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**SCOUTING IN
MEXICO**

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About our Scouting Program:

In Mexico we have 2 kind of Troops: Scouts and Expeditionaries, I'm Scouter of a Scouts Troop. Owr program, in the 8 Sections (Wolf Cubs, Scouts, Expeditionaries and Rovers and its female equivalents) is divided in 3 parts. In Scouts Troop is as follows:

Adventure Path:

" Scouting and Yourself Knowledge "

Here our boys learn what Scouting is, how they can be better men, they learn more about Mexican Government structure and functions, how to be in good health, what's happening with their bodies and minds, they know more about God and their duty with Him, and mostly they begin their community services. It has two steps CAMINANTE (Walker) and EXPLORADOR (explorator) and each step has its Badge.

Exploration Path:

" Nature's Knowledge "

In this case our boys learn to live peacefully and armonically in and with Nature. They learn all kind of Scout Skills as Knotting, Firemaking, Meteorology, Orienteeing, Astronomy, Maps Reading, etc. As in the first one it has 2 Steps: First you earn AZTLAN Badge (this is the name of the mythical place which our ancestors leave, around 800 or 900 a.C. to looking for Mexico's Valley, this EXPLORATION took almost 400 years). Second you earn KON TIKI Badge. As I said before to get this badge you must do a weekend hours trip (25 to 30 Kms in our Troop) with nothing but a map, a compass, your lighth backpack and a lot of courage. They don't go alone, but the Scouter o Rover companion can't say anything to the boy.

Specialties Path:

" Community Service Skills "

I think this is BSA Merit Badges equivalent, because boys learn something to be use in their community.

There are 6 Groups of Specialities: SPORTS; ECOLOGY; EXPRESSION & COMMUNICATION, HUMANISM, SECURITY & RESCUE, TECNOLOGY & SCIENCE. In each Group you are able to do as many specialities as you want, there are some examples of specialities in each group:

SPORTS: Personal Defense, Foot Ball, Base Ball, Basquet Ball, etc
ECOLOGY: Urban or Rural Ecology, Entomology, Sea Ecology, etc
EXPRESSION & COMUNICATION: Animation, Cooking, Collectionst, etc
HUMANISM: Reader, Civist, Antropology, Translator, etc
SECURITY & RESCUE: Socorrist, Fireman, Guide, Skillful, etc.
TECNOLOGY AND SCIENCE: Math, Physics, Electrician, etc.

When you have finished both Adventure and Exploration Paths, and you have at least one speciality of each Group, that means when your left sleeve has Explorator, Kon Tiki, and 6 Specialities Badges, you

have the right to use the " SCOUT TIGER KNIGHT " Badge, this is granted by the National Scout Chief. This is what we call a Terminal Insignia.

I have to say that this Insignia is the only EMBROIDERED.

This is a brief description of Mexico Scouting Program, If my english spell is not clearly please let me know, anything you don't understand feel free to ask. And of Course if you want some patches, send me your Normal Mail Address, and I'll send you some of our patches.

Maybe I haven't told you before: all our Badges are web made, there are no metallic badges for boys.

Well that's all by now. I hope to hear from you very soon.

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/ \	/ \	ADVENTURE path.
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/ \	/ \	needle.
/ \	/ \	The outside is blue from
/ \	/ \	heaven.
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The triangle is yellow and represents an A from ADVETURA path. Inside the A is a track signal. The outside is blue from heaven.

I'm not a good drawer (even by computers) but I hope all of you have an idea of our patches :)