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International Event Scouting's Centenary Celebration in 2007

www.scoutbase.org.uk/2007/recruitment/jamb_plan_teams.htm



In 2007 Scouting will celebrate its centenary. Since 1907 almost half a billion young people all over the world have pledged to live by the Scout Promise and Law. The Scout Association of the United Kingdom is closely involved in planning the celebrations, and developments will be posted to the website. All Scouts will have reason to celebrate in 2007 even if Scouting in their country is not 100 years old. There are three anniversaries to celebrate:

The Founding of Scouting - At 8 o'clock on the morning of the August 1, 1907 Lord Baden-Powell blew on the kudu horn to signal the opening of his experimental camp on Brownsea Island. The camp was for boys from a wide range of social backgrounds in the United Kingdom. August 1, 2007 has been declared by the World Scout Committee to be a day to celebrate the founding of Scouting and to be celebrated around the world. It will also be a day to "join hands" for a tribute to Scouting's past achievements and to the future of Scouting. The 100th Anniversary will be a platform for the development of Scouting as much as it is a celebration of its achievements in the past 100 years. This will also be the day on which the 21st World Scout Jamboree opens England, and a re-creation of that first camp will take place on Brownsea Island in the United Kingdom. A representative from each Scouting country will be invited to be present.

The Founder's Birthday - The 150th anniversary of the birth of Lord Robert Baden-Powell, our Founder occurs in 2007. Robert Stephenson Smyth Powell (the 'Baden' came later) was born in London, England in 1857. Both our Founder and his wife were born on February 22. This date is celebrated annually in many countries, frequently with the Girl Guide movement, as Thinking Day. A day on which we are all encouraged to consider the meaning of our Promise. Perhaps on this special Thinking Day in 2007 consider how more contributions can be made towards world peace, an issue close to both Robert and his wife Olave.

The Founding of Scouting in the United States

Scouting was founded in the U. S. on February 8, 1910. To commemorate this event, plan a special activity such as a special camporee, a religious celebration, or a special council program with a theme that links into the world theme on February 8, 2007.

One World, One Symbol

The world was different in 1907 as it is very different now, and as it will be by 2007. The centenary logo will available for use by all associations for publicity and patches to help show that Scouting is one worldwide movement and to integrate the various worldwide activities into one large celebration. The central element of the logo represents the relationship between the traditional fleur-de-lis logo and the dove of peace, with peace rising into a bright future symbolizing a movement that **does** move ahead. Use the logo for any celebrations you are planning to as a link to the worldwide commemoration.

The Centenary Jamboree

As part of the Centenary Celebrations in 2007, the 21st World Scout Jamboree will open on July 28, 2007 with 40,000 participants at Hylands Park, Chelmsford in Essex, United Kingdom, with special celebrations on August 1, 2007 which is 100 years to the day when Baden-Powell opened the camp at Brownsea Island. A European Scout Jamboree will be held on the same site on July 30, 2005 and will bring 15,000 participants together from across the European Scout Region testing the many aspects and operations of the site and to showcase European Scouting.

Events to Spread World Scouting

A way Scouts and Scouters can demonstrate to the world the size and the potential of Scouting is to wear the international 100th Anniversary badge as a show of unity in the brotherhood of scouting and to represent commitment in bring more young people to Scouting. It can be used in conjunction with a local program of activities to encourage more to join.

The World Scout Symbol

In Scouting's early years, critics accused Baden-Powell of trying to turn boys into soldiers, referring the Scout symbol as evidence of 'a spear head, the emblem of battle and bloodshed'. The Founder quickly replied, "The crest is the fleur-de-lis', a lily, the emblem of peace and purity." In truth, he had chosen the sign for the North Point as Scouting's emblem. A symbol 'universally shown on maps, charts, and compass cards', because "it points in the right direction (and upwards), turning neither to the right nor left, since these lead backwards again..." Lady Baden-Powell later added, "It shows the true way to go." B.-P. explained the origins of this sign: In the Middle Ages, mariner Flavio Gioja designed it to make the seaman's compass more reliable. In Italian, North was 'Tramontana'. Gioja used a capital 'T' to mark it, and in deference to King Charles of Naples, whose crest was the fleur-de-lis, combined the letter with that emblem. To explain the meaning of the Scout emblem, B.-P. said, "The two stars on the two side arms stand for the two eyes of the Wolf Cub having been opened before he became a Scout... The three points of the fleur-de-lis remind the Scout of the three points of the Scout Promise..."

