



# 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.

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## B-P Bits:



1911 with King George

### Voluntary Self-Education in Manliness is Possible

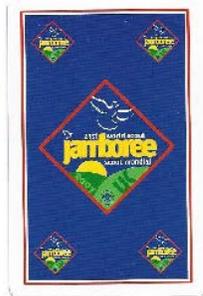
Are there no ideals we could offer to boys which without inculcating war and bloodshed would yet give them the manly aspiration, admiration of pluck and daring, of self-reliance and heroism, and self-sacrifice and chivalry?

The craft of the Indian and Zulu has its appeal for every lad; the adventure of actual boat management, or exploration of a strange country, the clambering over wild mountains, naturalist research, the pioneering skill, the camping and woodcraft lore, all have their fascinations for him. It is by using these attractions as the gift that the pill of education can be administered. And such training would be voluntary on their part, carried out with all the energy and enthusiasm of youth.

## Collectors' Corner: Scouting Card Decks



B-P Portrait



WJ UK 2010



WJ's Set



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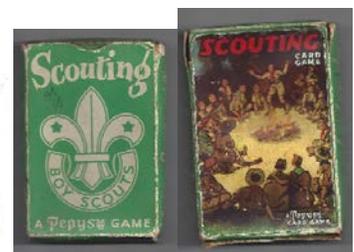
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OA Lodge 470



WJ Chile



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**A Scout Centre of Excellence for Nature and Environment (SCENES)** is a very special place. It is a center that has made a long-term commitment to protect the environment and promote environmental understanding. A SCENES Centre is committed to protecting its natural environment, minimizing its environmental impact and enabling all who are connected with the center to engage with nature and become empowered to make their own personal commitment to the environment. A SCENES Centre leads by example and acts as a positive role model to other Scout and non-Scout centers, and to its local community. It can provide real hands-on educational activities for Scouts and training opportunities for leaders, equipping them with an enthusiasm for nature and a desire to do something positive for the environment in their home-life.

## Scouting in Romania:



### Cercetașii României

The membership badge features stylized fir branches.

Romania was a founding member of the WOSM, having formally had Scouts between 1913 and 1937. Influenced by reading Baden-Powell's "Scouting for Boys", the first informal patrol of Boy Scouts was established in Romania in 1913 at Gheorghe Lazar high school by Dimitri Dimancescu, his brother, Ion, and classmates. The translation of Baden-Powell's book *Scouting for Boys* into Romanian was published in 1915.

During World War I, Romanian Scouts were very active in defense activities. Many Scouts who helped the transporting of the wounded were killed during air attacks. On September 29, 1916, Baden-Powell sent a message expressing regret to the Scouts for the death of their fellows. At the end of the war, the Boy Scouts marched in the front of the Victory Train, under the Triumphal Arch in Bucharest.

With the growing influence of fascism in the 1930s, Romanian Scouting officially preserved its apolitical character, only to be replaced in 1937 by a totalitarian organization, *Străjeria*, as part of the dictatorial measures initiated by King Carol II. After World War II, there were attempts to restore the Scout Movement in Romania, but the emergence of the communist regime brought a ban on all alternative youth movements, which were replaced by the Pioneer Organization and Union of Communist Youth.

After the Revolution of 1989, former Scouts and others acted for the revival of Scouting in Romania. *Cercetașii României* was again established in 1991, and in 1993 gained recognition by WOSM.

- *Lupișori*: Wolf Cubs-7 to 10
- *Temerari*: Pioneers/Scouts-12 to 14
- *Exploratori*: Explorers/Venturers-15 to 18
- *Seniori*: Seniors/Rovers-18 to 24
- *Lideri*: Leaders-24+

The [Scout Motto](#) is *Gata Oricând*, translated as *Always Ready* in English; the Romanian noun for a single Scout is *Cercetaș*.

## Lebanese Scout Federation helps Syrian refugees

Since 2013, Scouts from Lebanon have been working to support the integration of thousands of Syrian refugees in Lebanon, as well as helping towards improving their well-being and living conditions within the country. 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 fleeing Syria, and some 840,000 in Lebanon, local Scouts have been extremely dedicated volunteers doing vital and outstanding work throughout the country. And in order to support their operational actions and young leaders training, Messengers of Peace Support Fund handed over extra resources that will enable Scouts and local communities to help create a better world for all Syrian refugees.