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Date: Fri, 1 Jul 1994 19:38:05 +100 (BST)
From: Ian Ford <ianford@dircon.co.uk>
Subject: Re: Permission Slips, Releases & Liability
To: "Michael F. Bowman" <mfbowman@CAP.GWU.EDU>

Michael - Thanks for your post.

First let me explain my position - after thirty years in UK Scouts I got involved with the BSA troop here in London as an ASM and general local resource-person. I also help out with Scouter training for the BSA Channel District (which covers about six countries of Europe !)

Can you clarify the outline position re. children and medicine in US (I know it varies from State to State)

Here in England and Wales (Scots law is different) a child can consent to treatment if there is " sufficient understanding " ... so an eight year old Cub Scout can understand if the doctor says " That is a nasty cut - I think I will need to stitch it up for you ... " The kid holds out his cut finger and gives implied consent. No problem.

In an emergency lifesaving treatment can be carried out - it is deemed that nobody actually wishes to die. Likewise treatment to prevent severe injury etc. where the patient is incapable / incompetent to give consent. Again, no problem.

Last year a kid had an accident at the Merit Badge lock-in. I was the first aider and took him to the local NHs hospital with his parent, a US serviceman. The kid was about twelve. Dad was surprise that the Casualty Officer (emerncy room intern) took the kid into a side room and checked out his eye injury (fortunately just a minor bruise) and gave the kid some eye drops with only a courteous nod to the parent. Under our law the kid was quite capable of consenting to treatment, so the parent was not " required " .

Another Scout had an injury on Summer Camp and I took him to the local GP (family physician) . The kid was about fourteen. Again the doctor called him into the office and examined his badly bruised ankle. I waited outside in reception. The doctor told the kid that his ankle was bruised, not broken, andsaid to bandage it and rest where possible. Again, the kid was the patient. He signed the form for the doctor to claim his fee from the NHS. I was just the driver !

My US Scouter colleagues can't understand this ... I gather that in US a minor cannot consent to <any> treatment ?

Is there any right to confidentiality - e.g. at sixteen a young person is not only legally competent <by statute> to sign for medical treatment, the parent has no right to know even that the doctor has seen the youth. As far as medicine is concerned at 16 you are deemed adult in UK.

If a parent wants to see a child's medical record the child must give consent if capable of understanding - a general guide is that a child of twelve plus would have to be asked to agree before the parent had a copy of the record. If the child was not old enough the doctor or other health professional has to be sure that it is in the interest of the child to release the record to the parent before agreeing to do so.

Clearly this means that as a Scouter I have very little to worry about - in most cases the young person give his/her own consent. In twenty years as a British Scouter I have never even been asked for a medical form by a doctor.

And here in UK even for long-term camps all that is required is the parent to confirm allergies, disabilities etc. and to sign a general (and legally dubious) " in the event of accident or illness requiring urgent medical treatment I authorise any Leader of The Scout Association to sign on my behalf any form of consent required by the medical authorities if, in the opinion the medical officer in charge of the case, the delay in obtaining my own signature would be inadvisable ... " (And what doctor would ever say that any delay in treating a kid was " advisable " ?)

Is the above totally alien to the US legal mind ?

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Hi all

Can anybody tell me why it is a problem if scouts use a shower together with adult leaders or even staff members together with adult leaders ????

Gut Pfad
Franz

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Date: Tue, 16 Aug 1994 19:47:27 -0400 (EDT)
From: "Michael F. Bowman" <mfbowman@cap.gwu.edu>
Subject: Re: ADC International Scouting?
To: NorMac4101@AOL.COM

Norman,

We're one of two districts in BSA with Deputy District Commissioners - its for real. Our DDC for International Scouting is Robert Flory, 6005 Roxbury Avenue, Springfield, VA 22152 (703) 569-4331. Bob was featured in Scouting Magazine for his canoe trip on a river through Siberia. If you asked he might be able to arrange a showing of his slides in your area - who knows. Do you know Ron Leounes, he's from DEL-MAR-VA and was in my Wood Badge Den at NE-CS-41?

Yours in Scouting, Michael F. Bowman, a/k/a Professor Beaver
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Date: Wed, 17 Aug 1994 08:06:19 BST
Subject: Re: ADC International Scouting?

I have been involved in the Gang Shows for 10 years now. First as a Scout on stage then as lighting director. (I hope to get back on stage for the 1995 show).

There are literally thousands of scripts available, mostly all written by Ralph Reader - the founder of the Gang Show tradition. A complete list is available from:

Gang Show Committee
The Scout Association
Baden-Powell House
Queen's Gate
London
SW7 5JS
ENGLAND

It would be great to see the Gang Show come alive across the pond. Good luck to everybody involved in this project. It is a great idea.

I hope the little information given is of some help to you.

Your friend in Scouting,

Mark

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Date: Sat, 20 Aug 1994 20:48:00 +0400
From: Raul Richard Smith <prs@GLAS.APC.ORG>
Subject: Russian Scout Jamboree

The Russian Federation of Scouts hosted the First Russian International Jamboree

August 10-18 at a site near Lake Ladoga approximately 100 km north of St.

Petersburg. The event was attended by 2500 Scouts and Guides from 8 countries.

The British Scout Association provided a very capable service staff to assist the Russians in this major project and the Boy Scouts of America sent a contingent of 120 Scouts from ten councils. The symbol of the Jamboree was a three-headed dragon, each head representing one of the three associations that make up the Russian Federation.

Jamboree activities included opening and closing night stage shows with a purely

Russian flavor, round-robin daytime challenge games, rock-climbing, field sports, bus tours to local sites including St. Petersburg, and reconstruction work on a local church. Two days were set aside for cultural exchange.

International Day provided the foreign contingents an opportunity to set up a

camp-wide show-and-do of local games, skills, and cooking. Later in the week,

the Russian Fair provided everyone a chance to participate in Russian games and

folk dances. Foreign groups camped and cooked with host Russian troops and the

loose program schedule provided for ample mixing.

The American contingent made a lot of lasting friendships at this event and

good-byes were hard to say. A number of the American troops have already begun

planning trips next year in the Urals and Siberia with their host Russian units

and troops on both sides of the ocean have pledged to stay in contact by mail

and e-mail.

The Russians demonstrated at this event that, after over seven decades of being banned, Scouting has taken root and is growing. The enthusiasm and hunger for the program displayed by the Russian Scouts and Scouters was truly amazing. The Americans to a person were moved by the experience.

Date: Sat, 20 Aug 1994 21:15:37 EDT
From: Cly Bascone <SEQ184@AOL.COM>
Subject: Zaire

I am reposting the last fax we had from Dr. Bascone we believe parts of this might be of interest to all out there. Thank you
Dr. Brig De Saalta

> Arrived safely but things are not good the red hats Zairian Military
> have moved in to close the border with Rwanda as the French are
> leaving. You can hear gun fire across the border so it must be > heating up.
I have met a lot of the local scouts who are working at
> the camp, they are great they work 10 to 15 hours at a time and
> have located some of the Scouts De Rwanda and got them > working, they
share their food and clothes with them. I have been > asked by Ovidma
Katkiam
the scout leader to locate old American > Uniforms to send back they have
no
uniforms, the ones I see are > old Brit or American Uniforms which have
been
sent over to them.
> I will take care of that when I get home> The Scout Asc. Zaire is
> taking help for their scouts but they have it bad the Border guards
> have taken their money and until today have taken anything they >
wanted,
but the Red Hats will not allow it so things have looked up > a little. I
have been asked for more food aid but the runways are not
> in good shape they do not seem to be effective for lighting to land
> at night, the scouts light bon fires t help the late planes but three > had
to be re-shuffled until in the morning. Death is around > everywhere in
the
camps and the Zaire scouts do a lot of help in > removing the dead and
helping in burials. How many of our > American Scouts or your French
scouts
would do this I think none.
> We have raised sometimes a bunch of spoiled brats who have > known no
hardship and would have a hard time if things got bad.
> The BSA is now catering to the wims of the elite and must put > some
measures to toughen up the scouts this could be us.
> See you Monday mornign or afternoon it all depends on the

> way things go here it may be Tuesday. I am O.K.. no problems on > this
side
bye DOC
> Call my house and let them know everything is O.K. I am safe and
> of course I am the one who never gets hurt luckis still on my > shoulder.

Date: Wed, 7 Sep 1994 00:42:10 -0400 (EDT)
From: "Michael F. Bowman" <mfbowman@cap.gwu.edu>
Subject: Re: AFS Scouts

Keith,

In our area, National Capital, you can imagine that we have a number of Scouts from other countries here with diplomatic corps, business and visiting families. I ran across this situation when I was a Cubmaster. We promptly registered the visiting Scout into the Pack.

One parent was concerned whether the Scout could say the Cub Scout promise. We pointed out that the Scout is promising (as in the Scout Oath) to do his duty to HIS country - no conflict.

Another was worried about flag ceremonies. We resolved this by requesting the Scout to simply stand at attention without requiring a salute and without reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Reciting the Pledge is not a required condition for participation in Scouting. The reasoning was this. Our own flag etiquette is that the U.S. Flag is not dipped in salute to any other flag except onboard a naval vessel to return a salute (dipped flag) when initiated by another naval vessel. Similarly, it is not customary for us to salute another national flag. This custom at one time was peculiar to the U.S. In the Munich Olympics in the 1930s the only flag not to be dipped in front of the reviewing stand was ours. At the last Olympic Games many of the flags of other nations were not dipped. Similarly some nations do not consider it appropriate to salute the ensign of another nation. Instead of saluting the custom is to stand respectfully at attention. We decided to adopt that custom.

What to do with these valuable Scouting resources? A JASM assignment may be the best thing, allowing a lot of flexibility. It seems like a great opportunity to have some advisors to the PLC to encourage Scouting with an international flavor, helping the Scouts to realize that they are part of World Brotherhood of Scouting. Then too, their own experiences and Scouting backgrounds could be resources to help plan activities that focus on international themes, some of which could be shared with other units at a camporee or Scout Show.

Yours in Scouting, Michael F. Bowman, a/k/a Professor Beaver

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Date: Wed, 7 Sep 1994 07:05:32 +100
From: Ian Ford <ianford@DIRCON.CO.UK>
Subject: Re: AFS Scouts

I hate to take issue with Mike Bowman , but I think that his advice that a non-citizen should not salute the US Flag is incorrect. IMHO it is right and proper to pay respect to <all> national flags and national anthems.

