

MAY 2008

What's New

Scouts Australia awarded 2008 ANZAC Peace Prize

In recognition of Scouting's role in the development of two million Australians over the past 100 years, the Returned and Services League (RSL) has awarded Scouts Australia the 2008 ANZAC Peace Prize. ANZAC stands for Australia and New Zealand Army Corps. Today young men and women, boys and girls, continue to enjoy the benefits of belonging to the largest youth movement in the world.

This uniquely Australian award is given to Australians based on the ideals, dedication and spirit of selflessness that shone through and above the horrors of war. John Ravenhall, Chief Commissioner says, "Scouts Australia is proud and delighted to accept this wonderful award on behalf of the many thousands of men, women and children who are currently and have been over the past 100 years, involved in Scouting. Scouting worldwide, through its diversity of membership across 156 countries is indeed a movement that prides itself on being a culture and active agent for peace."

The ANZAC prize recognizes any outstanding effort by an Australian citizen who has promoted the concept of international understanding and who, in so doing, has made a contribution to world peace.

First ever Scout Troop invested in an all-girls school in Maldives

A total of 63 girls at Aminiyya Girls School in Maldives – the only school in the country exclusive for girls in the last 80 years – were invested as Scouts on 25th April. The investiture ceremony was attended by parents, Scouts and Guides, and Scout leaders from other schools. Ms. Jameela Ali, former principal of the school, now Superintendent of the Ministry of Education, officiated the investiture with Regional Director Abdullah Rasheed. Chief Commissioner Ahmed Ali Maniku addressed the gathering and congratulated the newly invested members.

For the Scout Association of Maldives, this was a historic event for the development of Scouting, where it only had male members when the association became a member of WOSM in 1990. When the association accepted the WOSM policy of open gender, its name was changed in January 1992 from Maldives Boy Scout Association to Scout Association of Maldives. Today, out of 5,072 total members, over 600 or 11% are female.

In the last 45 years, Aminiya school had only Girl Guide companies since Scouting and Guiding was introduced in Maldives in the early 1960s. Deputy Principal Ms. Wafaa Waheed says, "this historic move happened because of the growing demand by 2,000 students for various co-curricular activities and the current registered uniformed groups in the school could only cater to a handful of students."

Thai Scouts join "One Billion Trees Campaign"

The Thai Scouts Promotion Foundation launched a special tree planting project combining natural methods and modern technologies to grow more than 100,000 trees and using elephants and other animals as helpers.

Dr. Artorn Chandavimol, President of the Foundation, said the project called "Reforestation without Replanting" is under the Royal Initiative of King Bhumibol Adulyadej of Thailand and the Royal Initiative of HM the Queen Sirikit on environmental conservation. This is also a Scout initiative to celebrate 100 years of Scouting. At the same time, Thai Scouts are responding to the "One Billion Trees Campaign" of UNEP to help reduce global warming.

2008 EVENTS

CNV Mission

Pakistan, 15-17 May

National Strategic Plan Review Workshop

Nepal, 21-25 May

CNV Mission Scouts of China

5-7 June

APR Gathering of National Training Commissioners

Taiwan, 8-9 June

APR Seminar on Adult Resources Management

Taiwan, 10-13 June

CNV Mission

Malaysia, 16-18 June

Cubboree

Brunei Darussalam
15-19 June

Regional Communication Workshop

Philippines
24-27 June

National Rovermoot,

Indonesia

26 June – 7 July

10th World Scout Youth Forum, Republic of Korea

7-10 July

38th World Scout Conference

14-18 July

CSPSA Meeting

French Polynesia
27 July – 01 August

10th Nippon Agoonoree

Japan, 31 July – 5 August

Persekutuan Pengakap Malaysia Centenary Jamboree

01 August

Last April, Scouts rode nine elephants across the hills and streams carrying over 500,000 seeds of tamarind, jackfruit and several other kinds of fruit trees. Along the trail, they used slingshots, bows and arrows to scatter the seeds into the moist ground. Rubber balloons were used to carry hundreds of seeds deep into the jungle. A hundred ripe coconuts were released through rafts floating downstream from the Runtree creek to Srinakharin Dam and Mae Klong River.

