



Global BSA

International newsletter

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*BSA Headquarters at the 22nd World Scout Jamboree, Sweden, July 27-Aug 8, 2011
 (over 38,000 Scouts from 114 countries)*

JAMBOREE-ON-THE-AIR (JOTA) JAMBOREE-ON-THE-INTERNET (JOTI)

JOTA and JOTI are annual Scouting events sponsored by the World Scout Bureau of the World Organization of the Scout Movement. The 54th JOTA and the 15th JOTI will be held October 15-16, 2011. Please visit www.scouting.org/international/highlights for more information and to download the certificate/contact log.

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MESSENGERS OF PEACE PROGRAM

*Jeddah, Saudi Arabia
 September 28, 2011*

With over 4,500 Scouts and leaders present from 94 different countries, the **Messengers of Peace** program was officially launched (<http://messengersofpeace.info/>) in the stadium of the King Abdullah University of Science and Technology (KAUST) located near Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

The program ceremonies were attended by Their Majesties Carl XVI Gustaf King of Sweden and Queen Sylvia, and Prince Faisal bin Abdullah bin Mohammed al Saud of Saudi Arabia. The King of Sweden serves as honorary chairman of the World Scout Foundation. Prince Faisal is minister of education for the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and is president of the Scout Association of Saudi Arabia.

Also present among those launching this new worldwide initiative were members of the international leadership of the Boy Scouts of America. The BSA contingent leader to Saudi Arabia was Roger Schrimp, chairman of the BSA's International Committee. "Those who may have attended the world Scout jamboree in Sweden this summer certainly heard about the Messengers of Peace program. While at the jamboree some 12,000 Scouts from all over the world signed the initiatives and registered their projects on a huge Messengers of Peace map. The jamboree was just the initial first step leading to the official launch here tonight, where over 4.5 million Scouts have been promised to join the program in the coming months," explained Schrimp.

The opening ceremony at KAUST was streamed live on the Internet, and all Scouts worldwide were invited to follow the example set by the 12,000 already signed up as Messengers of Peace at the jamboree.



The King of Sweden and King Abdullah bin Abdul-Aziz al Saud of Saudi Arabia have been working closely for 10 years now, sponsoring the Gifts for Peace program that inspired 10 million Scouts in 110 countries to work on community projects. Now they have issued this new challenge – let's get 20 million Scouts working together!

Now the excitement is about to spread wider...

Messengers of Peace is a simple concept – every Scout doing good deeds and giving services to others will be part of that collective process aiming at changing the world – a Scout's single act multiplied by 20 million – that is its real dynamic. So, of course, we want every Scout and all of their friends to be a part of this program as well.

BSA Chief Scout Executive Bob Mazduca explains that the initiative is not about reinventing the wheel but is recognizing the existing community service projects being carried out by the Scouts of the world every day. It aims to log each project in the "cloud" that is the Internet and show the impact of Scouting worldwide.

"Imagine 20 million young people being active in their communities worldwide undertaking simple but important work to change **their** world," added Schrimp.

Following the launch in Jeddah, it is expected that many more Scouts will want to join in the quest to change the world. "Scouts are the messengers of peace in the world. You all have an important job to do: You need to mobilize all 30 million Scouts throughout the world in the cause of building peace. We in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia are proud to be supporting you in these efforts. We will continue this support in the future," stated King Abdullah.

The World Scout Foundation has been working closely with the royal family of Saudi Arabia to help provide funding to support the Messengers of Peace program. During the ceremonies at KAUST, Prince Faisal presented a check to the WSF to financially support the program over the next 10 years!

The BSA will name a chairman for its role in the worldwide Messengers of Peace program. Additional details will be shared with local council international representatives as soon as they become available.

Are you changing the world today?

Become a Messenger of Peace now!

BSA CONTINGENT PROGRAM

As a member of the World Organization of the Scout Movement, the Boy Scouts of America gets invited to many different international/national events in different countries every year. This is a great opportunity for the BSA to connect with the world upon the interaction with local Scouts and Scout leaders at those special events. Consequently, it provides us, our BSA Scouts and adults, an excellent opportunity to learn about other countries, people, and cultures through Scouting activities, plus learn their Scouting skills and make new friendships as part of the adventure.

