

WHAT'S NEW

News from World Scouting

- Mr. Frederic Tutu Kama-Kama, from the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), has been appointed as new regional director of the World Scout Bureau, Africa Regional Office.
- Mr. Iurie Emilian, from Moldova, has been appointed as the new regional director of the World Scout Bureau, Eurasia Regional Office.

World Scout Jamboree 2011

BSA contingent chairman Allen Brown led a team to Sweden to participate in the first contingent leaders meeting for the 2011 WSJ. Allen reports that the jamboree management team and site for this worldwide event are simply outstanding. The first WSJ bulletin is expected to be prepared and mailed as early as November 2009, which is about six months ahead of our "normal schedule."

A reminder to all local council IRs: Information is available for your use as you begin to organize council signup nights. All applications and other support materials are available by visiting www.scouting.org/worldjamboree.

Panamerican Jamboree 2009

The upcoming Panamerican Jamboree—JamPan—has been postponed from the Christmas holiday period to an undetermined date in 2010. We will share information on the event as soon as it becomes available.

Councils are welcome to organize contingents. However, these contingents must be coordinated through the BSA's International Committee. An individual contingent must be coordinated through a national contingent scheme. Keep International Committee member Bari Saunders (international@scouting.org) informed of your plans, and he will coordinate the logistics with the host country. Mr. Saunders is serving as the BSA's contingent leader for JamPan.

A troop will be formed to represent the BSA's International Commissioner. Participants (36 Scouts and four leaders) will be selected from nominations made by IRs. This selection process has already begun; however, nominations are still being accepted.

Asia-Pacific Jamboree 2009

The BSA's international leadership recently announced that it will send a patrol to represent it at the upcoming Asia-Pacific Jamboree, beginning 28 December 2009. The eight Scouts and two leaders will be selected from nominations currently on file from IRs. This jamboree is being hosted by the Philippines at well-known Camp Malachi, which is a full-service Scout camp owned and operated by the Boy Scouts of the Philippines (BSP). The cost to participate has been set at \$800 per person. The fee includes airfare, patrol camping equipment, contingent luggage, and the jamboree fee. Participants will first meet in the Dallas area before their planned flight to Manila.

International Camp Staff Program 2009

The Buffalo Trail Council's Buffalo Trail Scout Ranch (BTSR) participated this year in the International Camp Staff Program (ICSP) by accepting five international camp counselors, each from a different country. "Our five staff members were great, we loved them all," BTSR camp director David O'Neill said. "Thanks for your help with this program; it was a pleasure to host these young ladies and one young man. We look forward to participating next year." O'Neill is referring to Wai-yin Cheung from Hong Kong, Putri Lestari from Indonesia, Jarla-Finela Hoppmann from Germany, Michaela Mackova from the Czech Republic, and Gabriela Montilva Pilonieta from Venezuela. BTSR, located in west Texas, also received positive media coverage with at least two local newspapers doing a story on the multicultural presence at the camp.

Your council's camp can celebrate the BSA's 100th Anniversary by participating in the ICSP for 2010 and requesting an international camp counselor. We are accepting applications now through February 15, 2010. Go to www.scouting.org/international to download an application. What a wonderful way to celebrate 100 years of Scouting.

European Camp Staff Program

Do you know any BSA-registered male or female Scouters ages 18 to 30 who would enjoy volunteering to work as camp staff at a European Scout center? If so, have them visit www.scouting.org/scoutsource/International/ecamp.aspx for information on how to participate in the European Camp Staff Program. The eligible Scouters would volunteer to work at least six weeks at a European Scout center. The host center would provide room and board, as well as time to experience the host center's culture and country. It is the responsibility of the participants to pay their own travel to and from the Scout center. The European Scout Region offers a travel reimbursement at the end of the camp assignment. According to each year's budget, the amount that will

2009 Events

Executive Board & Committee Meetings
 12-14 OCT

Asia-Pacific Jamboree
 28 DEC 2009–
 3 JAN 2010

2010 Events

SAJ-BSA Friendship Program
 3–14 FEB

Executive Board & Committee Meetings
 8–10 FEB

BSA National Jamboree
 26 JUL–4 AUG

2011 Events

World Scout Jamboree
 27 JUL–7 AUG

BSA Web site for the WSJ:

www.scouting.org/worldjamboree

be reimbursed can vary, but as a general rule, the region aims to cover a minimum of 30 percent of the overall travel costs. The reimbursement will be made in autumn, once the assignment has been completed and the participant has returned home.

Korean Camp Staff Program

The Suncheon Asia-Pacific Scout Centre (SAPSC) in Korea will continue to offer camp staff positions throughout the year. The staff role will be to run the Centre's English camp, seasonal and other programs, as well as offer a program to introduce a country's culture and share friendship. The staff working periods are based on three-month terms and may be extended up to a year. SAPSC will hire staff at the beginning of every season in March, June, September, and December. The staff requirements are: Be endorsed by and be an active, registered member of your National Scout Organization; be at least 18 years old and currently enrolled or a graduate of a university; be available for at least 12 weeks; be able to communicate in English fluently; be able to use and teach the Scout method and introduce your country's culture; and be able to live by the culture and laws of Korea. Meals and housing will be provided, as well as a living allowance of \$1,200 for three months. Staff is responsible for arranging travel to and from Korea. Please contact Lisa Cristiano at lisa.cristiano@scouting.org if you would like to participate.

