

## 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: 21 March 2019

#### **B-P Bits:**



On the fall of Holland to the Nazis in July 1940, B-P reflects on the World Jamboree that was held there in 1937: "Considering the short period of our existence, the Scout crusade had already made remarkable progress in the world and the jamboree seemed to strengthen and consolidate the right spirit in the coming generation and so to consummate all that we had hoped for in its world expansion. Then has come this crushing set-back of war. But I look on it as only a temporary set-back. The war is bound to end with the triumph of Freedom, and though it may take some years to materialize, I am confident that the steps we have taken in the development of international goodwill will then prove their value as a practical aid to peace."

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Collectors' Corner: Pan-Arab Items





Saudi District Tunisia Rank & Flag

Kuwait 2015 WJ

5 WJ Jordan Air Scout

Algeria Pin

Message from the World Scout Committee Chairman on 22 Feb – Founder's Day

Today we celebrate the birthday of Robert Baden-Powell, whose visionary ideas have enabled generations of young people to discover the power of serving others. On this occasion, we remember the special moments of making our first Promise, building new friendships, and experiencing all the fun and adventure which is at the heart of Scouting. As global citizens, Scouts are guided by the Promise and Law, and empowered through the Youth Program, to make a lasting contribution to their communities. Everyday young people are rising to the challenges they see around them by tackling the effects of climate change, promoting gender equality, acting as Messengers of Peace, and working towards sustainable development. Our founder believed in the power of young people to change the world. Today, as we renew our Scout Promise and commitment to serve, let's keep our founder's legacy alive by continuing to work towards a common goal – to leave this world a little better than we found it.

### Scouting in Tonga:



Tonga is one of 29 countries where Scouting (for boys) exists be it embryonic or widespread, but where there is no National Scout Organization. Scouting is active in Tonga as an overseas branch of The Scout Association (UK), which allows Tonga to act as a member of the World Organization of the Scout Movement. The Girl Guides Association of the Kingdom of Tonga is the national Guiding organization of Tonga. Guiding was started at the instigation of Queen Salote in 1952. The girls-only organization became an associate member of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts in 1987. The membership badges of both organizations incorporate the crown from the coat of arms of Tonga.



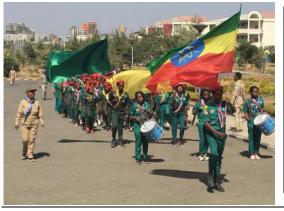
# Gambia Takes Scouting to Nursery Schools Targeting 3 to 7 Year Olds

The National Association of Early childhood education of the Gambia invited the Gambia scout association to do a presentation about scouting, its importance and how young people between the Ages of 3-7 years can take part in scouting. Growth is a priority for the Gambia scout Association and a strategy to reach 80% increment in numbers by 2021 is to introduce scouting to schools and communities.

### ROVER SCOUTS IN MYANMAR ORGANISE RELIEF EFFORTS

Myanmar Scouts has successfully organized a flood relief project for those who were affected by the flood. The project lasted for fifteen days, from the 5th to the 19th of August 2018 at the Kayin and Mon states.





### **SCOUTING IN ETHIOPIA TURNS 100**

The Scout movement in Ethiopia has turned a century old. Since its establishment in 1919, Scouting has grown to a current membership of over 75,000 young people residing in communities and villages across the country. To mark this milestone, the Ethiopia Scout Association held centenary celebrations that included the 7th National Scout Jamboree held from 3-10 February 2019 at the Ethiopia Youth Sports Academy in Addis Ababa under the theme "100 years of Volunteerism and Active Citizenship".