



# 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: March 19, 2015

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## B-P Bits:



The Kudu Horn – From a species of antelope standing over 5 ft tall. BP was commanding a flying column in the Matabele Campaign in 1896 and was puzzled by the way news of alarm was spread among the natives. It became known that they were using a war horn of great carrying power. After a fight with the Chief, BP took possession of the horn. The next time it was used, it called the boys on Brownsea Island together for the first Scout camp in 1907. Thus it was called into Scout service. It went home with BP again but was silent for the next 13 years. Then in 1920, BP handed the horn over to Gilwell so that it could be used for training courses. It is now one of the most prized possessions of the 1<sup>st</sup> Gilwell Park Scout Group.

## Collectors' Corner: Scout Writing Implements – pens, pencils, markers, etc.



1991 WJ w/lanyard



Girl Scout pen & pencil



2003 WJ



BSA Eagle Scout

## SCOUT VOLUNTEERS Help To Combat Ebola in Sierra Leone



FREETOWN - As the Ebola Virus Disease continues to ravage the nation, Sierra Leone Scouts Association, supported by the Chinese Center for Disease Control in Sierra Leone, has trained 300 Scout Volunteers in Freetown as Messengers of Peace/Change Agents in a bid to intensify the social mobilization drive in their various communities in the Western part of the country.

The Association hopes to replicate the same to other provinces and districts in the whole country, as they continue to participate in contact tracing, surveillance, safe and dignified burials, psycho-social counseling, mounting check points for temperature screening with thermometers in various communities and supporting the military and the police in providing security in quarantine homes. Most recently, the Scouts collected 50 Ebola orphans and survivor kids, most of whom are Scouts, and presently providing them with shelter, clothing, primary education and some food at their disposal.

## Scouting in Latvia:



Current emblem



Old emblem



Old emblem

The membership badge of Latvijas Skautu un Gaidu Centrālā Organizācija Scout emblem incorporates three stars of the coat of arms of Latvia, which includes the historical districts Vidzeme, Latgale and combined Courland-Semigalia (*Kurzeme-Zemgale*) into the united Latvia.

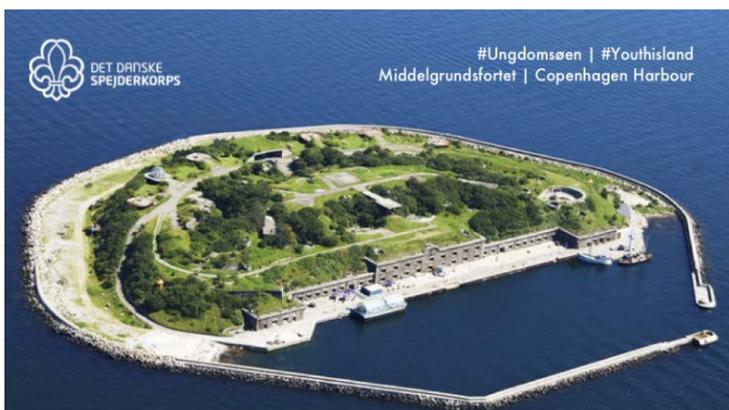
The Latvian Scouting program is based on the principles and methods created by Robert Baden-Powell, later forbidden by the Soviet government in 1940. The first Scout troop in Latvia was established on April 17, 1917 under Tsarist Russia, by Arvīds Bredermanis and other Scouts from Tartu, Estonia, followed by several other Scout troops in the Riga area. The official founding of Scouting in Latvia is counted to be 1917.

The Latvian Scout Organization Latvijas Skautu Organizācija was established in 1921, and Latvia was a founding member of the World Organization, from 1922 to 1940. Guiding was started in Latvia in 1921 under the Latvian Youth Organizations. In early 1922 *Latvijas Gaidu Centrālā Organizācija* was set up, and Girl Guiding was permitted to operate as an independent organization.

In 1940, after the Soviet occupation of Latvia, a special officer was appointed by the communists to abolish Scouting. Scouting continued unofficially and underground, operating without uniforms and in the forests to avoid detection. In 1941, the Communists killed the Latvian Scout founder and President, General Kārlis Goppers (1876–1941). The former Scout Commissioner for Latvia, Valdemārs Klētnieks, fled to the United States as a refugee after World War II. With the fall of communism, Scouting reemerged, and in 1989, the first Latvian Scout and Guide camp was organized.

*Latvijas Skautu un Gaidu Centrālā Organizācija* (the Latvian Scout and Guide Central Organization, LSGCO) rejoined the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) in 1993, as well as the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts.

## Scouts Buy Island in Denmark!



Det Danske Spejderkorps,, one of the National Scout Associations in Denmark created a buzz when they announced that they had bought (thanks to contributions from several foundations) **Middelgrundsfortet**, a famous fort dating from the 1890s off Copenhagen harbor. In an [interview on Danish TV](#), Chief Scout David Hansen said that his association had seized a golden opportunity and that plans were already under way to create a unique **Youth Island (Ungdomsøen)** to the benefit of many Scouts and other young people from Denmark and abroad. Danish Scouts will begin to discover their new Youth Island this summer and a grand opening is planned for 2016, he added.