The Scouts, together with villagers and local elephant caretakers, planted special trees along the elephant trail that will become food and medicine for wild animals. More herbs and medicinal plants will be grown in the future. At least 10,000 trees were planted by Scouts in a one-day operation that will continue for the entire year targeting 100,000 trees planted and grown.

APR projects get support

More and more partner organizations are supporting several Scout projects in the Asia-Pacific Region. Boy Scout of America's United States International Fund for Scouting (USFIS) donated US\$40,000 for the Ticket to Life, an on-going project for street children in eight developing countries. Earlier the World Scout Foundation through the Queen Silvia Fund gave its commitment to support the Ticket to Life project. In addition, the World Scout Foundation is sponsoring another project called "Keeping Scouts Safe from Harm."

Other NSOs are helping Boy Scouts of the Philippines in rehabilitating Makiling Scout Camp with their donations: US\$25,000 from USFIS, US\$10,000 from the Scout Association of Hong Kong, and US\$1,500 from Korea Scout Association.

India reviews national strategic plan

The Bharat Scout and Guides' (BSG) representatives together with WAGGGS and WOSM Asia Pacific gathered together for the national strategic planning review workshop held on 14-18 April at the BSG NHQ in New Delhi. The joint WOSM-WAGGGS workshop had 41 participants who reviewed the key areas of the plan such as Youth programme, Growth, Finance, Adult Resources, Management, Communications and PR.

BSG Director Bahuguna directed the workshop together with WAGGGS representative Dr Nighat Arshad and Tek Mohammad Noor, a member of APR training pool. Regional Director Abdullah Rasheed and Director S Prassanna coordinated the workshop.

World Scout Conference/Youth Forum Participation Update

The Regional Office has sent letters to NSOs in the region encouraging the use of online registration for their participation in the 38th World Scout Conference, and to beat the deadline of 30th April. From the data gathered by the World Scout Bureau central office a week before the deadline, 46 NSOs have registered using the online registration system but only 33 (72%) have entered participants. That means that 81% of the participants who are registered to date have been entered in the database directly by the NSOs concerned. NSOs in the Asia Pacific Region have been encouraged to use this facility and to register on time.

Regional Committee and Heads of Delegation to meet on 14 July in Jeju

Invitation has been sent to all Regional Scout Committee members and heads of delegations for a joint meeting on 14th July at the Baeknok room of the International Convention Center in Jeju (ICJ) at 0800-1100h. The joint meeting will be an opportunity for an open and in-depth discussion exclusively on governance issues, in particular, those that are put forward as conference resolutions. RGRTF Chairman Alex Wong will prepare a brief report to bring key issues into the discussion.

As host region, Chairman Jejomar Binay is arranging a reception for all Regional Scout Committee members of the six regions in the evening of 13th July. Apart from the joint meeting on 14th July, two separate breakfast meetings are set aside exclusively for the Regional Scout Committee.

August to usher in 4th Asia-Pacific Air/Internet Jamboree

This year's Air-Internet Jamboree will be hosted by the Bangladesh Scouts on 2-3 August 2008. This Jamboree is a regional event where Scouts can contact each other by amateur radio and by internet. Information is available at www.scout.org/asia-pacific or www.bangladeshscouts.org.bd. The sites will offer a Jamboree logo in high resolution, fact

Basic Management Course, Indonesia
August

APR Air Internet Jamboree
02-03 August

CNV Mission
Brunei Darussalam
5-6 August

12th National Scout Jamboree
Republic of Korea
6-11 August

2nd Preparatory/Youth Forum Planning Meeting
Malaysia, 16-17 August

Third IUMS Peace Jamboree
18-24 August
Malaysia

National Strategic Plan Workshop, Cambodia
September

CNV Mission
29 September –
1 October
Thailand

51st World Scout JOTA/JOTI
18-19 October

6th SAF Scout Camp
Bangladesh
12-18 October

Southeast Asian Scout Jamboree, Indonesia
19-29 October

For details of events

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sheet, latest information, games and tips, and contact address of Asia Pacific National Amateur Radio Organizations.

SAF Scout Friendship Camp

Bangladesh Scouts announced its invitation to all SAARC nations to send contingents for the 6th SAF Scout Friendship Camp to be held on 12-18 October 2008 in Mouchak, Gazipur, Bangladesh.