Depending on the locations, time, availability of Direct Service units, attendees, and budgets, a contingent may be formed for these international events. Once a contingent formation is approved, BSA Scouts and Scout leaders will be selected to join this contingent (Boy Scout troop or Venturing crew).

The BSA would like to send contingents that represent geographical diversity. Contingents will be formed with Scouts and Scout leaders from all over the country, not just from one troop/crew in the same council.

In order to qualify for a BSA contingent, Scouts and Scout Leaders must be nominated to the International Department by their council international representative and approved by their council Scout executive.

Next journey: XIX Central American Moot, Panama

Nomination forms can be found at:

www.scouting.org/international



GILWELL WEBSITE

Discover your roots at Gilwell Park. The 1st Gilwell Park website is live, so sign up and visit the home of Scouting. The site is for members of the 1st Gilwell Park Scout Group—the largest Scout group in the world. If you hold the Wood Badge, you are already a member and can sign up now at 1stgilwellpark.org. Follow them on Twitter, @1stgilwellpark, or Facebook under Back to Gilwell: Facebook Wood Badgers.



UNITED STATES FUND FOR INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING

The International Committee annually appoints a five-member committee to serve as directors of the United States Fund for International Scouting (USFIS). This fund provides project money for National Scout Organizations, World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) regions, and the World Scout Bureau (WSB). A summary of the grants for 2010 and 2011 to date is as follows:

2010	Bhutan Scout Association	National Scout Center – Sanitation
2010	Kandersteg International Scout Center	Renovations for the Uncle Sam Cabin
2010	Kandersteg International Scout Center	Conference Facilities Project
2010	Scouts de Colombia	Better Colombia Project
2011	Scout Association of Azerbaijan	National Scout Training Center Upgrade
2011	Scouts de Colombia	Better Colombia Project – Phase II
2011	Eurasia Region	Seminar - Making us stronger
2011	Scouts of Georgia	Publishing leader's handbook
2011	Scout Association of Fiji	National Scout Training Centre Renovation

USFIS Delivers Funds to Bhutan Scout Association
Chief Scout Executive Robert Mazzuca and International Committee Chairman Roger Schrimp were among a contingent of 12 that visited Bhutan in March 2010. The Bhutan Scout Association has only been a member of WOSM for 10 years and already has over 24,000 members. The USFIS grant request was for constructing the sanitation facilities at their national Scout center. The funds were received by Education Minister Thakur S. Powdyel on the Scout association's behalf. "We're delighted about the prospects of collaboration between the Bhutan Scout Association and the Boy Scouts of America," Powdyel said. "Despite the distance and uniqueness of culture, the two organizations share the same spirit." Schrimp said, "We thank the Bhutan Scout Association for giving us the opportunity to interact with Bhutanese students and letting us donate the funds for a good purpose." While in Bhutan, the BSA team visited Punakha and Wangduephodrang to meet Scout members in schools, interact, and see the various programs they carried out.



CAMP STAFF PROGRAM FOR BSA SCOUTERS

The European Camp Staff Program and Suncheon Asia-Pacific Scout Centre in Korea both provide opportunities for registered BSA Scouters, ages 18-30, to volunteer as staff members in an overseas Scout camp.

The aim of the European Camp Staff Program is to assist young people in developing their leadership skills and to encourage intercultural learning. This is achieved by providing the individual with a residential experience as a volunteer staff member at a Scout center in another country. For more information and the application, please visit www.scouting.org/international/ecamp.

In March 2009, the Suncheon Asia-Pacific Scout Centre began offering programs in English based on the Scout method of "learning by doing" - a hands-on experiential learning process in the outdoors - through young leaders from the National Scout Organizations. Korean youth may learn real-life, everyday spoken English and global leadership through various outdoor hands-on programs, weekly English camps, and seasonal experiential programs. At the same time, staff members may learn about Korea's rich history, culture, and tradition as well as share the brotherhood of Scouting with participants and visitors. The staff requirements are: Be endorsed by and be an active, registered member of your National Scout Organization; be at least 18 years old and currently enrolled or a graduate of a university; be available for at least 12 weeks; be able to communicate in English fluently; be able to use and teach the Scout method and introduce your country's culture; and be able to live by the culture and laws of Korea. For additional information and an application, please email lisa.cristiano@scouting.org.

