MUSEUMS AND PLACES OF INTEREST FOR SCOUTS ON TOUR

PART I: SCOUT MUSEUMS YOU CAN VISIT

For those of you who feel that a vacation just isn't complete without a little Scouting history, memorabilia, or the like, this list is for you. This is a list of 67 Boy and Girl Scout museums located in 14 countries and 29 states (U.S.A.) that you can visit, depending on your travel plans.

This listing is provided by Michael F. Bowman and Fred Webb based on a list developed by Harry Thorsen, a member of the Federation of Scout Museums International. Most museums listed are open to the public, a member of the Federation of Scouting Museums International, and in good standing with their local and national Scouting Associations. When we do not have sufficient information to confirm the foregoing regarding a museum, you will find the name of the museum followed by a “*-” symbol.

Some of these museums are seasonal, some open by appointment only, so please write or phone before visiting. This list was generated in 1993 and consequently some of these museums may no longer be open. Please write for additional information. If you plan to make a donation to a Scout museum for a tax purpose, ask for their IRS not-for-profit ID number (U.S. only).

AUSTRALIA

Alan Jones Museum of Scout Memorabilia
Baden-Powell House
581 Murray Street
P.O. Box 467
West Perth 6005 Australia

Baden-Powell Scout Museum
"The Wheel House"
Baden-Powell Park
Samford, Queensland, Australia

BELGIUM

Scout Museum of Belgium
Volmolenlaan 17
B-3000 Leuven, Belgium

National Scout Museum of Belgium
St. Geertrui, ABDIJ, Nr. 5
Leuven, B-3000 Belgium

CANADA

Calgary Region Scout Museum -*
2130 Brownsea Dr NW

Calgary, Alberta, Canada
403-283-4993

Museum of Canadian Scouting
Boy Scouts of Canada National Office
P. O. Box 5151 Station F.
1345 Baseline Road
Ottawa, KRC 37G Canada

Scouts Canada Museum
Sir James Whitney School
Dundas Street West
Belleville, Ontario, Canada

For tours make arrangements with the curator
David K. Bentley
19-A Benjamin St. Apt 9
Belleville, Ontario, Canada
(613) 968-7605 or
Paul Deryaw
149 Ann Street
Belleville, Ontario, Canada K8N 3L2
(613) 966-2740
This museum has an extensive collection of Boy Scout and Girl Guide memorabilia dating from the Boer War to the present day and a large Scouting library.

DENMARK

Scout Museum
Niels Finsens Alle 59
2860 Soborg, Denmark
Spejdermuseet
Lundsgade 6
2100 Copenhagen, Denmark

ENGLAND (UNITED KINGDOM)
Baden-Powell History Museum
61 Bryning Avenue, Bispham
Blackpool FY2 9LZ England
United Kingdom
Baden-Powell House
Queensgate
London E4 7QW England
United Kingdom
Gilwell Park
Chingford
London E4 7QW England
United Kingdom
To get to Gilwell Park take the Underground to Walthamstow Central Station and pick up the BritRail train to Chingford. Chingford is the end of the line, so it is difficult to miss this stop. After exiting Chingford Station, Gilwell is about a 2 mile walk. A cab ride there will cost you about UK£2. If you're walking, turn right after leaving the station and head towards the edge of town. The road you're on will curve to the right. Just at this curve, there will be a road on the left, take it. Follow that road until you come to Gilwell park on your left. This road passes a golf course and nice homes. Don't be surprised to see horseback riders on your walk. Just when you think you can't possibly be going right, you will find Gilwell.