If in uniform the correct form of respect is to salute during the raising or lowering of colors, the playing of national anthems , and in the US the recital of the Pledge. There are occasions when the salute consists of standing to attention only, e.g. when the national anthem is played in a place of worship. (At least, that's British usage)

US Scouts here in UK salute when the Union Flag is broken (unfurled) not as a sign of allegiance but as a sign of respect, and I think it is important that is understood.

Mike Walton will probably back this up with his military experience. Certainly here in UK at Colors appropriate honors are rendered by USAF to both national colors and during the playing of the anthems.

**YiS
IAN**

From mfbowman Wed Sep 7 23:17:37 1994
Date: Wed, 7 Sep 1994 23:11:19 -0400 (EDT)
From: "Michael F. Bowman" <mfbowman@cap.gwu.edu>
Subject: Many Kind Thanks
To: Anne Riddick <riddick_a@KOSMOS.WCC.GOV.T.NZ>
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Anne,

Sarah was absolutely excited and delighted to get your letter and the patches you sent. They are really special to her. Her camp counselor for four weeks this summer was from New Zealand. I think in fact she was from Wellington. Anyway they have a double meaning for her. She's already asked mom to frame them to put on her wall - she wants to keep them for a long time and doesn't want to damage them by sewing! Mom, my spouse - Debbie, runs a warehouse for framing supplies, so this won't be hard. You've a young friend for sure. Its also has helped Sarah realize that she is indeed part of an organization that is worldwide.

Sarah is picking out some patches to send back - her idea. You'll probably get her local council patch and her surprises. Again thanks.

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Date: Thu, 08 Sep 1994 15:38:11 +1200
From: Anne Riddick <riddick_a@kosmos.wcc.govt.nz>
To: mfbowman@cap.gwu.edu

Michael,

Sarah is most welcome :) I am afraid that we don't have many distinctly NZ patches that are bright colours - mostly navy and aqua like our uniform, but I am really glad that she liked them.

**It is neat to belong to organisations such as Guides and Scouts that are worldwide :) Here in NZ - being so small and isolated geographically we really appreciate it :)
Take care :)
Anne**

Date: Wed, 7 Sep 1994 19:19:33 -0500
From: Patrick De Gagne <Patrick.De.Gagne@SCOUTING.HEXACOM.COM>
Organization: HexaCom FTSC/UUCP/FAX Services
Subject: National Flags...

Well, on the subject of what to do at flag raisings and such when guest in another country, I've had the chance of working for a Non Scouting summer camp last year in the USA (I'm Canadian).

At that camp, the custom was a flag raising/salute every morning. I would personally not salute but did stand at attention as a show of respect. The British counselors also did the same as me and though this was never formally discussed, it seemed to be the proper protocol.

I must admit I was quite disappointed when I flew my flag in front of my cabin on Canada's national holiday, the Americans almost tore down my flag and I received nice insults like "get that red rag out of here"... so much for courtesy.

Take care!

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I used to be a Flying Frog...

Date: Wed, 7 Sep 1994 23:24:19 -0400 (EDT)
From: "Michael F. Bowman" <mfbowman@cap.gwu.edu>
Subject: Re: AFS Scouts

Well I seemed to have stirred a bit of commentary. Please understand that my comments were intended to indicate that a Scout should show respect to the host country's flag and that in our case that meant standing at attention. That International Law requires a salute is news to me. I couldn't find anything on it in the protocol book I have, which doesn't mean anything other than the authors just didn't mention it. Today, I was told that the International Law referred to situations where uniformed persons of the host and visiting nation exchange honors; e.g. when both the host and visiting nation's ensigns are flown.

The original question was whether a visiting Scout should salute the host country's flag when it was the only national ensign. Some of the responses suggest customs where respect is shown by standing too at attention in such cases. I'd be interested in knowing what international treaty established rules in this area to take a look myself to learn how it might be applied when a visitor is confronted with only the host country's flag. Mike - any info on that? BTW, I didn't mention anthems, but agree with Ian that respect is due there just as much as presenting the colors.

Ian, even here, it is clear that the Camp Director was off-base flying two national ensigns from the same pole. Title 36 of the United States Code beginning at Section 170 establishes flag etiquette in the U.S. and prohibits flying two national ensigns from the same staff and absolute prohibits flying one below the other.

One solution that was suggested to me today was that the Troop could in addition to its traditional presentation of the U.S. Flag and Troop flag include the World Scouting flag with the idea that no one would object to saluting it. And in so doing the salute would also be to the other flags. This I throw in for what its worth without a view just yet. Interesting. Your thoughts?

I appreciate the additional comments made in support of trying to answer the Scoutmaster's question on how to deal with these issues with his three new AFS Scouts. We may not always agree and we may each have bits and pieces that add up to a clearer picture, but the great thing is that the

responses show that there are almost always a number of Scouters willing to try to help.

I think the bottom line is that we are in the business of teaching Scouts to be respectful and considerate.

Date: Thu, 8 Sep 1994 00:01:34 -0400 (EDT)
From: "Michael F. Bowman" <mfbowman@cap.gwu.edu>
Subject: RE: Many Kind Thanks
To: Anne Riddick <riddick_a@kosmos.wcc.govt.nz>

Anne,

Couldn't agree more. Even when not isolated geographically, its great to know you're part of something that promotes good everywhere and that literally millions of children are going to have a better life because of it.

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Ian,

We're not so far afield in how we see this. As to the salute, I'm glad to see the discussion - can always learn. Enjoyed your series of postings. Gotta go - times up.

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From mfbowman Thu Sep 8 03:19:10 1994
Date: Thu, 8 Sep 1994 03:10:01 -0400 (EDT)
From: "Michael F. Bowman" <mfbowman@cap.gwu.edu>
Subject: Re: National Flags...
Pat,

You wrote of an regretable situation when you flew the Canadian Flag on your national holiday. Fortunately, I don't think that is quite representative of most Scouts. We have a Canadian detachment in our District (attached to the Embassy) and they've not had a similar experience. In my travels and partipation in Scouting in several areas of the U.S., the display of another nation's flag has nearly always acted as a homing beacon for the Scouts to go see what's different, the same, etc. In many private camps in the Virgina-Maryland area staffs are recruited internationally and they seem to display as many as a dozen flags from various countries. Counselors are encouraged to display their flags and other national symbols. The kids love it.

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Date: Thu, 8 Sep 1994 07:20:22 +100 (BST)
From: Ian Ford <ianford@dircon.co.uk>
Subject: Re: AFS et al
To: "Michael F. Bowman" <mfbowman@cap.gwu.edu>

Michael - in all the discussion , nobody ever told me what " AFS " actually meant ? :-(

I appreciated your reference to the Flag Code - my point was that apparently there was a " trained " professional who was ignorant and insensitive - not somebody who was brand new.

I guess it's easier for us in UK ... after all , we are part of the Commonwealth and the European Union , so there is more of a feeling of - what's the word - " commonality " ?

Unfortunately the average Brit. has very little respect for our own flag even. It saddens me to see it defaced with the name of a soccer team or whatever, as often happens. But hopefully in Scouting we will inculcate more of that respect, at least in that 10% apx of the population who get some exposure to our program.

IAN

Date: Thu, 8 Sep 1994 03:21:00 -0400 (EDT)
From: "Michael F. Bowman" <mfbowman@cap.gwu.edu>
Subject: Re: AFS et al
To: Ian Ford <ianford@dircon.co.uk>

Ian,

The original message spelled out AFS. But I must confess that I have the old Scouter's CRS (can't remember s%#*) Syndrome sometimes. :-) I think its something along the lines of American Foreign Student, one of many exchange programs we have here to encourage better understanding among nations.

Just as an aside, the Scout in my Pack was from the U.K. and his parents were dead set against the salute, but after discussing it I got his mom to be a Den Leader. Funny how things work.

I knew who you were poking at, but thought I'd twist the knife, just in case some of our professional watchers were alert. Eventually it will pass through their gossip chain to National and their will be a word of advice in one of the monthly mailings. That guy must have had his head lodged in an anatomically impossible location just aft of amidships.

And speaking of flags, I'm sometimes given to being somewhat of a rascal. We've got a flagpole in the front yard where we regularly fly the Scottish Flag (Yellow with red lion rampant - a bit of family heritage - Clans Sinclair, Farquharson & Gordon), sometimes the U.S. Flag, and on nights when I host a meeting the International Scout Flag (helps folks find our house). One neighbor flies the Confederate Ensign (The Stars and Bars) on Confederate holidays; e.g. Robert E. Lee's birthday. The Scouter across the street counters with a display of five U.S. Flags on staffs anchored to his porch columns. Then we have another neighbor just down the street that flies a silly flag with flowers and birds on it that came from goodness knows where. All in all we're a colorful lot.

Back to the heritage bit. Your name suggests perhaps a bit of the Scots to me. Do you or your ancestors hail from the highlands? Sorry, curiosity got the best of me.

I've always wanted to travel to see where some of my ancestors came from.

Apparently they were mostly from around Wick. Nearly got my opportunity

in 1985 when I spent a week in London. Unfortunately the press of business kept me from Euston Station, where I certainly would have been tempted to head North. I can say that I truly enjoyed the visit and thought London to be one of the best large cities I've seen. We enjoyed seeing the stage productions of Evita and Starlight Express. Nearly got mugged in Soho one night, but was rescued by a cabbie - something that wouldn't happen here. We stayed at the Averard Hotel at Lancaster Gate, where I was tickled to have an old clawfoot bathtub (something not found here anymore). As an attorney I was excited to see the Old Bailey and visit at Lincoln Inn. Before I get carried away with recollections, suffice it to say I thoroughly enjoyed London.

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From: "Michael F. Bowman" <mfbowman@cap.gwu.edu>
Subject: Re: AFS et al
To: Ian Ford <ianford@dircon.co.uk>

Ian,

There is no formal definable "gossip chain" per se. Its just that these professionals train together and keep good relationships over time and distance like any corporation's managers. When a problem comes up for Bob and he remembers that Roger had a solution, he calls Roger and drops a by the way did you here about Roger wanting to appear bright at a staff meeting and maybe show some levity recounts the poor bugger's plight. The Scout Executive shares with an old buddy that is in the same slot in a nearby council. This last fellow decides to call one of the regional area directors on a problem and slips this one because it has some interesting points and so on until it hits National.

