



Scouting Around the World

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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: May 15, 2014

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BP Bits:



The Scout Salute: The three-finger salute is used by members of Scout and Guide organizations around the world when greeting other Scouts and in respect of a national flag at ceremonies. In his book, *Scouting for Boys*, B-P chose the three-finger salute for Scouts to represent the three aspects of the Scout Promise: 1. Honor God and the King; 2. Help Others; and 3. Obey the Scout Law. A "half-salute", known as the Scout Sign, is also used in certain situations. Originally, Baden-Powell intended for Scouts to salute each other in greeting when they first saw each other for the first time using the "secret sign", or half-salute. This was regardless of whether the Scouts knew each other or not. Officers, such as Patrol Leaders, Scoutmasters, or members of the armed forces, were to be saluted with a full-salute. Cub Scout sections can use a two-finger salute.

Collectors' Corner: Pacific Island Badges – same options – jamborees, ranks, districts, flags, etc.



NAIROBI - On 5th February 2014, His Excellency President Uhuru Kenyatta appointed Chief Scout of Kenya Hon. Francis Ole Kaparo and Garissa County Senator Yusuf Haji to mediate between warring communities in Marsabit County. Ten days later Hon. Kaparo and Sen. Haji together with the Marsabit leaders agreed on the formation of an oversight team that implemented measures to ensure lasting peace in the area. Some of the issues detailed in the agreement include equal distribution of resources, reconstruction and resettlement of the displaced. The Chief Scout is indeed a true Messenger of Peace and Kenya Scouts Association is proud of the great leadership and example he continues to provide. He attributed a lot of his abilities to the experiences of the values and fundamental principles in the Scouting Movement.



A Statement of the European Scout Region on Peace and Reconciliation

Creating a better world - Scouts around the world are inspired by these words. Our Movement is a global movement with a very clear vision and mission. As active citizens, we do not only experience our passion inside our Movement, but strive to be active in our approach to our world, our societies, with those whom we want to share our message. Even in hard times, moments of crisis or conflict, we want to underline what binds us together through our world organization of Scouts: our shared values from which we would like to highlight one specific value: Peace. Every Member, every Scout, can be an example of peace. As a global movement we can support our brothers and sisters that are in need. A sense of belonging, fraternal feelings, are an essential human need on which we can build solid and lasting peace.

Even if our nations experience difficulties, we should not forget our Scout values, not seeing the others as enemies or rivals, but as brothers and sisters facing challenges. As an educational and peace movement, we directly ask all our Members not to forget about our common values. Therefore, we ask everyone to strive for peaceful dialogue, to get in contact in a positive way and to reach out towards each other in times of crisis, war and catastrophes, to all who are currently experiencing challenging circumstances that impact their lives.

While we are leading by example and doing our good deed when natural catastrophes happen, or humanitarian actions are needed, we ask our National Scout Organizations and National Scout Associations to use their Scout values and especially our common value of "Peace" whenever any of us experience challenges such as we see around the world. 19 MAR 2014



With a civil war raging in their country, Scouts of Syria still celebrate the Arab Scouts Brotherhood's Day, 25 March 2014

Scouts join humanitarian operation for Syrian refugees

Working closely with the national authorities and local communities, Lebanese Scouts have focused on the basic needs of families fleeing the war in neighboring Syria, providing winter supplies, warm clothing and helping the children in particular to feel at home in their new communities. With more than 2 million refugees from Syria – 840,000 in Lebanon, 576,000 in Jordan, 540,000 in Turkey, 210,000 in Iraq and 130,000 in Egypt – the work the Scouts are doing throughout the region is really impressive. The Scouts in Lebanon will provide over 100 families with winterized tents, and family winter kits. Warm winter clothes will also be distributed as part of their ongoing support to these vulnerable families.