INTERNATIONAL CAMP STAFF PROGRAM

The International Camp Staff Program is operated by the Boy Scouts of America for camp program enrichment. It provides an opportunity for local councils throughout America to invite qualified Scouters from other countries to be a part of their summer camp and Cub Scout day camp programs. The great service rendered by the international camp counselors is that they bring to camp the flavor of international Scouting and give significance to the world brotherhood ideal. Check out the success stories below and visit www.scouting.org/international/applications to apply for 2012!

"I don't know who got more of a kick and fun in having a staff person this summer, Hui-Ching or me!"



22ND WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE

*Rinkaby, Sweden
Caitlin Collins*

What do you call over 38,000 Scouts from around the world gathered in a packed campsite to make up the fourth largest city in southern Sweden? Nothing other than the 22nd World Scout Jamboree! This jamboree was like none other, focusing on the values of "Simply Scouting." As the United States contingent, we took many participants and Scouts to enjoy this wonderful experience.

July 27 – August 7 were some of the best days of many Scouts' lives. These were days filled with activities, camping, cooking, cleaning, meeting friends from all over the world, and completely immersing themselves in the culture of everyone around them. This experience was like none other because the world was all around you in one small campsite in eastern Sweden.

I was proud to serve as one of the United States IST members in the Autumn Participant Foods site. This was the place where the participants came to get their food for the day, bought on "points" instead of money. The participants had a great time shopping for their food in between activities such as quest, dream, acceptance of religions, faith and beliefs, and organized dinners with Scouts from other countries.

All of these activities were put on a standstill during the three participant shows of this jamboree. The opening show was a great experience, and was the first time that all 38,000 Scouts were in one place at the jamboree. The two other shows were just as special, as all of the Scouts were in one place again. The second show brought in the aspect of culture, and the closing show was a special goodbye from the country of Sweden and a passing on to Japan for the next jamboree in 2015.

Being a member of the Baden-Powell Fellowship brought many different sides to the jamboree for my family and me. We attended a dinner with King Gustaf and Queen Silvia of Sweden. I was chosen to sit as the King's dinner partner. This was an experience unlike any other that cannot be topped in my lifetime. Along with this came special seating at the phenomenal closing show put on by the Swedes in the arena with 40,000 participants on all sides. I am so proud to be one of the members of this organization and to have had the experiences that I did at this jamboree and will continue to have throughout my life. The Baden Powell Fellowship assists



She was simply delightful, was a real breeze to work with, and everyone loved her. Our council board met her this summer, and I can tell you- it did wonders for international Scouting up here. Having just one great exchange international staff member can change minds and influence, dramatically, in one afternoon, what it would take years for a whole committee of old Scouters to accomplish! I can tell you any council that doesn't do this is sorely missing out of a real strong plus to retention, excitement, intrigue and not to mention local press exposure (which we received with TV/print media) while she was here." ---Tom Johnson, International Representative, Heart of America Council

"I had a very wonderful time in Camp Alexander, Pikes Peak Council, Colorado. That was a very amazing experience. After the camp was over, I traveled across the country in the United States. I traveled with another international staff from Poland. I visited California; New York; Washington, D.C.; and Rhode Island. I am so glad that this year some of us can visit you and so we can share more experience and knowledge. "---Imas Masturoh, 2011 international staffer, Indonesia



WORLD FRIENDSHIP FUND

We can now accept World Friendship Fund donations online! To donate online or to download the brochure, please visit www.scouting.org/international/worldsupport.

Did you know

The World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) currently has 161 national Scouting associations from 220 countries and territories on this planet.

Scouting organizations in less fortunate countries with funds to expand Scouting in their home countries. BP Fellows also paid for 167 Scouts from around the world to attend the world jamboree.

The World Organization of the Scouting Movement (WOSM) authorizes these wonderful jamborees every four years. The 23rd World Scout Jamboree is to be held in Japan in 2015, followed by 2019 hosted jointly by Canada, Mexico, and the United States, to be held at the Summit, Bethel Family National Scout Reserve. These experiences are not to be missed. After attending my second world jamboree, I am excited to say that I cannot wait for any of the next jamborees! They are life-changing experiences and some of the best times of my life.