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Date: Fri, 9 Sep 1994 08:18:21 -0400 (EDT)
From: "Michael F. Bowman" <mfbowman@cap.gwu.edu>
Subject: Re: National Flags...

Norman,

You bet. Lynette often attends our District meetings and has offered some program possibilities to our Scoutmasters. Its great to have an international touch at activities.

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Date: Mon, 12 Sep 1994 09:07:51 +0500
From: epochsys!rec@uunet.uu.net (Bob Condon)
To: uunet!CAP.GWU.EDU!mfbowman@uunet.uu.net
Subject: Re: Hats Off? to Salute

Thanks for the info!! Like always, you are in "the know"!

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From: BRAMLET@ECC4.ATENG.AZ.HONEYWELL.COM
Subject: AFS Scouts and Flag/Uniform Respect

As I remember it, didn't the Lord Baden-Powell's Boy Scout movement originate from his training of "scouts" for the British Army during the time of the Boer War? I also seem to remember reading something in one of the Scouting magazines several months ago about how the BSA started "discouraging" the impression of a Scouting - Military connection about the time of WW2. That was in one of the one page recollections that SM seems to run monthly.

I totally agree! Respect should be shown for the flag of the country of which you are the GUEST. I do not necessarily agree with the idea that a guest must recite any pledges or sing any anthems. The act of standing at attention during such should be enough of an act of respect without having to possibly compromise one's nationalism.

****SOAP BOX ON****

BTW, isn't it sad that in our own country, we no longer see our flag accorded it's proper respect. I would be hard pressed to find a single classroom in either of the schools that my children attend where the Pledge of Allegiance is even recited any more. Also, how many times do you see EVEN SCOUTS IN UNIFORM remain seated or not "Snap To" when

The Colors pass by at a parade?

****SOAP BOX OFF****

YiS,

Chuck Bramlet
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Grand Canyon Council

I didn't used to be anything! (Except younger) Maybe someday...

Date: Thu, 20 Oct 1994 23:18:52 -0400 (EDT)
From: "Michael F. Bowman" <mfbowman@cap.gwu.edu>
Subject: Re: Cub Scout Day Camp
To: Tom Armbruster <tarmbres@ACCESS.K12.WV.US>

Tom,

One thing you might want to consider is arranging some of the activities or program opportunities to allow Scouts to accumulate points towards the International Activity Patch. Your Service Center should have copies of the application. It requires 140 points from designated activities. 30 points are given for attending a day camp with a World Brotherhood theme.

Most Councils have some requirements that are local for earning more points. Another one is collecting foreign patches. Pen pals is yet another. Fundraising for an international Scouting organization is a third. Perhaps you could work in a few and let the Scouts do the rest.

**Yours in Scouting, Michael F. Bowman, a/k/a Professor Beaver
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Date: Thu, 20 Oct 1994 23:29:47 -0400 (EDT)
From: "Michael F. Bowman" <mfbowman@cap.gwu.edu>
Subject: Re: Cub Scout Day Camp
To: Tom Armbruster <tarmbres@ACCESS.K12.WV.US>

Tom,

Another thought: If you can get pictures of a lot of Cub uniforms from folks on the list, you can make a box with simple wiring where the boys can match the uniform with the country's name and get a light to go on or a buzzer to ring. It's not a main event, but a fun thing while groups are waiting.

**Yours in Scouting, Michael F. Bowman, a/k/a Professor Beaver
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Date: Sun, 23 Oct 1994 21:30:41 +100
From: Ian Ford <ianford@DIRCON.CO.UK>
Subject: UK Cub Scouts International Experience

Next weekend fifteen Cub Scouts from 25th Greenwich pack will have a Pack

holiday (indoor camp) with a difference. Three Scouts and two Leaders from BSA Troop 401 in London will be helping to run a program with a US flavor to help the boys meet the international requirements for their awards.

The boys will be in two dormitories, and each group will have a " Den Chief " - a Scout from Troop 401 - as their leader for the weekend. The Den Chiefs will help the Sixers (Denners) to get their groups organised.

The adult Leaders from 25th Greenwich and Troop 401 will be organising a program which will include swimming , roller skating , archery etc. as well as outdoor and indoor games and activities. Buckmore Park Scout Centre has a full-size heated indoor pool , a sports hall with roller-disco and facilities for archery , climbing wall etc.

On Friday evening we will be trying activities from the various BSA Cub Scout program areas. If you have any ideas which we could use for an hour-long session for about fifteen boys indoors in a room about 20' x 30' I'd be <delighted> to hear from you. I have some ideas, but the more the merrier.

We are also trying a few delicacies such as pancakes with maple syrup and bacon for breakfast , a blueberry cobbler and cinnamon toast. These will all be new to the British Cub Scouts.

US readers may be surprised at the fact that our Cubs will be going away on camp without parents. One Leader has a boy in the pack, and he is the Beaver Scout Leader who will be coming to help out. Apart from him, none of the Leaders have kids in the Pack. For most of the Cubs a weekend away with their mates is quite exciting. For some this will be their first trip away from home, so that is an adventure in itself. The organisation of duty rosters, etc. is up to the Sixers (Denners) who are aged about 9.5 and consider themselves veterans after two or three weekend camps. They have the responsibility of looking after the new campers with the help of the two " Den Chiefs " aged thirteen and fourteen. Obviously the adult leaders will be around to deal with any problems , but we aim to keep the little guys so busy that they will not have time to be homesick.

The two teams will be competing against each other during the weekend , with points awarded for kit inspection , activities, bonus points for showing " Scout Spirit " etc.

And as for kit inspection, the guys are expected to lay their kit out on their bunks like boot camp - sleeping bag and pyjamas at the top, then clothing , wash kit, other equipment etc. all laid out in order. Points are awarded for everything being neatly folded, shoes clean, etc. and for the rooms themselves being tidy.

By this point I imagine a lot of you are wondering what we have got here ... but a lot of parents have commented how pleased they are when their boys come back from camp if not domesticated at least partially house-trained <g>. We will follow up with the Home Help badge which requires them to keep their rooms tidy , wash and iron their neckerchief etc.

The Cubs will help with the cooking, with each team helping to prepare, serve and clean away for the different meals with the Sixer and Den Chief doing most of the organisation.

It gives a <lot> of responsibility to the Cub Scouts, because the adults will back off unless they are required , e.g. to supervise cooking or to teach particular training sessions. It also means that the three Scouts will have a unique leadership experience working with a younger age group doing a job that can best be described as a cross between big brother, mother hen and master-sergeant in equal measures. One of the BSA Scouts was a Cub Scout in the UK program and earned the Camper badge , and the other Den Chief has helped with our camps before, so I am confident in their abilities. the third BSA Scout was a junior counselor at summer Camp and taught archery , so he will be helping me with the archery session.

I'll tell you how we got on ...

Ian N Ford
Asst Group Scout Leader, 25th Greenwich Scout Group
ASM , BSA Troop 401 , American School in London

Date: Tue, 1 Nov 1994 08:35:23 +0100
From: Carl Persson <carl@SMAB.SE>
Subject: International scouting (Sweden)

There has been a discussion on the list about the dominans of the BSA. Some of you has asked about information from other contries.

So here i a breif explaniation. on scouting in Sweden. In Sweden there are five different scout organiations which togheter form the Swedish Scout Council. The scout council is our port to the world, all international matters handled trough this organisation.

The organisations are the swedish scoutorganisation (no connection to a mother organisation), The temperance scout organisation (mother-organisation IOGT), the YMCA/YWCA scout organisation (motherorganisation YMCA/YWCA), The Salvation Army scout organisation(mother organisation Salvation army and finally a christion scout organiaation, i dont now the english term (mother organisation a free church SVENSKA MISSIONSFORBUNDET)

All the organisation have mixed scouting for boys and girls and there is no rules for the sex of the leaders, although we all try to be both male and female leaders in the groups.

The age groups are

Beaver 6- 7 years only som local units have these group.

Minior 8- 9 years

Junior 10-11 years

Patrol 12-16 years

Senior 17-18 years

Leader 19- years

The age limits for the older vary little between the different organisations.

Swedish scouting is much concentrated on living in the outdoors and backpacking because we have lots of nature to be in in Sweden.

We also have a very strong international invovlment. The goal fro ther organisat

ions is that every scout shall once go to an international camp. The scoutcouncil also m

akes campes in other contries so that swedes can go abroad.

We are also doing a lot to help scouting in Latvia.

Please feel free to send more specific questions.

Yours in scouting

CARL

Date: Wed, 2 Nov 1994 09:08:09 GMT
From: BRUCE C JOHNSON <JOHNSON@MAIL.LOC.GOV>
Subject: 1995 WORLD JAMBOREE

Fellow Scouters:

Thanks for all of your help with the 1995 World Jamboree clipart. I wasn't able to de-compress the file in time for my presentation on Saturday, but it didn't seem to matter.

The meeting was for the Northeast Region Scout Troop and Explorer Post leaders to the World Jamboree. Really terrific! We got a great overview of what's in store for us next summer and given our marching orders. I've been named "Advisor" (Scoutmaster in Boy Scouting terminology) of the region's Exploring contingent. My work's cut out for me though since we still have several openings for Explorers in the contingent. We're also looking for a qualified lady Explorer leader to serve with the contingent.

That's where you all can help. If you're from Northeast Region and have any contacts in Exploring, I would really appreciate any help you can provide in recruiting Explorers for the World Jamboree. While the cost is pretty high, they will have the time of their lives! If you have any "hot" prospects and would like me to follow up with them, please pass on their information and I'll be happy to oblige.

Thanks for your help and wish me luck.

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Northeast Region Exploring Contingent
Commodore, Sea Exploring
Northeast Region, B.S.A.

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Date: Thu, 3 Nov 1994 13:37:50 -0500
From: "Gerry Owen,Summerland Research Station" <OWEN@BCRSSU.AGR.CA>
Subject: Canadian Jamboree

Frontier '95 is the 7th British Columbia-Yukon Jamboree and is being held July 15 to 22, 1995 at Prince George, BC, Canada.

Here is some of the information that I've seen and picked up.

The last Jamboree saw 2800 attend, age starts at eleven (Scouts in Canada). Subcamps, tours, and special events are planned. Costs is \$250 and that includes the food for you to cook. Registration is starting now.