In the World Scout emblem, the fleur-de-lis is surrounded by a circle of rope tied with a reef knot to symbolize the strength and unity of the world brotherhood of Scouting: "Even as one cannot undo a reef knot, no matter how hard one pulls on it, so as it expands, the movement remains united." The three tips of the fleur-de-lis represent the three main parts of the Scout promise: duty to God, obedience to the Scout Law, and service to others. The two five-point stars stand for truth and knowledge, and the 10 points on both stars remind us of the 10 points of the Scout law. The ring holding the emblem together represents the bond of brotherhood. The symbol is white on a royal purple background, colors B.-P. chose because, in heraldry, white stands for purity and purple for leadership and helping others. Since Scouting began, over 200 million Scouts have worn the Scout symbol, making it one of the more highly recognized emblems in the world. Today, over 150 World Scouting countries and territories, more than 16 million members continue to wear it with pride.



International Scout News

Gilwell Park Trading Post

The Gilwell Park mail-order trading post catalog provides a selection of Trading Post items that can be mail-ordered. Check out the website: *http://www.scoutbase.org.uk/gilwellpark/trading.htm*

International Scouting

Youth Internships at the World Scout Bureau

The idea of inviting "interns" to the World Scouting Bureau for special projects was relaunched in 1999-2000 with Shana McElroy from the United States, who for more than a year represented WOSM in a wide variety of international youth areas. Ian Webb of South Africa assisted the Bureau for six months in the field of Information Technology. Christian Huber of Germany worked in Geneva for three months in 2001 setting up a database for World Scout events. Andrei larmoultchouk of Russia has just completed several months of research in the Bureau to compile the history of the rebirth of Scouting in Russia. His study will serve as his graduate dissertation, and provide a valuable record for the movement. Victor Ortega of Mexico, created impressive graphics for the World Scout Moot hosted by Mexico and has graduated from design school. Victor also spent six months in Geneva helping the Bureau. More internships will be planned for the future.

A Voice from Space

Participants around the world in the Jamboree-on-the-Air were surprised to find themselves in conversation with Commander Frank Culbertson in the International Space Station as he was in orbit 310 km above the earth and zipping along at 7km per second. You can hear some of what the Commander had to say and to obtain a report of the 44th World Scout Jamboree-on-the-Air by visiting the official JOTA website: http://www.scout.org/jota/

Nautical Games

A nautical games kit has been developed by the various Sea Scout groups in Netherlands to provide youth confidence in the water and to progressively develop their nautical skills by participating in games. Published by Scouting of the Netherlands, the practical water activities may be used for all ages and may be downloaded from: http://europe.seascout.org/resources/index.html

Scout Promise and Law (Germany) BDP (Bund Deutscher Pfadfinderinnnen)

Germany (Cubs) - Promise

I promise to do my best To do my duty to God and my Fatherland To be honest And to follow the Laws of the Pack.

Germany (Scouts) - Promise:

Versprechen: Ich will, im Vertrauen auf Gottes Hilfe, nach den Regeln der Pfadfinderinnen und Pfadfinder mit euch leben.

Germany (Scouts) - Law

Ich will den anderen achten Ich will zur Freundschaft aller Pfadfinderinnen und Pfadfinder beitragen Ich will aufrichtig und zuverlaessig sein Ich will kritisch sein und Verantwortung uebernehmen Ich will Schwierigkeiten nicht ausweichen Ich will die Natur kennenlernen und helfen, sie zu erhalten Ich will mich beherrschen Ich will dem Frieden dienen und mich fuer die Gemeinschaft einsetzen, in der ich lebe

I want in trust in God's help to live with you by following the rules of the Guides and Scouts.

I want to respect others

- I want to contribute to the friendship of all Guides and Scouts
- I want to be honest and reliable
- I want to be critical and to be responsible
- I want to avoid difficulties
- I want to know nature and to help preserve it
- I want to practice self-control
- I want to serve peace and do my best for the society in which I live

MOTTO

Germany-Cubs

Do Your Best In German the cub-scout motto is "Unser Bestes" (our best)

"Do your Best" literally translated would be "Tue Dein Bestes".

International Recipe

1 lb Lamb boneless, 1 inch cubes	Heat oil in a large, heavy skillet over High heat.
3 carrots, julliened	Drop in the lamb cubes and stir-fry them 6-7 minutes, turning constantly.
2 onions, in strips	Remove and drain then place in another dutch oven.
1/4 cup peanut oil	In the oil left in the first pan add the onions, garlic, carrots, raisins, chick peas, salt, & peppe
6 cups cold water	Cook until browned, then add the rice.
3 cups uncooked rice	Reduce the heat to low and stir for 3 minutes.
1 tsp black pepper, freshly ground	Pour this mixture into the dutch oven and toss lightly. Add the water.
1 Tbl salt	Bring to a boil over high heat then reduce the heat to low.
1 clove garlic, minced	Cover, & simmer for 25 minutes.
1/4 cup raisins	Remove from heat and allow to sit for 10 minutes. Serve at once.
1/4 cup chickpeas	Origin: Chef Yuri Nurbandisha, Karavan Restraunt, Medeo, Kazakhstan

World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) website: http://www.scout.org/ International Committee on Scouting: http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/resources/committee/icos.html