FINLAND
Scout Museum
Kuikka SF 20510
Turku/ABO 51 Finland

FRANCE
Centre Charles Granvigne
Arecenant, 21700 Rue Nuits
St. Georges, France
Le Musee Francais du Scoutisme
Chateau de Doulers - 59440
Avesnes-sur-Helpe, France
Contact: Mr. Michel Muller or Mme. Murial Bury-Crombez (speaks English)
37 Grande-Rue, 59138
Pont-sur-Sambre, France Tel: 16 (27) 67.38.75

GREECE
International Scout-Museum Exhibitions
14 Eginis
St. Thessaloniki 54638 Greece

ITALY
National Scout Archivio
Centro Studi Mario Mazza
Via Galata 39A
16126 Genova, Italy

LUXEMBURG
Permanent Scout Exhibition
32 Grand 'Rue
Wiltz, Luxemburg

MEXICO
Bibliotheque and International Museum of Scouting in Mexico
"Teocalli Aztec" (Gods' House)
3 DF Mexico

SWEDEN
Scout Museum, Kjesaters, Folkhogskola
64300 Vingaker, 0141/12000
Sweden

SWITZERLAND
Biblio et Archives Scoutes
Flamant VY Saulnier
CH-2115 Buttes
Switzerland
Center Archives/Museum
Scout Speichergasse
31 CH-3011 Berne
Switzerland
Marchal Scout Museum
Es a LaLigne
CH 1451 Bullet

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (BY STATE)

● ARIZONA
Scout Museum of Southern Arizona
1937 E. Blacklidge Drive
Tucson, Arizona 85719

● CALIFORNIA
Bailey's World Scout Uniform Exhibit
2169 Highgate Road
Westgate Village, California 91361
Troop 1 Scout Museum
P. O. Box 612
Huntington Beach, California 92648

Western Museum of Scouting
13115 Washington Boulevard
Los Angeles, California 90066

- COLORADO
  Koshare Indian Museum, Inc.
  Otero Junior College Campus
  LaJunta, Colorado 81050

- CONNECTICUT
  The Scout Room
  815 Maitianuck Avenue
  Windsor, Connecticut 06090

- DELAWARE
  John C. Lewis Scout Museum
  RD 4 Box 404A
  Dover, Delaware 19901

- FLORIDA
  Boy Scout Historical Exhibit -*-
  505 Riverside Dr.
  Ormond Beach, Florida 32074

- ILLINOIS
  W. D. Boyce Scouting Hall of Fame
  Route 4, 1718 North 2525th Road
  Ottawa, Illinois 61350

  Hillenberg Scout Museum -*-
  123 Beard St.
  Danville, Illinois
  Curator: E. Hillenberg

  Gierhart's Scout Museum
  803 West 10th Street
  Sterling, Illinois 61081

  Zitelman Scout Museum
  708 Seminary Street
  Rockford, Illinois 61108
  (This Museum Is Now Closed)

- INDIANA
  Stone's Scout Museum
  2290 West Bloomfield Road
  Bloomington, Indiana 47401
  (This Museum Is Now Closed)

- KANSAS

- KENTUCKY
  National Scout Museum
  Boy Scouts of America
  Murray State Univ. (16th St & Calloway Ave.)
  Murray, Kentucky 42071-3316
  1-502-762-3383

- MAINE
  Brass Pounders and Scout Museum
  3 State Street
  Brewer, Maine 04412

- MARYLAND
  Baden-Powell Historical Museum
  9517 Kilimanjaro Road
  Columbia, Maryland 21045

- MASSACHUSETTS
  Bussiere Scout Museum
  154 Belmont Road
  West Harwich, Massachusetts 02671

  Cedar Hill Museum (Girl Scouts)
  265 Beaver Street
  Waltham, Massachusetts 02154
  Museum of Girl Scouting
  Plymouth Bay Girl Scout Council
  140 Winthrop Street
  Taunton, Massachusetts 02780

  The Scouting Spirit Museum -*-
  64 New Estate RD.
  Littleton, Massachusetts 01460
  1-508-486-4418
  Open: Tuesday Nights, 7-9 pm
  Other days or nights by appointment.
  Free Admission
  Directions: I495 North or South to Exit 30. Left at end of ramp. New Estate Rd. is 1/8 mile on right.