For more information contact this address, sorry I don't have the phone number.

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Date: Fri, 4 Nov 1994 20:25:50 EST
From: Patrick Lam <PLAM@MUSICM.MCGILL.CA>
Subject: Re: canadian jamborees

>Quebec, Jambec. Where do I write for more information. I need an ad
>address and telephone number. How many Scouts usually attend one
>of these events. What type of activities should we expect?
>Are there specific age requirements? What is the cost?

For the Quebec Jamboree, you can call at (514)683-3004, and you
can write to our Scout office at:

Scouts Canada
Quebec Provincial Council
2001 Trans-Canada Highway
Dorval, Quebec H9P 1J1
Canada

I wouldn't think there would be age requirements (as long as they're
Scouts,) and they're expecting 1000 Scouts, Venturers and Rovers.

The cost is about \$175Cdn with food included. I don't know what
type of activities will happen, though.

pat

Date: Sat, 5 Nov 1994 00:37:01 -0500 (EST)
From: "Michael F. Bowman" <mfbowman@cap.gwu.edu>
Subject: CAN: Canadian Jamboree

Laura,

Please send any information you can by e-mail to me on the 97 Canadian Jamboree and I'll pass it on to our units and our Canadian contingent.

Yours in Scouting, Michael F. Bowman, a/k/a Professor Beaver
Deputy District Commissioner Exploring, GW Dist., NCAC, BSA
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Date: Mon, 7 Nov 1994 19:59:00 CST
From: "Settummanque, the blackeagle" <waltoml@WKUVX1.WKU.EDU>
Subject: Re: scouting's goal

Bob McGwier <n4hy@CCR-P.IDA.ORG> writes:

(much deleted in his reply to NorMac)

I for one don't find them neither offensive nor insulting. I've been talking offline with Gregor for the past year or so, and find that his concept of what the BSA is all about based totally on what he reads here (and on Rec.Scouting) and comparing it against his home program in Austria.

In his nation's program, there isn't a brightly colored uniform, nor patches which are given out la-de-da for everything including being a participant in a service project. In his nation's program, it is the unit and not the Council, nor national body that dictates program, options or administration. There is a body that handles registration but it's mostly to count heads, not to establish how much financial contribution can be gained from the membership in Innsbruck or any other city. There is no one form of unit, but rather several different forms which don't quite equate with the way our Packs, Troops, Teams and Posts/Ships are organized and operate through.

There is a freer, more liberal way of doing things and going places, with less paperwork and less restrictions than what we have here, and it is hard for him to accept, let alone understand why in a "open, free and prosperous nation" as the USA, we have more restrictions and more policies over whom should do what next to whom than in his small country, the size of several of our smaller states placed together.

Gregor's Scouting experience now is like the BSA used to be when it first started many moons ago....without the many faceted advancement program.

(see what one can learn from just reading other's postings over a interenational forum like Scouts-L? *broad smile*)

So Bob, Gregor's (and other's) questions are neither flammatory nor insulting to me. I take it as it is...questions and inquiries from a non-USA Scouter that want to understand why we do the things we do. Shutting him out or telling him (or anyone else for that matter) that "his points

don't count" to me is a lot like telling a Tenderfoot Scout when he asks "Why do we have to study the US Flag?", that he's un-American if he don't.

Part of understanding **why we do the things we do** in the BSA is what brought me to this list. There are Scouters that were going around blindly doing things without understanding why they were doing them the way that the professional wanted them to do them and too scared to **ask** why, for fear of getting what you dished out to Gregor. I for one will answer his statements, comments and objections as best as I can...just like I will strive to do the same for you or any other Scouter.

Date: Mon, 7 Nov 1994 19:41:12 CST
From: "Settummanque, the blackeagle" <waltoml@WKUVX1.WKU.EDU>
Subject: Re: scouting's goal

gregor herrmann <Gregor.Herrmann@UIBK.AC.AT> writes:

>a friend of mine (an austrian scout currently studying in
>gainesville fla.) has sent me a BSA boy scout handbook (10th edition
>1990). i found one sentence that caught my curiosity:

>

>"your boy scout handbook [...] will point you toward the most
>important scouting goal of all - the eagle scout rank." (ben h.
>glove, chief scout executive; page vii)

(Ben H. Love's preface to the opening of the Scout Handbook)

>IMO scouting has a slightly different goal than earning ranks (BTW:
>i thought it is called "advancement system" and not "rank system" any
>more?). so i wanted to ask esp. the scouts from BSA in this group:

>* is this really the Scouting aim as BSA sees it?

No. The aims that Scouting in the USA seeks are not tangible ones. The attainment of the Eagle Scout Badge makes the intangible goals (that of character, personal fitness and citizenship) more reachable and more realistic for the 11 or 12 year old new Scout.

>* was this a mistake by the chief scout executive?

Definitely not. The attainment of the Eagle Scout Badge...a coveted award in ANY walk of American life...is something that each and every kid that joins Scouting in America SHOULD reach for, despite the low numbers that actually make it. It's a TOUGH award, no matter how much some adults try to water it down for their Scouts (by birth or by unit affiliation) for them to reach it. It's a DEMANDING award, because of the sheer fact that you will have to prove yourself to your community, to your faith and to yourself while working toward it. It's also a EQUALITY-MINDED award, because a Black teenager living in the Bronx, an Hispanic living in North Dakota, and a white kid living within the American Consulant in Bogota, Columbia can all earn the award meeting the SAME requirements, the SAME demands and the SAME amount of service...while at the same time, this award is INDIVIDUALIZED in the way each of them (and others) choose to earn it. While there are eleven

required merit badges which must be earned, there are others that is totally up to each Eagle to choose, work on and earn.

(was someone looking for some Eagle Court of Honor words? *hehehe*)

>* how is this possible - whatever it was?

How was what possible? The emphasis on earning an award? Gregor, I've tried to explain this before to you, but it bears repeating here in the open forum. Unlike other nation's Scouting programs, the BSA's Scouting programs have a high degree of personal achievement and this personal achievement serves as the prime motivator for both youth and adult in the program. We Americans are a competing lot, and that competition, which spurred from our earliest days as a nation, spills over for better or worse in many areas of our daily lives. We are NOT content, as Scouts are in many European countries, with just being "a Scout". There are THOUSANDS of Scouts in the United States. What SINGLES them out from the rest of the Scouts....again for the good it does as well as the bad...is that DRIVE to become the "best". The "highest". The "coveted". That competitive drive serves as one of the determinators whether a kid goes to college or even finishes high school here.

In other nation's Scouting programs, the exception is the Scout that achieves more than what I'll call the "proficient" level of their program. In the United States, Canada, and in Great Britain, this level is the STANDARD. Since this standard could be met by the majority of the Scouts in their nations, they developed a stairstep of awards which takes those Scouts higher than being merely proficient. Scouts in all three nations grow tired of just camping without a purpose, to doing things without a goal or a reason other than "that's what Scouts do". They want to acheive a level higher than their peers.

In the USA, it is called "Star Scout", "Life Scout", "Eagle Scout" and "Eagle Scout with _____Palm(s)".

Each step upward takes a Scout beyond merely camping and "palling" around with his (or her) peers. It takes them to another level of service, another level of leadership and most importantly another level (we hope) of self-discovery and self-disclosure, as he or she finds out that there are some things that they CANNOT do.

Other things, they can do **EXTREMELY WELL**. This serves as part of that competitiveness that drives them onward through high school, through college and we hope through a successful and fulfilling life.

>gregor **slightly shocked**

Don't be shocked. Again, as many tried to explain here, the BSA is indeed a rare and exotic animal indeed. Our programs are not just designed to take kids into the woods camping and hiking and all of that.....it is designed to prepare them for their places in today's competitive and increasing changing American society. While I can debate either side...the good that this causes as well as the wrong it does create in some quarters, the **bottom line benefit** is that earning a tangible award (Eagle or First Class or even Tenderfoot) takes much more than going camping and coming to meetings.

Settummanque!

Date: Tue, 8 Nov 1994 16:07:07 +0100
From: gregor herrmann <Gregor.Herrmann@uibk.ac.at>
Organization: University of Innsbruck, Austria
Subject: Re: scouting's goal

dear settummanque!
first let me thank you for your long and helpful answer.

> gregor herrmann <Gregor.Herrmann@UIBK.AC.AT> writes:

> >* is this really the Scouting aim as BSA sees it?

> No. The aims that Scouting in the USA seeks are not tangible ones.
> The attainment of the Eagle Scout Badge makes the intangible goals
> (that of character, personal fitness and citizenship) more reachable
> and more realistic for the 11 or 12 year old new Scout.

as far as i understand the eagle rank is the goal for the kids. right? so it is a method to reach scouting's goal. okay i have no problem with this but i still consider it - well not very elegant to write "scouting's most important goal". it could be misleading - even for the kids (although THEIR aim is the eagle scout rank it is not scouting's goal). maybe it could be put: "this handbook will help you to reach the goal of the BSA advancement scheme: the eagle scout rank" or something like that.

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> Definately not. The attainment of the Eagle Scout Badge...a coveted
> award in ANY walk of American life...is something that each and every
> kid that joins Scouting in America SHOULD reach for, despite the low
> numbers that actually make it. [...]

i never argued against the eagle scout badge (only against calling it scouting's goal) although it is not our method to have rabks adn badges for our latest age section (ranger/rover 16-20)

> >* how is this possible - whatever it was?
> How was what possible? The emphasis on earning an award? Gregor,
> I've tried to explain this before to you, but it bears repeating here
> in the open forum.

how was it possible to call eagle "scouting's goal" and not "your goal within the advancement scheme" [i know that a different wording would be needed]. i know that esp. BSA is much more badge and rank orientated than european scouting - thanks anyway for pointing out the background again.

gregor

Date: Mon, 7 Nov 1994 22:15:47 -0500 (EST)
From: "Michael F. Bowman" <mfbowman@cap.gwu.edu>
Subject: Re: scouting's goal

Bob,

I think you may be over-reacting to Gregor's way of seeking information. You should remember that Gregor is using a second language and trying to understand the nuances of something completely foreign to himself.

In the recent past he and I had quite a dialog off-line about Wood Badge and the different ways we do training. I certainly wasn't offended and enjoyed the learning process, as I think Gregor did as well.

