

## **COUNCIL INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE**

### **Position Overview**

The Council International Representative is the council level volunteer responsible for International Scouting and is a vital Council role. Please note, the Council Scout Executive appoints the local Council International Representative. Only one Scouting volunteer can be appointed to this position per Council.



The Council International Representative position is a fully registered Council Charter position that should be maintained annually by the volunteer when they renew their Scouting America membership.

A Council International Representative should be passionate about International Scouting and foster growth of International Scouting in their local Council through helping Scouts and Adult volunteers gain a greater knowledge of International Scouting and develop a greater appreciation and awareness of different cultures and countries.

Council International Representative responsibilities include planning local Council International events, promoting and ensuring proper recording of International Awards at the Unit, District and Council levels, providing guidance to Units planning to travel Internationally as well as World Scout Jamboree/WOSM contingent members from their Council, and overseeing the International Camp Staff Program.

Creating a strong partnership with Council leadership is vital to the success of International initiatives at the Council level.

### **Position Qualifications**

A Council International Representative should be passionate about International Scouting and enthusiastically foster growth of International Scouting in their local Council. When selecting a Council International Representative, emphasis should be placed on ability, leadership skills, interest in International Scouting and capacity to enact dynamic international programs that enrich the Scout experience and connect Scouts to the fellowship of the World Scouting Movement. Upon appointment, the volunteer is expected to register in the position of Council International Representative (position code 20). A Council International Representative should have sufficient stature within the Council structure, preferably membership on the Council Executive Board, to be able to work with Council leadership to successfully implement an annual International Program. A strong partnership with the Council Registrar is recommended especially in dealing with registration and recording of International Awards.

## Position Responsibilities

- Advocate for inclusion of International programs at the Unit, District and Council levels through coordination with Council leadership.
- Organize a Council International Committee. Hold committee meetings as necessary to support International programs. Recruitment of members should take District representation into account. Youth members may be added when appropriate.
- Familiarize yourself with International program materials found at the Scouting America International website [www.scouting.org/international/](http://www.scouting.org/international/)
- Promote Scouting America International Awards (International Spirit Award, the World Conservation Award, Interpreter Strip, International Scouter's Award, and the Duke of Edinburgh Award) at the Unit, District and Council levels.
- Ensure the proper recording of International Awards for both youth and adult leaders. Please note, all International Adult Leader awards require Council International Representative approval.
- Promote and assist with planning and participation in WOSM's Jamboree-on-the-Air (JOTA) and Jamboree-on-the-Internet (JOTI) event.
- Promote and assist Units with participation in the Messengers of Peace (MOP) program.
- Oversee the implementation of the International Camp Staff Program in your Council. Assist with the arrival, hosting on Council property and departure of International Camp Staff Program participants.
- Promote and assist with the recruitment of Scouts and Adult Leaders for World Scout Jamboree / WOSM event contingent. Have a screening process in place and an orientation focused on preparedness for an international event and the importance of representing Scouting America.
- Promote and assist with the nomination of capable youth and adult leaders to represent Scouting America in tours, events and exchanges with other NSOs.
- Advise and provide guidance to Units planning to travel Internationally.
- Encourage organization of World Friendship Fund collection at Unit, District and Council events (Council Award Dinner, Blue and Gold Banquet / Unit Court of Honor, Wood Badge Training Course, etc.)
- Familiarize yourself with the Citizenship in the World Merit Badge requirements. Consider becoming a counselor for this merit badge and encourage others to do the same.
- Attend and encourage others to attend International Scouting training courses (International Representation position specific training, Philmont Training Center conference, local University of Scouting).