Through the annual sponsorship of South Asia Foundation (SAF), all SAARC NSOs will receive the same amount of subsidy which is a maximum of USD5,600.00 for the travel of their youth members. Participants must be between 16 - 25 years old and each contingent must have an equal number of boys and girls plus two adult leaders, one male and one female.

During the camp, Chief Commissioners from the SAARC nations, namely Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Afghanistan will meet to discuss on strengthening cooperation amongst SAARC NSOs. This year's Chief Commissioners Gathering will be on 13th October at Jamuna Resort in Bangladesh.

New appointments

A well-known Scout professional – Mr Hong Seung Soo – is taking over as Acting Secretary General of Korea Scout Association (KSA). Mr Lee Young-Ku who has been Secretary General for 11 years is leaving the professional service but will continue to serve Scouting as a volunteer. Mr Lee will head the KSA delegation at the forthcoming 38th World Scout Conference. As Secretary General, Mr Lee has consistently supported Scouting in the region and strengthened relations with other NSOs.

APR auction sale still open

Auction sale of souvenir items is still open. Some available items are MP3 watch with Scout logo and Jubilee logo, belt with APR logo, belt with world Scout emblem, among others. View the photo gallery at www.scout.org/asia-pacific. To place your order, email asia-pacific@scout.org.

What's Ongoing

National Strategic Plan Review Workshop

Who Commissioners and Scout leaders at all levels
When 21-25 May
Where Kathmandu, Nepal

CNV Mission to Pakistan

Who Regional Scout Committee Chairman Jejomar Binay, RSC Vice Chairman Mohammad Ali Khalid, RSC Prakorb Mukura, Regional Director Abdullah Rasheed and APR Director S Prassanna, comprise the APR team to visit the Pakistan Boy Scouts Association
When 15-17 May 2008
Where Islamabad, Pakistan

What's Upcoming

APR Gathering of National Training Commissioners, Taiwan

Who National Training Commissioners, Adult Resources Commissioners, Adult Resources Chairmen
Where Yangmingshan Scout Camp, Taipei, Taiwan
When 8-9 June 2008
Fee No additional fee for participants attending the APR Seminar on Adult Resources Management

APR Seminar in Adult Resources Management, Taiwan

Who National Training Commissioners, Adult Resources Commissioners, Adult Resources Chairmen
Where Yangmingshan Scout Camp, Taipei, Taiwan

When	10-13 June 2008
Fee	US\$150 for accommodation, food, inland transportation, seminar materials and educational tour
1st Brunei Darussalam Cubboree 2008	
Who	Cub Scouts aged 7-11 years old
Where	Scout Training Centre, Gadong, Brunei Darussalam
When	15-19 June 2008
Fee	US\$44 per person to cover meals, camp accommodation, transportation, souvenirs and all activities during the event
Regional Communications Workshop, Philippines	
Who	People responsible for Communications, Marketing, Public Relations
Where	Makati City, Philippines
When	24-27 June 2008
Fee	US\$150 to cover accommodation, food, inland transportation, workshop materials and half-day tour.
Be Prepared	
1st Mongolian National Venture	
Who	Venture Scouts aged 15-17 years and adult leaders
Where	Nairamdal International Children's Centre (30 km west of Ulaanbaatar)
When	2-9 July 2008
Fee	US\$160 per person to cover food, activities, inland transportation, souvenirs and home hospitality programs.
38th World Scout Conference, Korea	
Who	<i>Delegates</i> - participate actively in the Conference and have voting rights <i>Observers</i> - may attend all sessions in a designated observer area and do not have the right to vote. <i>Accompanying Persons' Programme</i> - those who are accompanying a delegate or observer and wish to discover Jeju Island and Korean culture.
Where	Jeju Island, Korea
When	14 - 18 July 2008
Fee	Fee varies from Euros 435 and Euros 670 Euros 400 and Euros 605 (For participants below 26 years old attending both Forum and Conference)
10th World Scout Youth Forum , Korea	
Who	Participants must be between their 18th and 26th birthdays in the year of the Forum (2008) and may attend as either a Delegate or an Observer
Where	Jeju Island, Korea
When	7 July - 10 July 2008
Fee	Between 190 Euros and 360 Euros, depending on category of the country according to its GNI per capita
For details see http://www.scout.org	