We can all appreciate that not everyone writes with the same style. I'd rather have someone question how we do our form of Scouting, allowing us to answer, than to have a misunderstanding perpetuated.

I've noted Gregor's postings in the past and have responded to many myself, some off-line. I'm not sure I would characterize his postings as an effort to tear down BSA.

Please try a little tolerance and see it as an opportunity. If you can't, I would suggest that it may better to continue your arguments in private e-mail.

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Date: Thu, 10 Nov 1994 23:51:07 -0500 (EST)
From: "Michael F. Bowman" <mfbowman@cap.gwu.edu>
Subject: Re: Russia Trip again
To: Bob McGwier <n4hy@CCR-P.IDA.ORG>

Bob,

It may be worth your time to call Bob Flory our Deputy District Commissioner for International Relations (we have a lot of international activity in a super-huge district) at 703-569-4331. Bob led a troop on a canoe trip through Siberia and has been involved in efforts to get supplies, tents, etc. to Russian units. He knows the ropes and may be able to tell you some things to consider based on his experience.

**Speaking only for myself in the Scouting Spirit, Michael F Bowman
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From: Bob McGwier <n4hy@ccr-p.ida.org>

Date: Fri, 11 Nov 1994 11:06:29 -0500

To: mfbowman@cap.gwu.edu

Subject: Russia Trip again

Thanks a lot Mike. It is this kind of information I knew would come my way if I asked.

Bob

From: Bob McGwier <n4hy@ccr-p.ida.org>

Date: Fri, 11 Nov 1994 11:06:29 -0500

To: mfbowman@cap.gwu.edu

Subject: Russia Trip again

Thanks a lot Mike. It is this kind of information I knew would come my way if I asked.

Bob

Date: Thu, 10 Nov 1994 12:11:36 +0100
From: Ralf Kohl <Kohl@IFOR.MATH.ETHZ.CH>
Subject: Re : Bdp: German Ranks and badges

Dear Andrew,

in advance : most of the german scouts I dealt with were very keen on trading badges and scarfes. So I guess this incident was bad luck to you.

One point you should be aware of is the fact that there are dozends of different scouting associations in Germany. The three biggest ones (BdP, VCP, DPSG) are unified in the RdP, the only association which is accepted by the WOSM. But the RdP is an organization which deals with high level organizational subjects (as far as I know). The average scout doesn` t identify with the RdP but with her/his association, many of them not even know that there is a RdP.

The association I am member of is the DPSG, the biggest scouting association in Germany. Before the german unification took place we had about 100.000 members (related to 60 Mio inhabitants), now this number is out of my sight. Most of the groups are coed.

I am not familiar with the word "ranks". But I guess a "rank" system does not exist in the DPSG. The scouts are member of groups which are basically devided by age :

7-11 "Woelflinge"	= cubs	orange
11-14 "Jungpfadfinder"	= ?	blue
14-17 "Pfadfinder"	= Scouts	green
17-21 "Rovers"	= rovers	red

The last column marks the colour of the scarf and the "rank" badge, the only signs which show the rank. A girl or boy changes the rank more or less automatically when he/she is old enough; in addition the state of personal development is taken into account. At each change they have to give a new promise. Anyone who becomes a leader gets a grey scarf and badge, but is not forced to do a promise.

The DPSG officially states, that the uniform has to be very simple : apart from the rank badge, which consists in a coloured lily(sp?) (cubs badge : the head of a wolf) you may wear :

(1) the WOSM lily

(2) A badge with a german flag, which lately changed to a european flag.

When you take part in a speacial event (national activities, jamborees, ..) you may wear a badge which is related to this activity . After one year you are supoused to take it down. So far the official part.

In real life you find groups which strictly apply these rules, and on the other hand you may meet scouts which are very decorated. An "in between solution" is the campfire coat : a blanket which carries all the badges you earned, bought or traded. You usally wear it during the campfires (were it is the perfect cloth : warm at the always cold back and letting the heat of the campfire in at your front) and probably the scouting ceremoy. So far my experiences.

Fellow DPSG Scouters : Did I forget anything, do you have a different view ?

At last I like to point (for everybody who doesn` t know about) to the virtual world : you can find an unofficial DPSG www page (<http://rzstud1.rz.uni-karlsruhe.de/~ua36/pfadfinder/>) and a german mailing list (pfadi-liste@ifipc01.uni-muenster.de) where you can get additional information and contact german scouters.

Gut Pfad

Date: Sat, 12 Nov 1994 19:52:00 +0100
From: goede schueler <g.schueler@PROLINE.GUN.DE>
Subject: DPSG : numbers and facts

Hi!

I`d like to introduce my scouting organisation to you. It`s the DPSG, which means German Scouting Assoziation St. Georg and is as you can see from the name a catholic organisation.

The DPSG constitutes with the VCP (evangelic) and the BdP (undenominational) the "Ring deutscher Pfadfinder", who is accepted by the WOSM in Cern.

The DPSG is the union of all catholic scout "tribes" in Germany. It is divided in 24 dioceses, which have 140 councils. In all there`re are 1358 "tribes"

"Tribe" We don`t have troops like the BSA. Our troop gathers a group of boy and/or girls of about one age. There are four steps of age in an scoutlife: Woelfling (8-11), Jungpfadfinder (11-14), Pfadfinder (14-16) and Rover (16-20). Each troop can be just boys or girls or mixed. All these troops of a community form a tribe. Which is the most important cell of organisation.

Most leaders start when they are about 18-20. Leaders older that 30 are not very usual. DON`T BE SHOCKED NOW! When I`ve been in the U.S.A. this summer, I discussed this point a lot with BSA-Scoutmasters. For them this wasn`t easy to understand.

The DPSG has about 112000 members (37% are female).

It was founded at 1929. The Nazi regime dissolved the DPSG 1938 and all youth organisations - except the HJ - were forbidden. The rebuilding after the war was founded at first on the subjects and methods of 1938. In the late 50`s the DPSG revised their basis. The pedagical discussions in the Germany of the 60`s leaded the to another revision which was finished at 1971. Till that day girls and women came become members of the DPSG.

That`s all for now. Any questions?

YIS goede,

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Date: Tue, 29 Nov 1994 10:21:48 +0000
From: Andy McElhannon <Andrew_McElhannon@BAYLOR.EDU>
Subject: Re: IOFSAG, Scouts in Exile

I read a really informative "book" about Scouts in Exile titled "The Forgotten Movements"

This book was written by Piet Kroonenberg of the Netherlands and his address is :

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THE NETHERLANDS**

What I have been able to learn about the movements of Exiled Scouts that came into existence in the early 1920s with the end of the Russian Civil War (1921), these national movements lasted officially as part of the WOSM (formerly Boy Scout International Bureau) until December 1945 due to the vast number of Displaced Persons following WWII. The National Movements in France and England and other countries that found themselves hosting literally millions of displaced persons weren't overly fond of the possibility of many new Exiled Scout movements from Eastern Europe.

As a quote from the book states:

the World organization "agreed that no more "National Movements on Foreign Soil could be permitted and they also agreed that the two precedents had to be removed and expelled from the World Movement. And so it happened that was wassed:

Resolution 12/45 reading:

"The continuation of the Russian Association was also questioned. The Committee was of the opinion that conditions now, as against those obtaining when the Association was granted recognition, were such that the continuance of recognition was no longer justified. The Committee particularly wished to avoid any circumstances that might compromise the possible organization withing the U.S.S.R. of a Scout Movement that might eventually become a member of the World Scout Brotherhood."

What this meant was that these displaced persons who desired to become Scouts had to organize through the National Movements of the nations they were located in. From what I can gather, England and France didn't prevent the rise of Eastern European National movements on Foreign Soil from forming. What the US did was that around that time, tried to get the National Organization of Russian Scouts, headquartered in the US, to merge itself in to the BSA as directed by the World Movement. The Russian Scouts refused and subsequently the BSA threatened legal (as near as I can tell) action if the National Organization of Russian Scouts didn't stop using the world "Scout" so the Russian Scouts in the US changed their name to "National Organization of Russian Pathfinders (Rus- Razvyadckikov), and so it has remained until this day, still operating and causing considerable headaches for the newly formed "Federation of Russian Scouts" in Russia.

Anyway, sorry for the History lesson, but it was too tempting. If anyone is curious, I have a little more info that I can send if you ask specific questions.

YiS,
Andy McElhannon
ASM T-497
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**INTERNATIONAL
FOREIGN LANGUAGE VERSIONS OF CHEERS AND MERRY CHRISTMAS**

Danish	Skaal (happy Christmas)	(skol)	Glaedelig jul Og godt nyt aar (and a happy new year)
Dutch	Proost	(p-roast)	
German	Prost (Happy Christmas)	(prohst)	Frohe Weihnachten
Hebrew	L'Chayim		
Iceland	(Happy Christmas)		Gledileg jol
Irish	Slainte	(Slawn-tye)	
Italian	Saluto (good Christmas)	(Sahlotoe)	Buon natal
Japanese	Kampai	(Kahm-pie)	
Korean	Konbae	(Kon-bay)	
Portuguese			Feliz Natal
Spanish	Salud	(Sa-lood)	Feliz Navidad

Date: Mon, 5 Dec 1994 01:44:02 -0500
From: Michele Cervoni <IamMichi@AOL.COM>
Subject: PENPALS IN EX-USSR

U.S. and Canadian Youth Leaders:

We realize that you have internet access, but if you could share the following information with your group/troop members who don't have access to the Net it would be greatly appreciated

100,000 TEENS AND YOUNG ADULTS IN EX-USSR SEEK POSTAL PENPALS

The organization SAPE (formerly "The Soviet-American Penfriend Exchange") has matched up more than 20,000 citizens of the USA and Canada with penpals in the former Soviet Union since its inception in 1989. Due to the large word-of-mouth network that exists in the former USSR countries, we now have a waiting list of more than 100,000 people in the former USSR who would like a penpal in the USA or Canada.

These penpals range in age from 10 through college-age. Almost 90% can correspond in English, but some have only studied French or German, and a few can only write in Russian and their native language. Please note that these penpals are NOT e-mail penpals and can correspond via postal mail only.

HOW THE PROCESS WORKS: We send the penpal's name, address, age, gender, and languages known to you (within 1-2 weeks), along with detailed information on sending letters and parcels to the CIS and Baltic countries. From there, you and your penpal write directly to each other, and SAPE only steps in to assist if there is a problem, a question, or no response is received.

