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UPCOMING EVENTS

2014

June 8–14 Philmont International Representative Conference

July 20–27 International Jamboree, Iceland

July 21–28 15th Caribbean Jamboree, Curaçao

Sept. 21 International Day of Peace

Oct. 18–19 57th Jamboree on the Air

Oct. 18–19 18th Jamboree on the Internet

2015

July 28–Aug. 8 23rd World Scout Jamboree, Japan

2017

July 25–Aug. 2 15th World Scout Moot

2019

July 24th World Scout Jamboree, United States

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

DVD, No. 22611

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

We had another great camp season with the International Camp Staff Program. Thank you to all the council staff and volunteers who hosted international camp staff counselors and helped them have a wonderful time.

Please see the stories below from an international staffer and from a participating BSA camp. Be sure your council participates in the 2014 season by filling out an application found at www.scouting.org/international/applications.

“Thank you very much for assigning me as a camp staff 2013 in Camp Hansen. It was an enjoyable and memorable summer camp for me out of my country. I have shared and learned a lot of Scouting things here. I had great fun and made good relationships with the staff as well as the Boy Scouts that I worked with. They are very supportive and cordial to me.”—
Alak Chakraborty, International Camp Staffer, Bangladesh



Alak Chakraborty (center)

“The Kingdom of Bhutan is half a world away from Camp Lakota, but for eight weeks this summer we had a small piece of Bhutan right here. Pema Dorji, a 20-year-old from Bhutan, was our International staff member.

“Pema arrived at Camp Lakota just as camp opened and was immediately put to work. He was assigned as a COPE instructor with associated duties at the climbing tower. During the camp season, he was a regular fixture at the tower and was a popular staff member there. He was also a very busy man at the Dad and Lad camp. He was the guy to go to while working on the Language and Culture belt loop.

“One of his favorite American treats is the corn dog. During Dad and Lad, he also got his first taste of cotton candy. He loved it! Pema is a quiet young man, but once you get to know him, he is friendly and fun to be with. The campers loved hearing about his home and sharing stories with him. Pema obviously made his mark on the Lakota staff as he was selected as the Overall Staff Member of the Year by his peers.”
—**Excerpted from the *Smoke Signals* newsletter, September-October 2013, Black Swamp Area Council**



Pema Dorji (right)

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2013 REPORT JOTA and JOTI



Participants of JOTA and JOTI had a wonderful time over the October 19–20 weekend!

JOTA stations reporting their activities grew from 204 in 2012 to 271 in 2013—an increase of 33 percent. However, participation by Scouts declined 25 percent, from 18,537 to 13,866. This drop is partly because only 65 percent of registered stations filed reports after the event.

This year, an unofficial JOTA Jump Start was held Friday evening, prior to the official start at midnight local time, and 146 stations registered for participation in this program. They reported that this early event option was a success. It proved to be particularly helpful for units of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints who do not camp on Saturday evenings or Sundays.

The World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) made some late changes to the JOTI website, and this caused confusion among the JOTI participants, resulting in a decrease in U.S. participation. 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 also find previous JOTA and JOTI reports there as well.

Please be sure to visit
www.scouting.org/jota and
www.scouting.org/joti in the upcoming months
for information on JOTA and JOTI 2014!

INTRODUCING THE INTERNATIONAL SPIRIT AWARD

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. This award serves as a replacement for, and therefore eliminates, the International Activity emblem and the Youth Exchange emblem. International Spirit Award emblems are \$4 each and are purchased from the International Department.

Please visit
[www.scouting.org/
international/applications](http://www.scouting.org/international/applications) to
see the requirements and apply
for this new 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.



www.scouting.org/messengersofpeace

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! Nomination forms and information about the IR position are available at

www.scouting.org/international/internationalrepresentative

THE BIG D FLEUR-DE-LIS PROJECT FOR MESSENGERS OF PEACE



As part of their council's centennial celebration, thousands of Scouts from Circle Ten Council in Dallas, Texas, participated in a Messengers of Peace project.

They collected aluminum cans throughout 2013. Then, on November 9, the Scouts gathered at Fair Park in Dallas to form a large fleur-de-lis mosaic with the aluminum cans.

The Scouts collected 201,280 cans, equaling 5,920 pounds of aluminum, and all the cans were recycled after the event. Some of the proceeds from the event will be used to buy mosquito nets and tents which will be donated to the Uganda Scouts Association. Altogether, the Scouts recorded more than 25,000 hours of service for the Messengers of Peace program.

CENTRAL REGION

Twin Valley Council, No.283
Gamehaven Council, No.299
W.D. Boyce Council, No.138
Greater Cleveland Council, No.440
Muskingum Valley Council, No.467
Buckskin Council, No.617
Pony Express Council, No.311
Tecumseh Council, No.439
Glacier's Edge Council, No.620
Blackhawk Area Council, No.660

SOUTHERN REGION

Calcasieu Area Council, No.209
Northwest Texas Council, No.587
South Texas Council, No.577
Pee Dee Area Council, No.522
Quapaw Area Council, No.18

NORTHEAST REGION

Suffolk County Council, No.404
Moraine Trails Council, No.500
Bucktail Council, No.509

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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 and national events every year. These events provide great opportunities for the BSA to connect with the world through interaction with local Scouts and Scout leaders. They also provide our BSA Scouts and adults excellent opportunities to learn about other countries, people, and cultures through Scouting activities, as well as to learn Scouting skills and make new friendships as part of the adventure.

