chocco, 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 2016-2021.

## INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITY CENTER

Visiting the UK and looking for an awesome campsite? Visit the Walton Firs Activity Centre. With 15 camping areas on 36 acres of countryside, the Walton Firs Activity Centre is located only one hour from London. For more information, please visit <https://waltonfirs.co.uk/> or contact Andy Harvey at +44 1932 863243 or [andy.harvey@waltonfirs.co.uk](mailto:andy.harvey@waltonfirs.co.uk).

## WORLD FRIENDSHIP FUND

### Where do contributions go?

Collected contributions are used to assist developing National Scout Organizations (NSOs) around the world.

Any NSO that is recognized by the World Organization of the Scouting Movement (WSOM) can submit a grant request for projects to enhance their growing organization. Every February, May, and October the United States Fund for International Scouting Committee (USFIS), appointed by the National International Committee, reviews these grant requests. The approved grants receive the funds requested and must validate the appropriation of these funds toward their proposed enhancement projects.



In 2016 the United States Fund for International Scouting Committee approved the following grants:

- Guatemala Scout Association's request for assistance in hosting the 2016 Interamerican Leadership Training
- Scout Association of Nicaragua's request for remodeling the National Scout Organization auditorium
- Scout Association of Honduras' request for improvements to Camp Escuela

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

We also can accept World Friendship Fund donations online! To donate online or to download the brochure, please visit [www.scouting.org/international/worldsupport](http://www.scouting.org/international/worldsupport).



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA  
INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT



## MESSENGERS OF PEACE

### Saudi and American Scouts working together as environmental stewards

Riyadh, Saudi Arabia—On a hill near the northern entrance of the Diplomatic Quarter is a beautiful area where people from around Riyadh have come for years to relax and appreciate a majestic overlook of the city.

Rayyan Ahmed and Asem Alkhatib, both Scouts from Boy Scouts of America Troop 257, discovered there was a need to provide service within the park. So they reached out to their Saudi Arabian Scouts Association counterparts to plan a volunteer service project to help clean and revitalize the area as part of the requirements for their Eagle rank.

On May 5 and 6, Scouts from both organizations worked together as part of Rayyan’s and Asem’s Eagle Scout projects and Messengers of Peace initiative.

The Messengers of Peace program—established in 2011 by the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, the late King Abdullah of Saudi Arabia, and King Carl XVI Gustaf of Sweden (as honorary chairman of the World Scout Foundation)—“encourage[s] Scouts worldwide to expand their impact on global peace” through projects that improve their communities and environment. Coincidentally, the site of the service project is adjacent to the Swedish Embassy.

Through nearly 100 hours of combined service, these Scouts made an amazing difference in restoring this scenic location in the Diplomatic Quarter. Their collaboration and environmental stewardship continue to serve as an example to others in the community and will have a lasting impact.



*Before*



*After*



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## 2017 JOTA AND JOTI



Which jamboree occurs every year, has more participants than a national or world jamboree, and allows you to communicate with other Scouts from around the world? Jamboree-on-the-Air (JOTA) and Jamboree-on-the-Internet (JOTI)!

JOTA and JOTI will be held Oct. 20–22, 2017. JOTA and JOTI are annual world Scouting events that use amateur radios and the internet, respectively, to link Scouts from around the world.

This year's theme is "60 Years Connecting Scouts." It's a celebration of the 60th anniversary of JOTA, which since 1957 has been encouraging Scouts around the world to engage in radio conversations. This creates opportunities for them to discover similarities and differences—both culturally and in Scouting programs.

Want some more reasons to participate in JOTA and JOTI? These events can help Tigers complete part of the "Family Stories" elective adventure. Webelos Scouts can complete part of the "Building a Better World" Arrow of Light adventure. And Scouts, Venturers, and leaders can complete part of the requirements for the International Spirit Award.

Visit JOTA's webpage, [www.scouting.org/jota](http://www.scouting.org/jota), and JOTI's webpage, [www.scouting.org/joti](http://www.scouting.org/joti), to learn how you can participate, download participation certificates, find out where to order this year's patches, and MUCH MORE.

We hope you have lots of fun and success during these exciting events!

Shown here are the official BSA designs for the 60th Jamboree-on-the-Air and the 21st Jamboree-on-the-Internet.



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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>.



## CITIZENSHIP IN THE WORLD SCOUTS CAN EARN MERIT BADGE AT WWI MUSEUM

Fifty-one Scouts in the Heart of America Council spent Saturday, April 8, 2017, visiting the National World War I Museum and Memorial in Kansas City, Missouri, while earning their Citizenship in the World merit badge, one of the Eagle requirements. The Scouts, from 23 different council troops, spent several hours working with eight merit badge counselors to complete the seven requirements to earn the merit badge. The high level of interest due to a previous event had created a large waiting list, so a second classroom was added for the spring event as well as doubling the number of qualified counselors.

Scouts came prepared to learn and participate in the discussions by researching how a country's history, geography, and economy influence its relationship with other countries. All countries the Scouts researched are found in the Middle East.