WHAT IS REQUIRED: There is a fee of \$3.00 per penpal (U.S. residents), or 6 International Reply Coupons (IRCs) per penpal (Canadian residents). [IRC's may be purchased at any post office in the world.] This fee is used in 3

ways: (1) the cost of supplies and postage to send you the address of your penpal and mailing info; (2) the cost of supplies and postage to answer inquiries about the project, answer specific questions from participants, or to handle any problems that arise with penpals; and finally, (3) the cost of mailing information about this project to schools, youth groups, and youth-related media (this is by far our biggest expense). Because the number of requests from the CIS and Baltics generally outnumbers those from North America by about 10 to 1, these continued mailings are essential if we are to find penpals for everyone who writes to us. SAPE has no paid employees, all persons involved do so on a volunteer basis only.

In addition to the fee, you'll find below a coupon that also needs to be filled out, so that we may match you with a suitable penpal.

WHO HAS PARTICIPATED IN SAPE? Over the past five years, more than 350 teachers have involved their students in this project. In addition, more than 500 local chapters of the following organizations have also participated: Girl Scouts of America, Boy Scouts of America, 4-H, Campfire Councils, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, and Girls Inc. Additionally, U.S. Peace Corps Volunteers who are serving as English teachers in Latvia, Lithuania, Turkmenistan, and Kyrgyzstan have incorporated SAPE participation into their curricula this year. We expect the Peace Corps' participation to expand over the next year, to include the other CIS countries where PCV's serve. We do have reference letters written on our behalf by teachers on file, which we can send to you upon request.

SAPE has also been recognized by: The U.S. Information Agency, The Embassy of Russia, The Institute for Soviet-American Relations (ISAR), Voice of America, and National Geographic's WORLD magazine (Nov 1990 issue). SAPE is not a branch of any other organization and has no political or religious affiliations.

Thank you very much for your time and I hope you'll excuse the e-mail

intrusion.

Please feel free to email me if you have any questions. My email address is:

IAmMichi@aol.com

**Very sincerely,
Michele Cervoni
Director, SAPE**

Complete the following and mail with fee to:

**SAPE
PO Box 260800
Highlands Ranch, CO 80126
U.S.A.**

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

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Zip/Postal Code: _____

Age: _____ **Sex:** _____

Languages Known: _____

Choice of Male or Female Penpal (or No Preference):

Male: _____ **Female:** _____ **No Preference:** _____

Fee for U.S. Residents: \$3.00 per penpal

Fee for Canadian Residents: 6 International Reply Coupons per penpal

Date: Mon, 5 Dec 1994 10:55:25 GMT
From: bell <bell@RZ.UNI-DUESSELDORF.DE>
Subject: SONG: Scouts of the World

Dear friends,

first of all I want to thank those of you, who answered my request for scout songs! I found it interesting, that there seem to be allmost only silly songs sung in America. Is it because Scouting in America is such a serious thing, that at least the songs have to be silly? ;-)
I would like to share a very nice English scout song I learned a couple of years ago by some British fellows. If anybody could tell me something about that song's history I would be grateful. At the end of the last verse, the scout law is recited, but I couldn't work that out afterwards, so I left that part out when teaching it to my group and we still enjoy singing it very much.

 G G7
R. We're the Scouts of the World,

 C D
Every nationality,

 G e
We're the Scouts of the World,

 C D
Joining hands across the sea;

 C G
We stand for God and Country

 C D G
and for truth and honesty;

 C G e
We're the scouts of the World,

 C D G
In united harmony.

 e C G
1. It's an undivided movement to which we all belong

 e C D
And we know that right will always triumph over wrong

 C G C G
We always do our best and we help someone every day

 C G A7 D
But we believe in peace and freedom and we're proud to say:

R.

 e C G
2. We are black and we are yellow, and brown and red and white
 e C D
We are tall and short and we belong to every walk of life
 C G C G
But we all have one purpose and obey the same Scout Law
 C G A7 D
For we are joined together in one universal cause

R.

 C
3. We learn to be good citizens
 G C
By following our code
 G C
Leading by example as we
 A7 D
Tread life's winding road

Gut Pfad!

Rabe

Ralf.Bell@uni-duesseldorf.de

Date: Mon, 5 Dec 1994 10:57:31 GMT
From: bell <bell@RZ.UNI-DUESSELDORF.DE>
Subject: DE: 25 years co-ed

On Thu, 1 Dec 1994 08:00:59 MET,
Joerg Janes <janes@IDS.SAARLINK.de> wrote:

>I think, the german DPSG-scouts, founded in 1929 have got co-ed
>groups since thier foundation ?!

Sorry Joerg,

that isn't right. Girls are allowed in the DPSG since 1971, so decided
on the 31st General Assembly of the DPSG in Hirschberg.

The protestantic male association CP (Christliche Pfadfinderschaft) and the
female EMP (Evangelische Maedchenpfadfinderschaft) and BCP (Bund
Christlicher Pfadfinderinnen) decided on their three General Assemblies in
1970 to come together as one, coeducating association. They finally came
together as VCP (Verband Christlicher Pfadfinderinnen und Pfadfinder) on
1.1.1973.

The interdenominational BDP (Bund Deutscher Pfadfinder) and BDPinnen
(Bund
Deutscher Pfadfinderinnen) started talking about fusion in 1968, but the
girls drew back when the BDP drifted into an extreme left political
direction. In 1971 a big part of the BDP left and built the new BdP (Bund
der Pfadfinder). The BDP was excluded by WOSM and the BdP accepted
instead.

New contacts between BDPinnen and BdP were made and on their joined
General Assembly 1/2.11.1975 they fusioned as BdP (Bund der
Pfadfinderinnen
und Pfadfinder).

How early single groups started coeducate work before these official dates,
I don't know. I don't think it was before the late sixties.

Gut Pfad!

Rabe

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Date: Tue, 6 Dec 1994 15:39:04 +1200
From: Jim Parnell <parnell_j@KOSMOS.WCC.GOV.T.NZ>
Subject: 14th NEW ZEALAND JAMBOREE

A SCOUTING EXPERIENCE LIKE NO OTHER.

Come and share the Wilderness Experience.

16th Asia Pacific Jamboree - 14th New Zealand Jamboree.

December 29th to January 6th 1996, in the height of our summer.

The Jamboree will be held in New Zealand's World Heritage Park, Fiordland National Park, down in the South Western corner of our country. You'll be camping alongside mountains, lakes, wildlife, and spectacular scenery.

It is for both male and female Scouts.

There will be hundreds of unique activities in beautiful Fiordland. There will be tramping, boating, exploring, cycling, and more than 50 other wilderness activities. You'll also get to travel into the world famous Milford Sound.

The Wilderness Jamboree offers far more than any other Scouting activity. The setting is unique, the countryside spectacular. You'll be camping with thousands of Scouts from New Zealand and around the world.....

Plan now to be there, you won't be disappointed.

Come and experience the friendliest Jamboree in the South Pacific, in New Zealand's wonderful and unique Wilderness area.

Write to your Scout Headquarters to get in touch with the Jamboree Contingent Organiser in your country.

**Jim Parnell, ZL2APE. parnell_j@kosmos.wcc.govt.nz
National Organiser for Jamborees on the Air in New Zealand
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New Zealand.**

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Date: Mon, 7 Aug 1995 00:18:00 BST-1
From: John Haseler <jhaseler@cix.compulink.co.uk>
Subject: WITAN '96 - International Scout & Guide 18+ camp

WITAN '96 will be held on 27th July - 10 August 1996 in Scotland.

It is for Scout and Guide Leaders and members aged 18 upwards.

The cost including food and activities is GBP 220.

The main venue is near Aberdeen, with a pre-camp near Edinburgh if you want to make a longer stay.

For further information contact Heather Boyd (no email yet) 10 Woodcote Green Road, EPSOM Surrey KT18 7DH UK.

(Posted at her request by John Haseler, who will try to answer email)

Date: Tue, 24 Oct 1995 11:31:27 -0500
From: Bill Warde <billw@OKWAY.OKSTATE.EDU>
Subject: Moot

A (Rover) Moot is a gathering of Rovers, either Internationally or locally. It equates to Jamboree or Camporee for Rovers.

When I was a Rover in UK, the age range was 18 to 25 year olds. Don't know what it is now since my experiences date to 1961 through 1965.

**Bill Warde
District Commissioner
Pawnee Bill District
Will Rogers Council**

Date: Mon, 23 Oct 1995 17:23:43 -0600
From: Eduardo Esteva Fischer <efischer@COLOSSUS.RHON.ITAM.MX>
Subject: 6th World Youth Forum (General Information)

The 6th World Youth Forum will take place in Norway prior to the 34th World Scout Conference.

The World Youth Fom will for the first time be linked to the World Scout Conference.

The World Conference wants to strengthen youth involvement in the decision-making process of our Organization. In Bangkok in 1993 the World Conference adopted a policy on involvement of young members in decision-making, emphasizing that Scouting is not only a Movement FOR young people but also a Movement OF young people (Conference Resolution No. 2/93).

ORGANIZATION

The 6th World Youth Forum will be hosted by the Norwegian Guide and Scout Association. (Norges Speiderforbund - NSF).

THEME AND PROGRAMME

The theme will be the same as for the World Conference - "LOOKING WIDER"

a quotation of Lord Baden Powell and an invitation to Scouting to become more open to the world and the world to become more open to Scouting.

This theme will offer young people an opportunity to express their own views on a range of agenda subjects. There will also be time to discuss topics proposed by the participants themselves.

Various working methods will be used to share ideas among the participants, to develop discussion on the different topics and to reach recommendations to address to the World Conference.

Our Norwegian hosts will also organize activities, close to nature and in a "Nordic spirit", to discover and enjoy their country and their Scouting.

DATE

Tuesday 2nd to Friday 5th July 1995; with arrival in Moss in the afternoon of 2nd July before 4 p.m. and leaving Moss on the morning of 6th July.

LOCATION

The 6th Youth Forum will be held in Moss, a town situated approximately 60 km south of Oslo in exceptionally wonderful surroundings of fjords, lakes and forest. It will offer many possibilities for activities.

The Forum itself will be held in the Town Hall, which offers very good working facilities.

