



Scouting Around the World



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The International Committee meets the third Thursday, every other month at the Marriott Scout Service Center , 7:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.
Upcoming meeting dates: May 17
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2007 One World - One Promise

100 years of Scouting, 100 years of management

Bocconi University in Milan, Italy, recently hosted a special seminar on the topic *100 Years of Scouting, 100 Years of Management*. In opening the presentation, Professor Elio Borgonovi from the University welcomed guests and spoke about the similarities between an international educational institution like Bocconi, and a Movement like World Scouting.

Drawing on management as an example, he explained that "it is really important to accumulate skills and to grow in competencies, but most importantly is the ability to transfer these attributes to others. And having educational methods gives you the possibility to give continuity to people's empowerment."

Following on with the discussion, was Eduardo Missoni, Secretary General of WOSM, who highlighted the importance of the education of young people, not only in the framework of school and university, but also through means of non-formal education. He addressed the issue of how managers are formed in today's society as opposed to in the past, how companies are being held more socially accountable, and how Scouting can contribute to building these characteristics. He stated that "Scouting helps you to learn to manage different situations, make decisions, manage risk and most importantly, take responsibility."

Mr. Giancarlo Lombardi, President of the Filatura di Grignasco Company, and Mr. Ennio Salamon, President of Doxa, the Italian research company, also took the floor during the seminar. Both speakers made comment on the relevance of Scouting in developing leadership skills, management qualities and positive social attitudes and how these are characteristics that are sought after by employees.

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Secretary General of WOSM, Eduardo Missoni, participated in the special seminar held at Bocconi University in Milan.
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International Scouting

Be active for World Environment Day

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From water quality testing in Japan, tree planting in Mexico to clean up campaigns in Algeria, Scouts have been involved in a wide range of projects for the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) World Environment Day, which is celebrated annually on the 5th of June. The theme for World Environment Day 2007 is Climate Change, which impacts each and every one of us around the world. Scouts are encouraged to participate in projects for World Environment Day on the 5th of June 2007 and are requested to register these on the UNEP World Environment Day website and by sending an email to the World Scout Bureau.

There are some already well-established programs where Scouts have are tackling climate change and includes projects that are in Scouts Canada and Southern African countries through the International Scouting Action on Climate Change (ISACC). Suggestions for developing your own program activities and can be found on the website of [Scouts Canada](http://www.scouts.org).

More great examples of Scouting and environment projects that are being organized under the Gifts for Peace program can be found on the [Gifts for Peace page](#). Scouts may like to organize their own environmental Gifts for Peace project or Scouts of the World Environment Base as a way to deliver ongoing projects to help sustain our global environment. What better time to start working towards reducing the impact of climate change than World Environment Day!

The UNEP World Environment Day website can be found at: www.unep.org/wed. The Scouts of the World website is www.scoutsoftheworld.net

Peace relay in Asia-Pacific celebrates 100 years of Scouting

Over 200,000 Scouts joined the peace campaign relay, through the Rover Peace Baton, in 24 countries in the Asia-Pacific while highlighting the 100 years of Scouting. The journey started in August 2006 from the South Pacific, northeast Asia, and south Asia and ended on 10th March at a historic shrine in Manila with the attendance of thousands of Filipino Scouts and representatives from Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Maldives and Papua New Guinea.

On its seven-month journey, the Rover Peace Baton travelled to Australia, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brunei Darussalam, Republic of China, Fiji, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Macau, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Nepal, New Zealand, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Thailand and finally the Philippines.

The Philippines is the last stop of the journey being the host of the Asia Pacific Regional Office of the World Organization of the Scout Movement since 1956.

Adding prestige to the peace baton's regional tour was the participation of heads of the states and prominent government leaders including Indonesian President H. E. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, New Zealand's Governor General Anand Satyanand, Pakistan President General Pervez Musharraf, Bangladesh President Dr Iajuddin Ahmed, Republic of Maldives President Maumoon Abdul Gayoom, Republic of Fiji President Ratu Josefa Iloilovatu and Solomon Islands' Governor General Sir Nathaniel.



Scouts in their walk for peace holding one segment of the three-part Rover Peace Baton.