- MICHIGAN
  E. Urner Goodman Owaisippe Museum
  (Chicago Area Council Camp)
  Owasippe Scout Reservation
  P. O. Box 152
  Whitehall, Michigan 49461

  France Scout Museum
12417 State Road  
Nunica, Michigan 49448

Washington Historical Scouting Museum  
4772 Woodmire Drive  
Utica, Michigan 48087

**MINNESOTA**

North Star Scouting Memorabilia, Inc.  
Midwest Plastics Bldg.  
1689 Oakdale Ave  
West St. Paul, Minnesota

(Mailing Address)  
P.O. Box 18341  
West St. Paul, MN 55118-0341

The normal open hours are 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. on the 3rd Saturday of the month. For other hours call:  
Jim Rupert at 1-612-429-3075 or  
Richard Carroll at 1-612-771-9066.

**MISSISSIPPI**

L. O. Crosby Jr. Visitor's Center  
L. O. Crosby Jr. Scout Reservation,  
Camp Tiak  
Wiggins, Mississippi 39577

**NEW HAMPSHIRE**

Lawrence Lee Scouting Museum & Max  
Silber Scouting Library  
Camp Carpenter, BSA  
RFD #6, P.O. Box 1121  
Manchester, New Hampshire 03105

Free Admission  
Hours: Sept-June Saturday 10:00-4:00  
July & August Daily 10:00-4:00

Special group accommodations may be arranged for other times by writing ahead

Located at Camp Carpenter in Manchester, New Hampshire. Camping facilities are available. Call Daniel Webster Council at 1-800-221-0009 to make arrangements (they can also provide you with brochures on the museum)

**NEW MEXICO**

Philmont Museum & Seton Memorial Library, Philmont Scout Ranch, BSA  
Cimarron, New Mexico 87714

**NEW YORK**

Soundview Scouting Museum  
P.O. Box 280  
East Northport, New York 11731

Trailside Museum (Dan Beard Exhibit)  
Bear Mountain State Park, New York 10911

**NORTH CAROLINA**

Lone Scout Memory Lodge  
Camp John J. Barnhardt  
Route 2, Box 499  
New London, NC 28127  
1-704-1-422-3837

Admission charged  
Hours: 9:00-4:30 Tue-Sat 12:30-4:30 Sun

Hammerstone Scout Museum  
- - -  
Leaflet Church Rd.  
Lillington, North Carolina 27546

(Mailing Address)  
Hammerstone Historical Society, Inc.  
Route 3 Box 231  
Lillington, North Carolina 2746

Free Admission  
Open to the public by appointment only

**OHIO**

Nathan L. Dauby Scout Museum  
Greater Cleveland Council, Scout Center  
East 22nd Street at Woodlawn  
Cleveland, Ohio 44115

**OREGON**

Nor’west Scout Heritage Society  
Scouters Mountain Lodge  
11300 S.E. 147th Street  
Portland, Oregon 97236

**TENNESSEE**

Peregrine International Museum of Scouting  
6588 Highway 411 South  
Greenback, Tennessee 37742  
615-856-0244

Fees: Adults $4, Children $2, Group Rates  
Hours: Apr-Oct 10AM - 9PM  
Nov-Mar 10AM - 6PM

**TEXAS**

Circle 10 Council  - - -  
Camp Wisdom  
Duncanville, TX  
214-637-1480 (Council Office)

Grasse's Scout Museum and Library  
1200 South Beltline  
Mesquite, Texas  
(mailing address below)  
P. O. Box 270005  
Dallas, Texas 75227
Scout Museum of Natural History
Clements Scout Reservation
Athens, Texas 75751

● UTAH

Gaudio's Boy Scout Museum
131 North University Avenue
Provo, Utah 84601
(This museum is closed)

Portable Museum - - -
Helper, Utah
801-472-8469 (Char Hamaker)