Acommodation will be at a boarding school, in single or double rooms. The school is situated on a beautiful island, 10 minutes drive from the Town Hall.

Transportation between Oslo airport or Moss train station and the Forum location, and between the Town Hall and the school will be organized by the Host Committee.

PARTICIPANTS

Each National Scout Organization is invited to send a delegation to the World Youth Forum. It may be composed of a maximum of

- Two delegates and
- three observers (participants with right to speak but not to vote).

The participants must be between their 18th and 26th birthdays.

PARTICIPATION IN THE WORLD SCOUT CONFERENCE

National Scout Organizations are encouraged to include Forum delegates or observers in their World Scout Conference delegation. This is facilitated by:

- the World Youth Forum will take place just prior to the World Conference, which will take place from 8th to 12th July,
- home hospitality will be provided to Forum participants during the two days between the two events,
- a special reduced combined Forum/Conference fee has been set for participants taking part in both the World Youth Forum and in the World Conference.

FORUM FEE

The Forum fee for delegates and observers will be between NKR 1,800 and NKR 900 (present exchange rate appr. US\$ 260 and US\$ 130) depending on the fee category in which your country is situated according to its GNP per capita.

The fee for the World Youth Forum includes full board and accommodation, i.e. room and all meals.

GETTING TO NORWAY

Oslo can be reached by air, train (Eurail Youth Pass), by sea or by car.

Moss has direct train links Gothenburg, Malmo, and Copenhagen.

The Host Committee will welcome participants in Oslo at Fornebu airport or at the Moss train station and provide transport to the place where the Forum will take place. There is a one hour drive from Oslo to Moss.

Yours in Scouting

Eduardo Esteva

6th WYF Planning Committee

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Date: Wed, 25 Oct 1995 09:09:20 -0600
From: Eduardo Esteva Fischer <efischer@COLOSSUS.RHON.ITAM.MX>
Subject: World Youth Forum (WYF)
To: Multiple recipients of list SCOUTS-L <SCOUTS-L@TCUBVM.IS.TCU.EDU>

As a mistake I indicate that the Youth Forum will be on 1995 and it must say 1996.

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6th WYF Planning Committee

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Date: Thu, 16 Nov 1995 13:00:19 +0500

From: foxtrot <mvelez@CDCNET.UNIANDES.EDU.CO>
Subject: Rovermoot /96

UUUpppsss
sorry typing error!!!!

Its from the 3th to the 9th of January!!!

more details write me!!

Thanx!

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Date: Tue, 31 Oct 1995 14:17:00 CST
From: "Turba, Thomas N RV" <tnt1@PO11.RV.UNISYS.COM>
Subject: 10th Pan American Jamboree - Attend?

Is anyone on this list planning on attending the Pan American Jamboree in Guatemala next year? It will be held March 30th to April 7th at the Guatemalan national Scout camp, Muxbal.

I plan on attending with Scouts from the Twin Cities of Minneapolis / St. Paul. It also looks like we will have Scouts from Michigan and California in our group. I have also heard of groups from Virginia and Maryland.

I went to the last Pan American Jamboree in Cochabamba, Bolivia. It was really great. We still have room in our group if there are any U.S. Scouts that would like to go but don't have a group going from their area.

T. N. T.

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Date: Fri, 3 Nov 1995 01:28:31 -0500 (EST)

From: "Michael F. Bowman" <mfbowman@CapAccess.org>

Subject: Re: International Activity Patch

Don and Jim,

Jim you suggested that you needed a letter of introduction and that some literature from the BSA International Division says you only wear the patch while actively participating in the event, and to take it off when done. I wonder whether this literature is accurate and suspect it is out of date.

Initially the International Activity patch was started in 1962 by the Transatlantic Council, BSA and General Bruce Clarke. There was a time when it could only be earned and worn by those participating in an international event. This has since changed. It is now awarded to any Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity/Venture Scout, Explorer or Scouter who meets the eligibility requirements set by the local Council under National Guidelines. The patch itself may be purchased from local Scout shops and is worn on the right pocket as a temporary patch.

In the National Capital Area Council, the requirements are that a registered youth or adult earn 140 points from among three major categories:

Category I (100 points)

Attend and participate in a World Jamboree.

Category II (30 points each)

Earn the Interpreter Strip

Earn the Citizenship in the World merit badge

Conduct an international project such as UNICEF, UN Day, etc.

Participate in a BSA event with a World Brotherhood theme such as EXP, summer camp, day camp, etc.

Participate in Jamboree-on-the-Air or similar Scout radio program.

Attend or visit a Scout group in another country.

Conduct an international theme program at a Scout meeting

Host a foreign Scout or Scouter.

Category III (10 points each)

Visit an international organization: Embassy, World Bank, etc.

Visit an international business or international civic club

Assist at an International Visitors Information Service booth at an airport, train, or bus station

Join the NCAC International Hosting Committee

Participate in the Scouting Pen Pals program

Read 200-Million Scouts and write a report of your impressions

Collect foreign Scout Badges, pins, etc. and display at a Scout meeting

Collect Scouts on Stamps and display at a Scout meeting.

Originate a fund raising event for the World Brotherhood Fund.

Check with your Council Office to see whether your Council has established its own requirements. If not your Council can form an International Committee, which can draft requirements similar to these for approval by the Council using National guidelines.

Speaking only for myself in the Scouting Spirit, Michael F. Bowman

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**Date: Wed, 7 Feb 1996 08:37:19 -0600
From: Eduardo Esteva Fischer <efischer@COLOSSUS.RHON.ITAM.MX>
Subject: World Youth Forum (Part 1)
To: Multiple recipients of list SCOUTS-L <SCOUTS-L@TCUBVM.IS.TCU.EDU>**

**6th WORLD YOUTH FORUM
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

WELCOME TO NORWAY

The 6th World Youth Forum is the first to be held in conjunction with a World Scout Conference. It will therefore be a historic event. We, the Host Committee and the Planning Committee, are putting in all our efforts to make it a great success and we shall be delighted to welcome you to Moss in

Norway on that occasion.

Here is some supplementary information concerning the Forum, which might

help National Scout Organizations choose their representatives to the event and permit participants to begin their preparations.

The Host Committee and Planning Committee of the 6th World Youth Forum

DATES

From=202 to 5 July 1996.

Contrary to what was announced in the first circular, the Forum will, for organizational reasons, begin with a preparatory session at the end of the afternoon on Tuesday 2 July, and not on the morning of 3 July. The opening

ceremony will be held in the evening, followed by a dinner. The work sessions will begin first thing on Wednesday morning. The Forum will end on

Friday 5 July. A joint session with the World Programme Committee, World Adult Resources Committee and any members of the World Scout Committee who

are present will be organized in the afternoon. The closing party will be held in the evening. It is suggested that participants make their travel plans so as to arrive on Tuesday 2 July, no later than mid-afternoon, and to leave Moss on the morning of Saturday 6 July.

OBJECTIVES

The World Scout Committee has approved the objectives of the 6th World Youth Forum proposed by the Planning Committee. These are:

- * to discuss issues that are of interest to the Forum participants, in particular the subjects which are on the agenda of the World Scout Conference;**
- * to prepare inputs to the World Conference;**
- * to prepare recommendations to be presented to the World Conference, World Scout Committee or National Scout Organizations;**
- * to provide an opportunity for young adults to develop the necessary practical skills to enable them to take part more effectively in decision-making activities in Scouting and in society in general;**
- * to provide opportunities for each participant to gain further personal development. (1)**

THEMES

The World Committee has also approved the themes of the Forum as follows:

- * The World Youth Forum will cover the two key questions to be discussed by the World Scout Conference: "Scouting for what?" and "Scouting for whom?"**
- * Other themes proposed by the participants will be discussed during the workshops session. (1)**

Scouting for what?

For this first theme, the Forum discussions will be structured around the following questions: How is the educational mission of Scouting presented in the associations that are members of WOSM? How is it understood? How do young people view that mission and the manner in which it is presented? How can the mission be expressed in terms that are understandable by - and attractive to - young people of today?

Scouting for whom?

For this second theme, the Forum discussions will be structured around the following questions: Who is a Scout in my country? Who is not? (Age, sex, social/cultural background, ...) Why? Is Scouting open to all? What obstacles need to be overcome to make it more open? What changes in style, activities, etc. would be necessary and acceptable to make it more open? An input from young people on these two subjects is expected at the World Scout Conference and the Forum discussions will serve to prepare this.

Preparatory documents will be sent in advance to National Associations.

Themes proposed by the participants

These will be proposed by the participants before or upon their arrival in Moss. A special form will be designed to collect the participants' suggestions. They will be mainly themes on which the participants have particular experience they would like to share. The Steering Committee will

group these themes in a series of workshops which will be held on Friday morning.

PROGRAMME

Here are some indications on the provisional programme of the Forum, as proposed by the Planning Committee. A detailed agenda will be sent later to

National Scout Associations.

Tuesday 2

Participant registration

Planning Committee meeting

Introductory session

Opening ceremony and dinner

Wednesday 3

Preparatory session

Work session: "Scouting for what?"

Election of Steering Committee

Training and team-building activities

(outdoors)

(continues all night)

Thursday 4

Work session: "Scouting for what?" (cont.)

Work session: "Scouting for whom?"

Work session: "Scouting for whom?" (cont.)

Preparation of conclusions

Dinner and free evening

Friday 5

Presentation of recommendations

Workshops

Joint session

Agreement on recommendations

Partnership discussion
Closing ceremony
International evening

Saturday 6

Departure of participants
Home hospitality
(Conference participants only)
Steering Committee meeting

Sunday 7

Home Hospitality (cont.)
Steering Committee meeting (cont.)

HOST COMMITTEE, PLANNING COMMITTEE AND STEERING COMMITTEE
Three committees are in charge of the organization and conduct of the Forum: the Host Committee, the Planning Committee and the Steering Committee:

Host Committee

This committee is responsible for the physical organization of the event, from the reception of participants to their departure. It is also responsible for the financial management of the event.
The committee is composed of Norwegian leaders designated by the Host Association and is chaired by Peik Naesje.

