



# 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.

Upcoming meeting date: 17 SEP 2015

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## B-P Bits:



B-P, although fully matured in army models of control, was vehemently hostile to over-centralization and excessive bureaucracy. He believed Scouting should be taken up as a result of coming together at a local level of interested adults along with enthusiastic children. The function of Headquarters was to provide a framework within which Scouting could develop while still reflecting local, national and later international diversity. He discouraged excessive interference with Scouting on the ground, as long as those involved accepted the basic ideals of Scouting. This balance between local autonomy and centralized guidance has served well.

## Collectors' Corner:



US



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Canada



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Australia



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UK



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JOTA-JOTI is the largest Scouting event in the world. In 2014 over 1.3 million Scouts participated across 157 countries. The event is held the third weekend of October; for 2015 the Jamboree takes place on **16th, 17th and 18th October.**





Highest Award



Richard Barrow

Scouting was first introduced in Thailand on July 1, 1911 by King Rama VI, who is known as the *Father of Thai Scouting*. King Rama VI brought back the idea of Scouting from Great Britain where he studied. Scouting in Thailand is unique in that it is part of the school curriculum and receives strong support from the Thai government and people. Even the Royal Family are keen members. King Bhumibol (Rama IX) is the Chief Scout.

Although Scouting is part of the school program, especially for grades 6-8, it is not actually mandatory. Options do exist for participation in other youth programs, such as the Thai Red Cross; however, the vast majority of Thai youth participate in Scouting. Scouts wear their Scout uniforms to school once a week, though which day of the week is set by the local schools.

The fundamental principles are: adherence to spiritual values, loyalty to country, promotion of world brotherhood, helping others, the practice of the Scout oaths and laws, voluntary participation in community services and various program activities. Scouting is open to boys and girls of all religions. There are 4 sections of Scouting: Cub Scouts, Scouts, Senior Scouts and Rovers. There are also Sea Scouts and Air Scouts which are supported by the Royal Thai Navy and Royal Thai Air Force. Scout training takes place at both primary and secondary school levels as well as at university and technical colleges.



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The Scouts of Saudi Arabia have been working tirelessly in Mecca and Medinah, the two holiest sites in Islam, in support of the record number of visitors during the holy month of Ramadan. Visiting the 3000 Scouts on duty, Minister of Education Dr Azzam al Dakhil (4th from left) praised the Scouts for their service as Messengers of Peace. He donned a Scout scarf during his visit and "was just like one of us", declared one of the younger Scouts from Riyadh who met him. The service is one of the many large scale annual activities led by Saudi Scouting, according to Chief Commissioner Dr Abdullah al Fahad (3rd from left), who is also a member of the World Scout Committee.

## *Ivančena Scout Mound is a stone memorial in Beskydy mountains in the Czech Republic.*

During the last days of World War II the Nazis brutally murdered several young Czech Scouts for their involvement in resistance activities. For their memory, in 1946, their friends built a small cairn in the mountains. The message was: Let anyone who goes around remember their deeds and leave a stone on this spot. Scouts and others kept coming with their stones even during the 40 years of communist oppression, commemorating Scout ideals. During the last 70 years a majestic memorial has arisen from the original small pile of stones and contains pieces from many places around the world.



## *You can add your contingent stone on the Ivančena Scout Mound!*

*Do you want to become part of the history and to express solidarity with the Scout ideals? When going to the Jamboree, bring a small stone (max. 5 cm diameter) from a beautiful and/or an important place in your country, paint or sign it and add it to the collection in the Czech Pavilion at the WSJ. We will then make sure to give it a prominent place on the Mound which is just being renovated...*

*Ask us to learn more about the Ivančena Scout Mound beforehand at [ivancena@jamboree.cz](mailto:ivancena@jamboree.cz). Thanks for your contribution and see you in Japan!*

