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

Aug. 3–9  14th Korea National Jamboree, Nakdonggang Riverside, Dalseong-gun, Daegu-city, Korea

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 22–30  Jamboree 2017, Sønderborg, Denmark

July 25–Aug. 2  World Scout Moot, Iceland

2016 INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING CONFERENCE

There are still openings in our biennial conference for anyone interested in international Scouting! Please register soon at www.philmontscoutranch.org/ptr to secure your spot at the 2016 conference.

Local council International Representatives (IRs) will gain tools to enhance their council’s international Scouting experience. This session will motivate IRs with information about the following: the council international committee structure, international tours and exchanges, world Scout jamborees, the World Friendship Fund, Messengers of Peace, and international camp staff programs. Your IR toolbox will be full of new information and techniques to bring home to your packs, troops, teams, ships, and crews.

If your IR cannot attend this year’s conference, with his or her approval, a representative from your council may attend in that person’s place. Questions about who can attend and how to confirm “representative IR” registration approval may be sent to international@scouting.org.

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.

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT

**Application for European Camp Staff Program Changes**

The BSA developed the European Camp Staff Program to further screen applicants for the European Region’s European Scout Voluntary Program. As the digital age has progressed, it has become much easier to apply to the European centers directly. Therefore, to make participation less cumbersome for the prospective applicants and the European Region, the BSA will no longer implement the European Camp Staff Program application process. All applicants will apply directly to the European Region’s European Scout Voluntary Program. For more information, please visit www.scouting.org/International/ecamp.aspx or http://rovernet.eu/site/esvp-map/.

**What Is Included?** In return for our volunteers’ hard work, we provide all food, accommodations, and uniforms for the duration of placement. All volunteers also receive a weekly allowance to cover out-of-pocket expenses. They’ll receive comprehensive training and experience across a wide range of areas, plus the opportunity to attend accredited courses and gain recognized qualifications.

**Available placement dates for next year are as follows:**

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**Spotlight on the UK Scout Activity Centres**

We’re looking for volunteers from all over the world who want to have fun, make friends, and get qualified. Each year, we recruit up to 100 volunteers, from more than 30 countries, to help run our activity centres across the UK.

**What Will You Be Doing?** Our volunteers help with all aspects of running our centres, so no two days will be the same! For example, volunteers may be lead a kayaking session, check in guests, clean lodges and toilets, or possibly run a wide game for 50 Scouts. They’ll be responsible for helping our visitors have a quality experience at Scout Activity Centres.

Interested Scouts can visit www.scouts.org.uk/sac, or contact us directly via email (volunteering.sac@scouts.org.uk), phone (0208 498 5301) or Facebook (/SACvolunteers).
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.

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.

The 2015 JOTA-JOTI weekend was a great experience that made a difference in the lives of Scouts. It introduced them to other Scouts from around the world, their countries, their weather, and their cultures as well as increasing their knowledge of technology.

Not only that, but it was fun! The official BSA JOTA and JOTI report that was submitted to the World Organization of the Scout Movement will be posted at http://scout.org/jotajoti. You will find previous JOTA and JOTI reports there as well.

Be sure to visit www.scouting.org/jota and www.scouting.org/joti in the upcoming months for information on JOTA and JOTI 2016!
With more than 160 member organizations within the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM), there are many international Scouting events each year. They provide a great opportunity for our BSA members to connect with the world, to learn about other countries, people, and cultures through Scouting activities, and make new friendships as part of their Scouting adventure.

In the past, the International Department has performed the coordination and planning of BSA contingents to some of these events. For the most part, these contingents were very similar to your own units’ planning and participation for adventures.

The International Department is in the process of updating our process to support BSA members interested in attending international Scouting events, but will no longer act as the coordinator and planner of participation at these events.

An important part of the change in our process will be the elimination of the current BSA Contingent Nomination process and the addition of the BSA Contingent Leader Nomination process.

Please watch our web page at www.scouting.org/international for updates to the process expected to be released in the first quarter of 2016.

BSA members who are interested in learning about upcoming international Scouting events should use the WOSM resources below:

In the International Events List, you can find information about camps and other Scouting events taking place around the world where Scouts from other countries are invited to attend. Also, view the WOSM events page.
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, #182
- 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
- Laurel Highlands Council, #527

**WESTERN REGION**
- Redwood Empire Council, #41
- Great Southwest Council, #412

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**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; 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; vince.cozzone@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
Approximately 40,000 Scouts will be meeting in Denmark for Europe’s largest jamboree of 2017! The five Danish Scout associations will come together, along with 6,000 international participants, in southern Denmark to make Jamboree Denmark 2017.