This research assignment also prepared the Scouts for another requirement, which was to discuss their country's role in, influence on, or effect on security in regard to other countries. The intent was to tie current events happening in the Middle East—in Syria,

Iraq, Iran, and Turkey—back to the decisions made by the victors at the end of World War I in the Treaty of Versailles. When possible with the requirements, the counselors provided examples related to the First World War.

While taking a break from working on the merit badge, the Scouts were given a 90-minute guided tour of the museum's main gallery. After completing the merit badge in the afternoon, Scouts had the opportunity to return to the main galleries and continue looking around, visit special exhibits in the two original museum buildings, or check out the Kansas City skyline from the top of the museum's 217-foot tower.

The Heart of America Council's International Committee hosts this merit badge opportunity twice each year—in the spring and fall. The 2017 fall date has not been set, but Scouts can receive additional information on Scouting opportunities at the National World War I Museum by contacting Scouter and museum volunteer H. David Pendleton at [Henry.D.Pendleton.ctr@mail.mil](mailto:Henry.D.Pendleton.ctr@mail.mil).



## HOSTING SCOUTS IN PRIVATE HOMES

Opportunities for Scout families to host Scouting youth from other countries or areas of the United States can offer a rich experience for everyone. However, when hosting has any connection to the Scouting program, it presents special challenges. The BSA provides insurance coverage for only official Scouting activities, and hosting Scouts in private homes is not an official Scouting activity. (Being in residence at a BSA camp or property may be part of an official Scouting activity unless the event is private or non-Scouting in nature.)

Guidelines should be provided to all involved before any arrangements are made. Also, if Scouting volunteers or staff are involved in making arrangements, they should know that they are not engaged in an official Scouting activity in doing so.

Furthermore, any promotion of the hosting opportunity as part of an official Scouting event is prohibited. In most cases, an appropriate disclaimer that states the hosting is not part of the Scouting event should be included in materials used to promote or arrange the hosting.

Note that the following guidelines are not policies of the BSA. Rather, they are offered for informational purposes only:

- If a chartered organization or unit facilitates the arrangements, including the selection of both the visiting Scout and the host family, they should know that they are not engaged in an official Scouting activity.
- If hosting is before, after, or during the period for an official Scouting activity, the host family and Scout must acknowledge that the official Scouting activity begins and ends at the rally or assembly point for the activity. The activity does not include time spent at the host family's home. An official Scouting activity does not include travel to or from the event.
- While BSA Youth Protection guidelines may not apply to non-Scouting activities, the barriers to abuse and other BSA guidelines offer some best practices that the host family and Scout should consider following during the visit, including:

— Should a two-deep family presence be required while the visiting Scout is with the host family or in the home?

- Should a criminal record check be performed on all residents of the home 18 years of age or older? (A sponsoring organization may request evidence of such a check.)
- Has a suitability assessment been performed that considers the age, sex, sleeping and bathroom accommodations, and individual needs of everyone who will be in the home?
- What information should be shared before the Scout arrives? A profile of the host family, details of the accommodations, and a schedule are often helpful and comforting.
- How should behavioral expectations be determined and communicated? A written code of conduct or household rules may be appropriate.
- Should everyone who will be in the household complete Youth Protection training?
- What visitors may be in the home while the Scout is there? Should an adult of the host family be present at the time?
- Should neighbors be asked to keep a watchful eye?
- What identification, emergency contact information, and authorization for medical treatment should be available, and where will it be kept?

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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. The event will offer the opportunity to develop collective projects—all part of “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.”

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. If you would like to join our distribution list and start receiving updates, send an email to [international@scouting.org](mailto:international@scouting.org). To visit the Interamerican Scout Moot website, go to <http://www.scout.org.pe/mootperu2018/en/#moot>.

## FIVE WAYS YOU CAN PROMOTE WORLD SCOUTING IN YOUR COUNCIL

By Mark Beese

*International Representative for Denver Area Council*

International representatives can significantly improve awareness of international Scouting in their council by doing a few simple things:

**Develop and share a media calendar.** Plan out the next 12 months of world Scouting news items and share the items with your council’s marketing and social media professionals so they can include them in email newsletters and social media postings. Consider items such as announcing deadlines for the Interamerican Scout Moot in 2018 and the World Scout Jamboree in 2019, JOTA/JOTI (October), the iScout Game (March), World Scarf Day (August), and local events related to world Scouting. See if you can get one world Scouting item in the council’s marketing/social news feed per month.

**Put a face to world Scouting.** Profile an international camp staff member or interview a Scout or Scouter from a different country and post the article on your council’s website and Facebook page. Or, simply ask five questions (like the example in the [Fall 2016 newsletter](#)) and post on social media. Don’t forget to use photos or video to put a face to world Scouting!