Planning Committee

This committee is responsible for preparing the content of the Forum. Its role consists more particularly:

- to develop the objectives and agenda of the Forum;**
- to choose the working methods of the Forum, favouring discussions and group work by participants;**
- to recommend to the World Committee for approval the themes, objectives and agenda of the World Youth Forum;**
- to inform National Scout Associations of the themes of the Forum well in advance of the event, in order to allow them to work on these themes with as many young people as possible involved;**
- to support the Steering Committee, if needed, in their conduct of the Forum. (2)**

This is an international committee whose members have been appointed by the World Scout Committee in keeping with the Guidelines for World Youth

Forums.

Its members are:

- H=D5kon Lund, Norway, Chairman;**
- Kirsty Brown, Australia, member of the World Programme Committee;**
- Eduardo Esteva, Mexico, Vice-Chairman of the 5th World Youth Forum;**
- Stanislas Frossard, Switzerland, Chairman of the 5th World Youth Forum and member of the World Programme Committee;**
- Mawa Ndiaye, Senegal, Vice-Chairman of the 5th World Youth Forum;**
- Tania Roach, United Kingdom, participant in the 5th World Youth Forum and member of the World Programme Committee.**

Steering Committee

This committee is responsible for the conduct of the Forum and its follow-up. Its role is more particularly:

- to take into account the needs of the participants;**
- to assist the Forum in achieving its objectives;**
- to adapt the agenda, if required, according to the needs of the Forum;**
- to represent the Forum at the World Conference;**
- to ensure follow-up of the results of the Forum, including keeping in touch with the Forum participants and assisting them in their contact with associations not represented at the Forum, providing them with the results of the Forum and assisting in the implementation of the recommendations.**

(2)

Right after its election this committee takes over from the Planning Committee.

The Committee will consist of:

- a Chairman, H=D5kon Lund, Norway, designated by the host National Scout**

Organization;

- five Vice-Chairmen, one from each of the five WOSM Regions, elected by the Forum from among Forum delegates and who should have a knowledge of at**

least one of the official languages of WOSM. (2) Candidatures for the function of Vice-Chairman will be received on Tuesday 2 July, and the elections will take place the following day. These Vice-Chairmen will have a particular role to play within the committee: to formulate recommendations arising from Forum discussions for approval by the Forum

and subsequent presentation to the World Conference and inclusion in the final Forum report.

- a General Rapporteur selected by the World Programme Committee who should have knowledge of at least one of the official languages of WOSM. (2)

PARTICIPANTS

Participants - delegates and observers - must be officially nominated by their National Scout Organization, which should complete and return to the World Scout Bureau, before 1 April 1996, the nomination form included in the Forum kit which has been sent to National Scout Organizations.

Participants should be selected taking into account the Forum Guidelines as follows:

World Youth Forum participants must be between their 18th and 26th birthday in the year of the Forum. (2)

They must therefore have been born between 01.01.70 and 31.12.78.

There are two kinds of participants in World Youth Forums: delegates (participants with right to speak and to vote) and observers (participants with right to speak but not to vote).

Each National Scout Organization may appoint two delegates and a maximum of three observers to a World Youth Forum.

National Scout Organizations are responsible to ensure the selection of participants in a World Youth Forum.

Participants must be selected in advance of the event. They should be selected in a democratic way, and the method of selection should involve young members. The selection process should take into consideration the participants' capacity to contribute to the Forum discussions.

As far as possible, National Scout Organizations should, in the selection of their participants, attempt to achieve an even representation of the types of geographical, ethnic and social background found in their country.

Where the National Scout Organization includes both male and female young members, it is recommended that one delegate be male and the other female.

(2)

Yours in Scouting

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6th WYF Planning Committee

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Subject: World Youth Forum (Part 2)
To: Multiple recipients of list SCOUTS-L <SCOUTS-L@TCUBVM.IS.TCU.EDU>

SITE

The World Youth Forum will be held in Moss, Norway. Moss is a medium-sized town situated sixty kilometers south of Oslo, on the banks of the fjord. It is a pleasant town with many parks and a small port. Far from the bustle of the capital, it offers an ideal environment for getting to know each other and for work.

The working sessions of the Forum will be held in the Moss Conference Centre. This is located in the centre of the town, beside a small park. It is a modern building, fully equipped, offering excellent working conditions. Plenary sessions will be held in the main hall, which has large bay windows. Group discussions will be held in various smaller rooms located in the same building. Some meals will also be served in the Conference Centre.

Accommodation will be provided in a boarding school located approximately

15 minutes walking distance from the Conference Centre, just outside the town centre. The school is on an island, at the edge of a protected natural area. Participants will be lodged in small pavilions located in a large park. Each pavilion comprises a dozen bedrooms with between two and four

beds, a small common room and shared toilet facilities. The pavilions are located side by side around a central lawn.

Some meals will also be served in the school. The Forum Office will also be located there.

REGISTRATION

Each delegate and observer should complete a registration form which can be found in the Forum kit addressed to participants. All registration forms must be sent to the World Scout Bureau before 1 April 1996, if possible at the same time as the official nomination form. Each registered Forum participant who also wishes to participate in the World Conference must complete a separate registration form for the World Conference.

REGISTRATION FEE

The Forum registration fee - between NOK 1800 and NOK 900 (US\$ 290 and US\$

145 at the current rate of exchange) - is based on the category of Per Capita Income your country fits within. The fee must be paid in NOK with your registration form or, at the latest, before the beginning of the Forum.

The registration fee applicable to your country is indicated in the information document included in this kit.

Participants who are registered for the Forum and the Conference benefit from a reduced registration fee covering the two events. This fee must be paid with the Conference registration form or, at the latest, before the beginning of the Conference.

For the Forum, the registration fee includes:

- working documents: before, during and after the Forum;
- transportation from Oslo Airport or Moss Railway Station and return to the same place or to the World Conference in Oslo, as well as any other transportation required by the Forum programme;
- accommodation at the Moss boarding school in multi-bed rooms. You may if

you wish organize your own accommodation elsewhere; however, no reduction

in the registration fee will be given;

- coffee breaks during working sessions;
- all meals from dinner on Tuesday 2 July to breakfast on Saturday 6 July;
- home hospitality organized from the morning of Saturday 6 July to the afternoon of Sunday 7 July (only for participants registered for the World Youth Forum and the World Scout Conference).

TRAVELLING TO NORWAY

SAS, the official carrier for the 34th World Scout Conference and the 6th World Youth Forum, will offer the best possible fares available when reservations are made. Since July is high tourist season in Scandinavia, it

is recommended that reservations are made as soon as possible. Contact your nearest SAS Office, indicating reference number 9605, to obtain the special rates.

Oslo International Airport is served by many airlines. It is located about one hour's drive from Moss.

You may also travel to Moss by train from several European countries at attractive youth rates.

A reception desk will be set up by the Host Committee at Oslo Airport and Moss Railway Station. Transfer to Moss boarding school will be arranged. To enable the Host Committee to provide you with whatever help you may need, inform them as far in advance as possible of your travel plans, using the form provided for that purpose.

PASSEPORT AND VISAS

It is up to each Forum participant to ensure that they have the travel documents they need to travel to Norway. Please contact the nearest Norwegian embassy or consulate to obtain the latest information on what documents are required.

WORLD MOOT

The 10th World Moot will take place in Sweden from 15 to 26 July, just after the World Scout Conference. This world event is also organized for young adults aged between 18 and 25 years.

The theme "Spirit into Action", chosen by the Swedish Guide and Scout Council, demonstrates the wish of the host association to promote the educational dimension of such an event. Discussion forums on various subjects will be included in the programme. (See the information document

included in the kit addressed to participants.)

The proximity of the Moot site (+/- 200 km), the transportation facilities (+/- 3 hours by train) and the consecutive dates will permit many young people aged between 18 and 25 to participate in three world events in one summer. An opportunity not to be missed!

(1) Extract from the document "Objectives, themes and agenda of the 6th World Youth Forum" approved by the World Scout Committee in September 1995;

(2) Extracts from the document "Guidelines for World Youth Forums" adopted,

with amendments, by the World Scout Committee in September 1995.

Yours in Scouting

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Subject: Re: Eagle Scouts
To: Multiple recipients of list SCOUTS-L <SCOUTS-L@TCUBVM.IS.TCU.EDU>

Steve Bandy wrote:

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> **Hi**
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> **I need to know the different kinds of Eagle scout equivalents (such**
> **as Queens Scout)**
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Here's the ones I am aware of:

Country	Award
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Australia	Queen's Scout (Venturers)
New Zealand	Queen's Scout (Venturers)
Malaysia	King's Scout (Senior Scouts)
United Kingdom	Queen's Scout
South Africa	Springbok
Canada	Queen's Venturer

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Subject: Invitation to the danish seascout meet

-- [From: Jeppe Dahlstrup * EMC.Ver #2.5.02] --

INVITATION TO THE DANISH SEASCOUT MEET

The danish seascouts invite all scouts, guides and venture scouts, with water activities, to a weeks sailing at their 5 yearly meet. We also have vacancys for camp staff.

Date: 23/07-1997 to 30/07-1997

Venue: Thurxbund Scoutcenter. Thurx is a small island that i both centrally placed and also one of Denmarks most beautiful sailing areas.

We will be camping in subcamps arranged so that patrols are mixed with other troops. Venture scouts will have their own subcamp.

We expect apx. 850 scouts from Denmark and have place for 10-15 % guests.

As our scouts will be sailing to and from the meet we are unable to offer home hospitality. We can however help with arranging accomandation before or after the meet.

Price: 950 DKK (apx. 170 USD / 250 DEM / 110 GBP)

Booking: 01/11-1996

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From mfbowman@CapAccess.org Thu Jul 4 16:54:52 1996
Date: Thu, 4 Jul 1996 16:54:50 -0400 (EDT)
From: "Michael F. Bowman" <mfbowman@CapAccess.org>
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Subject: Re: Ulugbek Japarov, Scouting in Kyrgyztan

Lew,

Though I try hard not to ever miss the opportunity to be of service to visiting Scouters, sometimes the nature of my Government job imposes some odd quirks in what I can and cannot do in regard to meeting with foreign nationals. Most of the time it is not a problem, if the folks are from one our NATO partners, etc. However, in a case where the folks are from an adversary country or certain others, it gets very difficult. In this case, I am not sure whether I can be of help just yet. I'm checking into things. If I can be of help, I'll let you know. If not and I'm contacted, I'll have to formally decline, make a foreign contact report,

etc. Arghh!

**Speaking Only for Myself in the Scouting Spirit, Michael F. Bowman
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