● VIRGINIA

Merrimac Scouting Museum
15 Woodland Street
Portsmouth, Virginia 23702

● WASHINGTON

Scouting Trail Museum
10021 26th Avenue S.W.
Seattle, Washington 98146

● WISCONSIN

Heritage Scout Museum
Milwaukee County Council, BSA
330 South 84th Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53214

Museum of Scouting, Inc.
139 East North Street
Waukesha, Wisconsin 53188

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PART II: PLACES OF INTEREST FOR SCOUTS ON TOUR

Because many Scout leaders have asked for information about places to visit with a unit on tour, we are also including with this page information on places of interest to Scouts on tour, including camping on historical naval ships, places to visit while on tour en route to the 1997 National Jamboree (many in the Washington, D.C. area), and more. The listings that follow are provided for informational value only and are not an endorsement of any particular site.

This part of our web page is under construction, so drop back and visit again and chances are you’ll find even more information later.

CAMPING ON HISTORICAL NAVAL SHIPS

- **CALIFORNIA**

  USS Pampanito (Submarine)
  National Maritime Museum Association
  Building 275
  Presidio of San Francisco
  San Francisco, California 94129
  1-415-441-5819

  Camping (with meals) on the ship is available.

- **MASSACHUSETTS**

  USS Massachusetts (Battleship)
  Battleship Cove
  Fall River, Massachusetts 02721
  1-508-678-1100

  Camping (with meals) on the ship is available. Also at this site are the USS Joseph P. Kennedy (destroyer), USS Lionfish (WWII Attack Submarine), and 2 PT Boats.

- **NEW YORK**

  USS Little Rock (Light Cruiser)
  Naval & Serviceman’s Park
  1 Naval Park Cove
  Buffalo, New York 14202
  1-716-847-1773

  Camping (with meals) on the ship is available. Also at this site are the USS The Sullivans (WWII Destroyer) and USS Croaker (WWII Submarine).

- **SOUTH CAROLINA**

  USS Yorktown (Aircraft Carrier)
  Scout Camping
  Patriots Point Naval & Maritime Museum
  40 Patriots Point Road
  Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina 29464
  1-800-248-3508

  Camping (with meals included) on the ship and a local tour of a destroyer, submarine and Coast Guard cutter is available. In October 1995 this was offered as a one-night package at $39 per Scout.

- **TEXAS**

  USS Lexington (Aircraft Carrier)
  Museum On the Bay
  Dept. P. O. Box 23076
  Corpus Christi, Texas 78403-3076
  1-800-LADY-LEX
Camping (with meals included) on the ship and tour of the ship. Pricing information not available.

OTHER UNUSUAL SCOUT CAMPING OPPORTUNITIES

● COLORADO

United States Air Force Academy and Colorado Springs Area

Troops enroute to Philmont or the National Jamboree can stay at the U.S. Air Force Academy or find accommodations at Peterson Air Force Base or Fort Carson, which also offer low cost meals at their dining halls.

The USAF Academy has a campground and an indoor facility available to Scout groups wanting to stay overnight on the grounds. The campground is close to the Community Center which has a pool, gym, and a rock climbing wall, which you can use if you are there at the right hours. Meals can be purchased for a VERY good price at the Airman Dining Hall. A local troop maintains the Falcon Hiking Trail that winds its way around the Academy grounds and into the foothills. The indoor facility is the "Scout Hut", which is like a lodge-type building (looks very nice) The Scout Hut gets booked probably at least a year in advance so it may not now be available to you.

Points of Contact:
Commander's Youth Relations Representative
HQ USAFA/DPC
USAF Academy, CO 80840
(719) 472-2125

Boy Scout Liaison Officer
Peterson AFB (adjacent to the Academy)
Colorado Springs, CO 80914
(719) 556-4339

DPCA, Scout Liaison Officer
Rec Services Div, Bldg 6049
Fort Carson, CO 80913
(719) 526-2680 Scouting Liaison)

As for sightseeing there is a tremendous amount to see in the area. These are just a few of many things to do in Colorado Springs...