**Update your webpage.** Many council webpages on international Scouting are woefully out of date. Start from scratch and write brief blurbs on key elements of the BSA’s international Scouting program, including the International Spirit Award, Messengers of Peace, JOTA/JOTI, the International Camp Staff program, and the European Scout Voluntary program. Give a few statistics and links to WOSM and Interamerican Region Scouting programs. Don’t forget the World Friendship Fund and other giving programs. Finally, start promoting the 2019 World Scout Jamboree with a link to [www.2019wsj.org](http://www.2019wsj.org).

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## FIVE WAYS YOU CAN PROMOTE WORLD SCOUTING IN YOUR COUNCIL (CONT'D)

**Make an appearance.** Be sure someone from your International Committee is presenting at council and district training programs such as University of Scouting, VentureFest, merit badge colleges, Wood Badge, and camporees. Consider setting up Skype conversations with Scouters in other countries so Scouts and Scouters can interact with others around the world. Use these training events to promote the III Interamerican Scout Moot in Peru in 2018, the 24th World Scout Jamboree in 2019, and other WOSM events. Consider offering a class to promote the International Spirit Award at merit badge colleges. And don't miss an opportunity to take a collection for the World Friendship Fund!

**Wear a scarf.** Promote World Scarf Day (August 1) in your council to raise awareness of world Scouting. Encourage Scouts and Scouters in your council to wear their neckerchiefs and post

selfies on council and WOSM social media. Promote the day in electronic newsletters, on social media, and at events. See [www.scoutscarfday.com](http://www.scoutscarfday.com) for more information.

**Bonus project**—Make it a goal to host one major Messengers of Peace (MOP) service project on an annual basis and give it councilwide promotion. Use this opportunity to help others in your community or internationally. A council MOP service project could be integrated into summer camp programs, high adventure, and national Scout jamboree pretours. Use the project to educate Scouts and Scouters about the wider world Scouting community and the MOP effort. Make sure that all participants receive a MOP ring to wear on their uniform and that the project is recognized in council communications.



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## 2ND WORLD SCOUT EDUCATION CONGRESS BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA CONTINGENT REPORT

By **Preston Marquis**  
*BSA WSEC Delegate*

The two-person BSA contingent to the second World Scout Education Congress consisted of Preston Marquis (Washington, D.C., Tidewater Council) and Andy Chapman (Houston, Texas, Sam Houston Area Council). Held over a five-day period in May 2017, the WSEC brought together training and program development commissioners from more than 100 member organizations and national Scout associations to center and strengthen the role of education in the Scouting movement.

The WSEC was organized into a series of discussions concentrated on Scouting's contributions to the global education landscape in the lead-up to 2023. Using the theme *Prepared: for a Changing World*, the congress used WOSM's Vision 2023 as a launching point for encouraging participants to consider how national Scout organizations (NSOs) can support Scouting's development into the world's leading educational youth movement. The three working days of the congress were focused, respectively, on Scouting's past, present, and future in the educational sphere, so as to ensure relevancy for NSO delegates looking to cover a variety of topics.

Highlights for the BSA contingent included opportunities to participate in cultural exchanges with other NSOs and the flexible working method of the congress, which facilitated best-practice sharing and small group discussions. The location of WSEC at the Kandersteg International Scout Centre in Switzerland provided a beautiful backdrop for engaging Scouts of different backgrounds and perspectives. One did not need to

look any further than the opening campfire—where Scouts from across the world held hands and sang Kumbaya—to realize the special role of the Scout Centre in bridging barriers and fostering fellowship.

WSEC also allowed the BSA to continue promoting strategic interests at the world level. One of the BSA WSEC delegates, Andy Chapman, is seeking election to the World Scout Committee; he expanded his network of relationships at the congress and discussed his experience and vision as it pertains to his candidacy. Fellow delegate Preston Marquis, a relative newcomer to international Scouting, enhanced his preparedness for the upcoming World Youth Forum/World Scout Conference and worked collaboratively with several NSOs to gain support for a BSA-sponsored resolution examining the efficacy of WOSM's official languages. Both delegates fielded questions related to the 2019 World Scout Jamboree, an indicator of the significant interest and appetite on the world stage for more information on the event.



*BSA WSEC delegates Preston Marquis, left, and Andy Chapman*



*Delegates from the Interamerican Region*



*WSEC opening plenary session*

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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  
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

## 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 (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](http://www.fareastcouncil.org);  
[www.fareastcouncil.org/about/service-centers](http://www.fareastcouncil.org/about/service-centers)

#### Transatlantic Council

For countries in the Europe, Arab, Eurasia, and Africa regions, Transatlantic Council, contact:

**Phone**—DSN 368 9836 CIV +32-2717-9836;  
DSN 368 9603 CIV +32-2717-9603

**Address**—USAG Brussels, Unit 28100, Box 24, APO, AE 09714

**Web/email**—[www.tac-bsa.org](http://www.tac-bsa.org); [vince.cozzone@scouting.org](mailto:vince.cozzone@scouting.org)

#### Direct Service Scouting

##### (National Capital Area Council)

**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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- 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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- 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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