The jamboree will take place close to the German border and is easy to access from Hamburg or Copenhagen. The camp will run from the 22nd to 30th July and could easily be combined with visits to other locations across Europe. This is a fantastic opportunity to give your Scouts an international experience of Scouting and to make an exciting trip to Northern Europe.

A Danish jamboree is all about life together at the camp. Groups will cook their own food over open fire, and the focus will be on interacting and living with the thousands of Scouts around you. There will be three “travel” days with activities on- and off-site. Another day will be a subcamp activity day. This leaves another three days for free activities. There will be many opportunities to participate in walk-in activities, go on hikes to the beaches and forests, or maybe spend a night out under the stars. The area surrounding the camp is rich in nature, history, and culture with many options to explore.

Scouting in Denmark is for boys and girls, and has high standards of safety. The organizers will be ready to assist BSA groups with all their arrangements and give practical advice. There will be a great focus on making sure that whatever your language is, you will be able to participate fully in the jamboree. The jamboree organizers will also be able to offer advice on options before or after the jamboree, such as stayovers in Copenhagen, Scout centres in Denmark, or other locations nearby.

**QUICK FACTS**

**What:** Jamboree Denmark 2017

**When:** 22–30 July 2017

**Where:** Sønderborg, Southern Denmark, with easy connections to Copenhagen and Hamburg, Germany

**Who:** The primary age group is 10 to 17, but it is open to all ages. There are options for Venturers and younger Scouts, families, and staff. You can come as your own Scout unit or as a mix of units.

**Temperatures:** Average daytime temperatures will be around 70 degrees Fahrenheit in July.

**How many:** There will be 40,000 participants, of which 6,000 will be international participants.

**For more information:** [http://spejderneslejr.dk](http://spejderneslejr.dk)

**Facebook:** [https://www.facebook.com/jamboree2017](https://www.facebook.com/jamboree2017)

**Email:** int@sl2017.dk
In order to identify who you need to speak to regarding specific programs, see the overview of the department responsibilities below.

Robynn Watson

(robynn.watson@scouting.org, 972-580-2403)

- 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
- World Friendship Fund donation processing
- Visits to the BSA office and coordination with other departments for national Scouting organizations
- BSA Contingent Support—Administration
- 2016 IR Conference Support

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
- 2016 IR Conference

Desiree LaPointe

(desireelapointe@scouting.org, 972-580-2368)

- 2016 Interamerican Region Conference support
- 2017 NSJ Registration
- International Spirit Award
- International Letter of Introduction
- 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
- BSA Contingent Support—Registration

Janine Halverson

(janine.halverson@scouting.org, 972-580-2401)

- 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
- 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 BSA contingent
- 2017 NSJ contingent support
- Messengers of Peace

Contact Us!

Email: international@scouting.org  Phone: 972-580-2403
Mailing address: 1325 West Walnut Hill Lane, P.O. Box 152079, Irving, Texas 75015-2079
Be sure to check out our website at www.roihu2016.fi/en/
There’s a lot of information of the arrangements of the camp, as well as 
an awesome video about scouting in Finland and Finnjamboreee!

You can keep up with us at Facebook at “Roihu International”, go give us a like! We will be updating 
information about the camp among with funny facts about Finland and scouting. Also, on Instagram the 
hashtag #roihu2016 has a lot of photos from both the people arranging the camp and from future campers!

Check them out, and please share your photos with us!

If you have any questions concerning the camp or preliminary arrangements, 
feel free to contact us at: INTERNATIONAL@ROIHU2016.FI

We are happy to answer any questions you have!

HERE’S A CHALLENGE FOR YOU!

We challenge you to take a picture of you or your troop and share it 
with us on our Facebook page! Tell us why you’re interested in our 
camp or how are you preparing for the camp.

KEEP CONNECTED!
#ROIHU2016
Finland has about 5.5 million inhabitants and two official languages, Finnish and Swedish. The country is up to 80% covered with woods and 10% with lakes. Approximately 188,000 of the lakes are bigger than 500 square meters and smaller lakes exist beyond count. The biggest lake is Lake Saimaa in south eastern Finland. The Finnish archipelago is the largest in the world, with almost 180,000 islands and skerries.

Aurora Borealis, or northern lights, are usually associated with cold nights, but occur all year around when the Sun is active. They are best seen during clear weather against a dark night sky and are more common in the north than in the south.

Both girls and boys, Finnish and Swedish speakers are united under the same organisation – the Guides and Scouts of Finland (Suomen Partiolaiset – Finlands Scouter). We have 65,000 members in 850 local groups. The Guides and Scouts of Finland is a member of both the World Association of the Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) and World Organisation of the Scout Movement (WOSM) and the only Guide and Scout organisation in Finland.