



Scouting Around the World

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National Capital Area Council International Committee

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The International Committee meets the third Thursday, every other month at the Marriott Scout Service Center, 7:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

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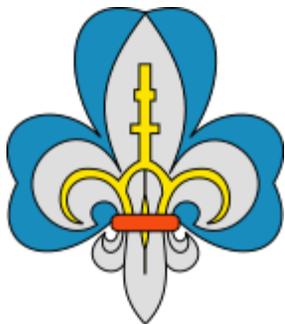
1931 "Scouting is a game, not a Science. But sometimes I wonder, with all our rules, pamphlets, training classes, etc., we may be making of it too serious a game. It is true that these things are all necessary to men for getting the hang of the thing and for securing results. But they are apt to grow into big proportions without our noticing it, when all the time it is very patent to those who come suddenly upon it from outside. ... Many young men are put off Scoutmastering by the fear that they have got to be capable of teaching all the details of the badges....So may I urge upon Scouters that the more important quest is to ginger up the *joyous* spirit of Scouting through camping and hiking, not as an occasional treat in intervals of parlor or parade Scouting, but as the *habitual form of training* for their boys – and incidentally for themselves."

Collectors' Corner: Vintage Boy Scout Valentines



Kailash Rover crew in India organized a campaign to interact with the community and encourage them to cast their vote in the upcoming elections.(March 2019). They also tried to motivate voting by taking signatures as a commitment to build a strong nation. Voting is one of the ways to do that. The Rovers also informed people about the procedures of enrolling for voter ID cards.

Scouting in Slovakia



Slovenský skauting (*Scouting Slovakia*), is the primary national Scouting and Guiding organization of Slovakia. The first Scout troop in the area that comprises Slovakia, while under the Austro-Hungarian Empire, was founded in 1912. Scouting in Slovakia started in connection with Hungarian Scouting as Slovakia was, at the time, economically and socially linked more closely with the Hungarian parts of the Empire. After the November 1989 Velvet Revolution, Scouting was one of the first organisations to re-emerge from working underground. By the close of 1989, the number of Scouts in Czechoslovakia was 80,000. On February 1, 1990, the Federation of Czech and Slovak Scouting was officially registered, paving the way for its re-admittance to the World Organization during the World Scout Conference in Paris in July 1990, re-recognised by the major world Scouting organisations. Slovak Scouting returned as part of federated Scouting in Czechoslovakia from 1990 to 1992. Upon Czechoslovakia's dissolution on December 31, 1992, Slovenský Skauting and Cesky Junák were required to apply for membership of the World Organization as the national member organizations of the Republic of Slovakia and the Czech Republic, respectively. Slovakia was welcomed as a member of the World Organization of the Scout Movement in its own right since 1997.

As Native American symbology and mythology has been popular in Central Europe since the 1880s, the highest rank is the *Three Feathers of Eagle* in Slovak (Tri orlie perá). This rank consists of 3 quests: 24 hours silence; 24 hours hunger; 24 hours solitude without being seen, but watching what is happening in the camp. Usually this rank is done in Scout camp during the summer.

STATEMENT OF SUPPORT TO SCOUTING IRELAND

Scouting Ireland is a Member Organization of the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) with a total membership of 50,000, approximately 10 per cent of whom are adult volunteers. Scouting Ireland supports the growth and development of young people by teaching them about the values and skills needed to be active global citizens. As part of this commitment, Scouting Ireland provides extensive and compulsory safeguarding training for its adult members to ensure they have the necessary skills and competencies for the safe delivery of their Youth Program. Scouting Ireland is an active part of the European Scout Region of World Scouting and contributes to the sharing and development of good practices concerning the safety and protection of young people. WOSM is following closely the ongoing safeguarding case involving Scouting Ireland and the child protection concerns raised by Tulsa, the country's Child and Family Agency, and Minister for Children Katherine Zappone. WOSM supports the measures that Scouting Ireland has put in place to tackle this important safe from harm issue. The new measures will continue to ensure that young people in Ireland will enjoy the full Youth Program in a safe and inclusive environment. WOSM stands ready to provide the necessary support to Scouting Ireland and to ensure that young people can access the full program.



The Safe from Harm self-assessment tool helps an NSO to assess the level of development and consistency with the Safe from harm rules and procedures introduced in the World Safe from Harm Policy. This is available in the World Bureau's on-line library.