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Gifts for Peace is the key centennial program for all Scouts to tackle local issues and make a difference in our communities.

These Gifts for Peace are gifts of education, understanding, tolerance and respect for others, given by Scouts in the form of community projects.

Barbados Boy Scouts Association

Scouts in Barbados are being trained to respond to the key issues facing young people on the island today. These issues are: HIV/AIDS, drug abuse and disaster awareness. The Scouts are learning about these issues in order to support others, live healthier lives and be better prepared for the hurricanes which hit the island annually.

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In addition, the Scouts are also doing training for disaster management, which will help all young people to be prepared for the hurricanes which arrive annually and to support the community in the aftermath of severe hurricanes.

The training for older Scouts will involve peer education and community projects so that Scouts can train others and the impact in the community will be greater. It is envisaged that the creation of a resource centre and library will be part of the project.



Pakistan Boy Scouts Association

Scouts in Pakistan are helping the communities affected by the massive earthquake which took place on 8 October 2005. The activities of the Scouts in the affected areas included an awareness campaign on health education and the need for vaccination, the organization of community meetings, the distribution of health and sanitizing materials and the provision of radio sets.

When the earthquake hit, Scouts in Pakistan were some of the first on the scene to assist their local community. They were able to support the emergency teams on site and worked in close cooperation with UNICEF. The first phase was to gather volunteers from all over the country, to vaccinate them and give them some basic training needed for their task. They were then transported to the affected area to assist for periods of 10 days.

Their tasks were to give basic health information to the population through loudspeakers, wall chalking, posters, stickers, and during community meetings. They also nominated leaders amongst the displaced people living in tents, to ensure that health messages were widespread and fully understood. They distributed basic supplies such as soap, survival kits and blankets. In addition to this, they distributed radios so that the people in displaced people's camps could listen to health education and other important messages that were being broadcast.

The Scouts in Pakistan, by acting quickly and unselfishly, made a real difference to the lives of the people who lost everything they ever had. Following this first phase of the project in 2005/2006, the Scouts have continued to work on health education in the areas affected by the earthquake through public awareness campaigns, scout training seminars, and cleaning campaigns.



Scout Canada's Centennial Ambassador

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The Centennial Committee is proud to announce that Craig Kielburger, longtime Scout member and founder of the international youth-run children's rights organization Kids Can Free the Children, will promote Canadian Scouting worldwide as our **Canadian Centennial Ambassador!**

As a 12-year old, Craig Kielburger was living with his family in suburban Toronto. He was a Cub and a Scout; and enjoyed many happy times in Scouting. On a sunny morning in 1995, Craig was flipping through the comics at his family's kitchen table. A story caught his eye: he was shocked to learn about the murder of another boy his age: a former child carpet worker who had spoken out against child labor. He was outraged and wanted to do something about it. With a small group of school friends setting up shop at Craig's parents' home, Free the Children was born. The organization quickly evolved into an international phenomenon to help free children from poverty, exploitation and powerlessness.

Craig, now 24 years-old and a dynamic international presence, has been featured in many international magazines, met almost every key leader in the world, and has been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize. He credits the leadership training and skills he received in Scouting with helping to shape the person he has become. That's not all: Scouts Canada and Craig will be teaming up this year for some amazing projects. The first one starts right now: every single member of Scouts Canada is invited to do **one good turn** this year. Appointed by Her Excellency the Right Honorable Michaëlle Jean, Governor General of Canada, and Chief Scout of Canada.

2007 Scouting Centenary Gold Proof 50p Coin

www.taxfreegold.co.uk

In 2007 the United Kingdom Royal Mint issued gold fifty pence coins to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Scouting movement in 1907, Be Prepared!

There have been comments that the 2007 two pound coin commemorating the 1707 Acts of Union between England and Scotland will be called a "Brownie", after Gordon Brown. It is likely the Scouts fifty pence would fit this description more closely.



"Be Prepared" on Reverse of 2007 Scouting Fifty Pence Gold Proof



Reverse of 2007 Scouting Fifty Pence Gold Proof

World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM): <http://www.scout.org/front/index.shtml>