DIRECT SERVICE

The purpose of Direct Service is to make the Scouting program available to United States citizens and their dependents living in countries outside the jurisdiction of the Transatlantic Council (headquartered in Italy, serving U.S. Scouts in most of Europe) and the Far East Council (headquartered in Japan, serving several Far East nations). Here is the current status of Direct Service:

Number of countries: 61 (units and Lone Scouts)

Membership:

Number of units: 90

- Packs: 36
- Troops: 51
- Crew: 3

Number of Scouts: 2697 (includes 182 Lone Scouts)

- Packs: 1,369 (includes 63 Lone Cub Scouts)
- Troops: 1,311 (includes 109 Lone Boy Scouts)
- Crew: 17

New units:

- Troop 1124, chartered by the LDS Church in Panama City, Panama
- Pack 111, chartered by the LDS Church in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
- Pack 8888, Chartered by Dulwick College in Suzhou, China
- Troop 13, chartered to The Kaust School, Thuwal, Saudi Arabia
- Troop 1776, chartered to Millennium Relief & Development, Sulaymania, Iraq
- Pack 826, chartered to Naval Support Activity Bahrain

Eagle Scouts – 55 Presented (As of September 30, 2011)

DIRECT SERVICE LONE SCOUT HONORED FOR HEROISM

During the fall Baden-Powell Fellowship gathering in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, Lone Scout Joseph Barefoot was presented with the Honor Medal with Crossed Palms, which is the Boy Scouts of America's highest lifesaving award. In attendance at the presentation were notable dignitaries from the Scouting world, including King Carl XVI Gustaf of Sweden.

Joe received the award for his actions in attempting to save Dr. John Ryan from the turbulent currents of the French River without concern for his own safety. Although Ryan died that day, Joe did all he could to save Ryan, and we applaud him for his actions.



COMMUNICATION UPDATES FROM INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT

Yahoo groups:

YAHOO! GROUPS

There has been a Yahoo group created for *council international representatives* (IR). Information, updates, and announcements are being communicated from the International Department through this group. All IRs should be part of this group for general information. If you are an IR and have not been part of this group, please let us know or sign up through this link:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BSA-International-Representatives>

Another Yahoo group has been created for *general newsletter distribution*. If you would like to receive this newsletter through email in the future, you can sign up to join this group:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/International-Program-Newsletter>.

If you are an IR, you do not need to subscribe to this newsletter distribution group because you already will receive a copy through IR Yahoo! Groups.

Facebook:



Are you a Facebook user? Be a fan of International BSA on Facebook. Click on the "Like" button on the International

BSA Facebook page. You will receive more updates and upcoming event information there as well. Here is the link:

<http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/BSA-International-Program/202254869829537>

International Website:

New forms and updated forms are now available in fillable PDF format:

- International Letter of Introduction
- BSA Contingent Nomination (for youth and adults)
- International Scouter's Award
- Online World Friendship Fund
- European Camp Staff Program
- International Camp Staff Program

OR codes: Scouts and leaders now can get straight to our International website using their iPhone and QR code scanner.

INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING ITEMS FOR SALE THROUGH INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT

International Scouting flag. White World Crest on a 3X5-foot, or 4X6-foot purple flag for indoor and outdoor use; \$65 for the 3X5 flag, and \$100 for the 4X6 flag.

World Scout Foundation–Royal Anniversary Linens. The series was launched to celebrate the 60th birthday of the King of Sweden and the Centenary of Scouting. Each item in the series (tablecloths, placemats, and napkins) bears the woven personal monogram of His Majesty, as well as the world Scout emblem. They are high-quality damask weave made of 100 percent cotton. While supplies last, you can purchase a tablecloth, a set of 10 placemats, or a set of 10 napkins for \$150 each. As a discount, you can mix or match any three items for a cost of \$400.

The 2011 WSJ online Scout shop from Sweden is still open: <http://shop.worldscoutjamboree.se/>

Memory Package

This great jamboree can be relived through an extensive Memory package.

The Memory Package consists of:

- A 200-page photo book
- A one-hour documentary on DVD (regional free)
- A CD with the best of Jamboree-TV, best of Jamboree-Radio, all issues of the magazine Hej Jam! and images from the Jamboree

Shipping is included. The price is 295 SEK and it is available for purchase in the webshop only.

WHAT'S UPCOMING

XIX Central American Moot – Panama – Jan 3-9, 2012

(A BSA contingent will attend.)

Baden-Powell Fellowship event – Madrid, Spain – April 19-22, 2012

Philmont International Representative conference – June 17-23, 2012

Korea National Jamboree – Korea – July 24-30, 2012

(A BSA contingent will attend.)