Cheyenne Mountain Zoo 719-475-9555
Garden of the Gods 719-578-6640
Pike's Peak 719-684-9383
Rodeo Hall of Fame 719-528-4764
Seven Falls 719-632-0765
US Olympic Complex 719-578-4618

Also a great treat for dinner would be a chuck wagon dinner and show at the Flying W Ranch 719-598-4000 or 800-232-FLYW

You may enjoy driving over to Cripple Creek for the afternoon, they also have some fun things...

Cripple Creek Museum 719-689-2634
Cripple Creek-Victor Narrow Gauge Railroad 719-689-2640
Mollie Kathleen Gold Mine 719-689-2465

Or take a drive to nearby Victor, Colorado. The streets are actually paved in gold (low grade ore was used to surface streets in the old days).

Also you may want to consider driving down to Canon City. Driving the Phantom Canyon Road from Cripple Creek to Canon City is interesting.

In or near Canon City....

Royal Gorge Bridge 719-275-7505
Buckskin Joes 719-275-5149
Arkansas River Whitewater Rafting 719-275-7238

● DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Anacostia Naval Reserve Center
Anacostia Naval Air Station.

Offers inexpensive food and free lodging. Site is near the Anacostia Metro-rail Subway Station giving easy access to the Washington DC Mall.

We are advised that although the location and accommodations are not necessarily the best they are free, inside and dry. There are two fine food sources for breakfast and dinner on the base at very low prices. In addition the Navy mess facility will pack a box lunch for the mall at $ 1.90 each. You can pick them up early in the morning, too. Here are the phone contacts:

Department of Navy
Naval and Marine Corps Reserve Center
2701 South Capitol Street
Naval Station Anacostia Bldg. 351
Washington, DC. 20374-3511

Attn: Master Chief Phil Kenline
(ask for facility manager if Chief Kenline has moved on by the time you call)
202-433-3068
202-433-2791 - fax

Food Services:
Navy - 202-433-2076
Air Force - 202-767-4427

● MARYLAND

United States Naval Academy
Annapolis, Maryland 21402-5034
Overnight accommodations and meals available in the Summer.

**PENNSYLVANIA**

Gettysburg National Military Park

If your unit is planning a tour of Gettysburg check out:

Gettysburg National Military Park Homepage  
http://www.nps.gov/info.html

Welcome to Gettysburg  
http://gettysburg.welcome.com/

Outside Online - Gettysburg  
http://web2.starwave.com/outside/online/pap/GETY.html

Gettysburg Address  
http://lcweb.loc.gov/exhibits/G.Address/ga.html

There are also a lot of other WWW pages that have civil war photos and information including the Library of Congress’s collection at:

http://rs6.loc.gov/cwp/home.html

and the Civil War Home Page at:  
http://www.access.digex.net/~bdboyle/cw.html

For other attraction in the "Dutch Country" try:  
http://padutch.welcome.com/

You may want to consider camping at the former Youth Conservation Corps campsite in McPherson’s Woods on the battlefield which is close to the Gettysburg Historical Trail (Patches and Medal). Be sure to visit the Diorama Center and the Park Visitors Center.