Depending on the location, 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 or crew in the same council.

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.

BSA contingent nomination forms: www.scouting.org/international/BSAContigent



UPCOMING BSA CONTINGENT TRIPS

We have two BSA contingent trips planned for 2014.

Interested Scouts, Venturers, and adult leaders should be nominated by their local council and/or International Representative. Nomination forms can be found at www.scouting.org/international/BSAContigent.

See below for details about our upcoming trips!

15TH CARIBBEAN JAMBOREE

Date of Event: July 21–28, 2014
Country: Curaçao
Host: Scouting Antiano
Age: 15–17 (Boy Scouts, Venturers) and adults
Contingent Size: 18 youths and 4 adults
Departure Date: July 20, 2014
Location: Ronde Klip Campsite, Willemstad, Curaçao
Cost: \$1,600 (includes travel [round trip from United States—Curaçao], lodging, food, event fee, patches, neckerchief, duffel bag, and lots of fun!)

ICELAND INTERNATIONAL JAMBOREE

Date of Event: July 20–27, 2014
Country: Iceland
Host: The Icelandic Boy and Girl Scout Association
Age: 15–20 (Boy Scouts, Venturers) and adults
Contingent Size: 8 youths and 2 adults
Departure Date: July 17, 2014
Location: Hamrar, Akureyri, Iceland
Cost: \$2,600 (includes travel [round trip, United States—Iceland], lodging, tour, food, event fee, patches, neckerchief, duffel bag, and lots of fun!)



DIRECT SERVICE SCOUTS RECEIVE HONOR MEDALS

The Boy Scouts of America awards the Honor Medal to youth members or adult leaders who have demonstrated unusual heroism and skill in saving or attempting to save a life at considerable risk to self.

The award was first presented in 1923, and through the end of 2012, a total of 2,354 people have earned it.

So far this year, a trio of Direct Service Scouts have received the Honor Medal for their heroic actions. We congratulate the following Scouts.



Charles Allen **Pack 3017, Singapore**

On May 11, 2013, 8½-year-old Wolf Scout Charles Allen was in a swimming pool with his grandmother, Mrs. Yoon. Although she can swim a bit, Mrs. Yoon was not comfortable in water she cannot stand up in. While swimming, Mrs. Yoon did not realize she had ventured into the deep end of the pool. When she tried to stand up to rest, she realized just how deep the water was and began to panic, sinking under the water.

Charles noticed his grandmother was in distress and that the lifeguard on duty was unaware of it. As he approached her, she grabbed onto him, pulling him under with her. Charles managed to get out of her grip, swam to the surface for air, and then dived back down. When he reached his grandmother, he grabbed on to her swimsuit with one arm and paddled with his free arm to shallow water.

Braden Welsh **Troop 435,** **Guantanamo Bay,** **Cuba**

On June 10, 2012, First Class Scout Braden Welsh, 13, of Troop 435 in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, was sailing with his family off the coast of Cuba. An unexpected wave hit the vessel, and he and his 5-year-old brother, August, were ejected from the boat. Realizing his brother could not reach the boat on his own, and despite possible injury to himself,

Braden swam to August and stayed with him until help arrived. The two boys were in the water for more than 30 minutes, swimming against rough currents until the U.S. Coast Guard arrived. Only after his brother was safely in the rescue boat would Braden agree to being pulled in.

During the entire ordeal, Braden's main concern was for the safety of his young brother.

Robert Helm **Pack 820, Hamala, Bahrain**

On April 24, 2013, Robert Helm, a 7-year-old Wolf Cub Scout and a beginning swimmer, was playing at his friend's house. Robbie noticed that his friend's 18-month-old brother had gotten through the pool gate and had fallen into the deep end of the family's pool. Without hesitation, Robbie ran to the pool and jumped in. He pulled the toddler up so he could get under him and pushed the child to the surface and then over to the side where Robbie yelled for help.

Although the child was coughing, he had not taken in too much water and was in good condition. Had Robbie not acted so quickly, the accident could have ended in the child's death.



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23RD WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE

Kirara-hama, Yamaguchi, Japan
July 28 through Aug. 8, 2015



Unity and harmony. Friendship and peace. All that and more is reflected in the Kanji character 和(WA), in Japanese culture, and in the 23rd World Scout Jamboree.

In 2015, more than 30,000 Scouts and leaders from 161 countries around the world will converge on Kirara-hama, Yamaguchi, Japan, for the 23rd World Scout Jamboree. The event will provide opportunities to raise awareness of global issues, explore the environment, participate in community service, make friends from around the world, and deepen understanding of developments in science and technology. This jamboree provides a unique opportunity for participants to experience an exciting program of activities including Global Development Village, City of Science, Crossroads of Culture, the Peace Program, and much more.

At the jamboree in Kirara-hama, participants will get to live and learn with fellow Scouts from around the world. They'll be housed in tents along with the BSA contingent, but will venture out to mingle with tens of thousands for two weeks of activities and adventure. That's right: a world fellowship exercise on an enormous scale!

Scouts and leaders are invited to come to Japan and be a part of the world brotherhood of Scouting. The Scout Association of Japan has extended an invitation to Scouters age 18 and up to be a part of the International Service Team (IST).

Make plans now to be a part of this once-in-a-lifetime event, where Scouts and Venturers from around the world will meet at the intersection of tradition and innovation to explore energy, innovation, and harmony.

For more information, email
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To learn more about the jamboree,
visit our website
www.scouting.org/worldjamboree.



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