What's Ongoing

JOTA/JOTI Extravaganza

Get ready for the 52nd annual Jamboree-on-the-Air (JOTA) and the 13th annual Jamboree-on-the-Internet (JOTI). Both events are sponsored by the World Organization of the Scout Movement. During JOTA, locals set up amateur radio stations, giving Scouts and leaders a chance to exchange greetings with Scouts from other areas. During JOTI, Scout groups utilize computers and the Internet, under the supervision of leadership, to make contacts with other Scout groups from around the world.

The International Department, with the assistance of the Circle Ten and Longhorn Council International Committees, the Irving Amateur Radio Club, and volunteers from Microsoft, will host a **JOTA/JOTI Extravaganza at the National Scouting Museum on Saturday, October 17, from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.** Local Scouts, Scouters, ham radio operators, and their families will be able to participate in JOTA and JOTI throughout the museum, as well as have the opportunity to participate in an Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) contact from 4:56 to 5:06 p.m. Twenty Scouts will be able to ask astronaut Jeff Williams questions and hear his responses. If you can't make it, tune into K2BSA/5 and say hi.

Gilwell Web site

Discover your roots at Gilwell Park. The first Gilwell Park Web site is live, so sign up and visit the home of Scouting. The site is for members of the first Gilwell Park Scout Group—the largest Scout group in the world. If you hold the Wood Badge, you are already a member and can sign up now at 1stgilwellpark.org. Register your details at <https://1stgilwellpark.org/resources/registration.asp> and find out about the history of Gilwell and what Gilwell can offer today. Once you have registered, click on the link to update your profile and share your name and Wood Badge details with others. You will be able to search for other members in the User Directory by name, country, Wood Badge course number, and the year you gained your Wood Badge. Organizers are also looking to add webcam views of Gilwell Park in the next few months, and they would like your opinion. Go to <http://1stgilwellpark.org/media/GilwellAction.asp> and let them know your top three choices. They will let you know when the webcams are in place. They are happy to receive feedback, so e-mail them at 1stgilwellpark@scout.org.uk. If you ever find yourself visiting the UK, add Gilwell Park to your list of places to visit. There is a section dedicated to booking your tour of the site, plus directions and maps on how to get to Gilwell.

World Friendship Fund

What is the World Friendship Fund (WFF)? The WFF was developed during the closing days of World War II. At that time, there was a great need to rebuild Scouting in nations that had been wracked by war and were just emerging from the shadows of totalitarianism. Through the WFF, voluntary contributions of Scouts and leaders are transformed into cooperative projects that help Scouting associations in other countries to strengthen and extend their programs. The WFF gives the youth members of the BSA an opportunity to help fellow Scouts who are in need of their support. It teaches Scouts that Scouting is global. Over the years, this fund has provided Scouts from around the world with Scouting literature, uniforms, summer camp equipment, computers, and other Scouting-related supplies.

Who has received help from the WFF? One of the recent contributions was to help fund a program in the Asia-Pacific Region (APR) called "Ticket to Life" (TTL). TTL is a program that allows "street kids," who literally live on the street because their family doesn't have a home, an opportunity to join a local Cub or Boy Scout program. There are a number of Scout associations in the APR that are participating in this program. International Director Scott Teare recently visited the program in Manila, Philippines.

Scott visited with a Scout troop of 18 young people that are homeless in Manila. These Scouts wore BSA Cub Scout breakaway pants provided by the BSA, Scout troop T-shirts, and a neckerchief as their uniform. The transformation, as these young people put on their uniforms, was amazing. The look of fear and uncertainty dissolved to bring about smiles and a feeling of hope. The visit lasted a couple of hours, and Scott texted past International Commissioner Wayne Perry from Manila, stating, "Whatever funding we gave to this program wasn't enough." Scott promised the Scouts that if they would attend the APR Jamboree in December 2009 that he would come and stay for a couple of nights. Needless to say, airline tickets are being arranged.

How do we hold a WFF collection? Collections can be organized during Wood Badge courses; OA events; camporees; roundtable meetings; troop, den, and pack meetings; summer camping programs; blue and gold banquets; or any other Scout activity. WFF kits, DVDs, and brochures are available through the International Department of the BSA.

Call for IR E-mail Addresses

In the future, important information for IRs will go out by e-mail. This is the quickest way to get time-sensitive materials in your hands. If you are not receiving the latest news from the International Committee through the Internet, you may be missing important information on exchanges and last-minute invitations from other national Scout associations.

Simply send your name and e-mail address to the e-mail address below.

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International@scouting.org
www.scouting.org/international

Newsletter Distribution

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International Scouting Items for Sale Through International Department

International Scouting flag. White World Crest on a 3X5-foot, or 4X6-foot purple flag for indoor and outdoor use; \$65 for the 3X5 flag, and \$100 for the 4X6 flag.

World Scout Foundation—Royal Anniversary Linens. The series was launched to celebrate the 60th birthday of His Majesty, the King of Sweden, and the Centenary of Scouting. Each item in the series (tablecloths, placemats, and napkins) bears the woven personal monogram of His Majesty, as well as the world Scout emblem. They are high quality damask weave made of 100 percent cotton. While supplies last, you can purchase a tablecloth, a set of 10 placemats, or a set of 10 napkins for \$150 each. As a discount, you can mix or match any three items for a cost of \$400.

What's Upcoming

Scouts Australia National Jamboree

Each year, Scouts Australia runs a national jamboree, venture, or moot in January. Each event is different for registration, but generally leaders can apply online to be camp staff. For the upcoming Australian Jamboree, leaders can apply at

www.scoutsaj2010.com.