Local Campgrounds Include:

- Artillery Ridge Campground at 610 Taneytown Rd., Gettysburg, PA 17325 -- 717-334-1288
- Drummer Boy Campground at 1300 Hanover Rd., Gettysburg, PA 17325 -- 717-334-3277
- Gettysburg Campground at 2030 Fairfield Rd., Gettysburg, PA 17325 -- 717-334-3304
- Granite Hill Campground at 3340 Fairfield Rd., Gettysburg, PA 17325 -- 717-642-8749
- KOA Kampground at 20 Knox Rd., Gettysburg, PA 17325 -- 717-642-5713
- Round Top Campground at 80 Knight Rd., Gettysburg, PA 17325 -- 717-334-9565

Local Military Installations where you may be able to stay include:

- Fort Indiantown Gap or The Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Carlisle, PA. This is about 20 miles from Gettysburg. The Army War College is a small installation with a small HQ company. However they have put Troops up in the gym. Meals were available on base, as was the movie theatre and the outdoor pool ($1/person), depending on the weather and time of year. There are also a number of fast food restaurants nearby should you not be able to get back to the base in time for dinner.

For more information, call or write the Gettysburg Convention & Visitors Bureau at 35 Carlisle Street, Gettysburg, PA 17325 Telephone (717) 334-6274

**TEXAS**

NASA Space Center  
Houston, Texas

Scouts can camp in the Space Center Building. Call in advance to make arrangements.

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Sample Washington, D.C. Tour Itinerary

The following is a sample of an itinerary developed by one Troop planning to attend the 1997 National Jamboree with some modifications added by me. This Troop is using one of the commercial tour services.

July 24, Thursday,
Arrive D.C. and bus to hotel
Cleanup for Dinner
Board buses for night tour of D.C. monuments (Lincoln, Washington, Jefferson, Vietnam, Korea, Iwo Jima, etc.), then return to hotel. (Briefing for next days activities/events)

July 25, Friday
Tour of buildings/agencies only open on weekdays; FBI Hoover Building, Ford's Theatre, Hard Rock Cafe
July 26, Saturday
"Mall Day" Scouts go to Smithsonian: Air & Space, American History, Science & Industry, etc.; National Archives; Navy Memorial Across from Archives for Viewing of “At Sea” Return to hotel for dinner.
(Briefing for next day’s activities)

July 27, Sunday
Church at Arlington National cemetery; View changing of the Guard at Tomb of the Unknown Soldier; Optional troop tours to Gettysburg battlefield; Annapolis Naval Academy, other sites to be determined; return to Hotel

July 28, Monday
Depart for Jamboree.

July 28 - August 6 NATIONAL JAMBOREE AT FORT A. P. HILL

August 6, Wednesday;
Depart Jamboree; Tour Colonial Williamsburg; Visit Norfolk Naval Station; R&R at Busch Gardens; Dinner at Gardens, Return to Hotel. (Briefing for next day’s activities)

August 7, Thursday
Depart for Jamestown Tour; R&R at Virginia Beach (ocean swimming, etc.) Dinner at the beach. Return to hotel

August 8, Friday;
Depart for Airport, return home.

NOTE: Many of the Tour Companies provide each Scout with a Tour Book that has a 24 hour number that can be called, if the Scout gets separated from the group. Also it may be a good idea to make sure that each Scout has a pre-paid telephone card to allow emergency calls.

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FINDING MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE AREA NEAR THE JAMBOREE SITE
The following information may be helpful to you, if you are planning to visit the 1997 BSA National Jamboree:

AIRPORTS NEAR THE JAMBOREE SITE

- Baltimore International Airport (BWI) http://baltwashintlairport.com/bwi/fac.map.html
- Dulles International Airport (IAD) http://www.airportsintl.com/iad/iad-terminals.htm
- Newport News (PHF) http://www.airportsintl.com/phflist.html
- Richmond Airport (RIC) http://www.quickaid.com/airports.html
- Washington National Airport (DCA) http://www.quickaid.com/airports/dca/

FREDRICKSBURG, VIRGINIA

- Lura Gordon
  Manager - Tourism Sales
  Fredericksburg 703-373-1776

WILLIAMSBURG, VIRGINIA

- Williamsburg Hotel/Motel Assoc
  800-446-9244

VIRGINIA (GENERAL)
Betty Matthews  
Tourism Marketing DIrector  
Virginia Division of Tourism  
804-786-4484

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