



WORLDINFO

News for Key Leaders in *Scouting*

WORLDInfo is for key Scouting leaders at national, regional and world levels. It is sent by email to all national Scout organizations which have an email address, and to members of their national team who have personal email addresses which have been provided to the World Scout Bureau. It is also available at no cost to subscribers. See subscription information at the end.

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1. UNESCO Youth Forum

UNESCO is organising its Youth Forum in October 2009. Every country is invited to send two representatives of their country's youth (a boy and a girl) to participate in the debates during four days in Paris. UNESCO encourages that the chosen participants be active in youth organisations of their country.

We invite each NSO to quickly approach (before end of May) the national commission of UNESCO in their country to find out what recruitment method has been chosen in order to recommend Scout candidates.

WOSM, which will be present at the Forum, will be available to help prepare the Scout candidates that have been selected!

More information: www.unesco.org/youth

WOSM contact: clefevre@scout.org

UNESCO national commission of your country: [click here](#)

2. "Empowering Young Adults: Guidelines for the Rover Scout Section"

This is the first time in the history of Scouting that World Guidelines are produced for the Rover Scout section. The launching of the publication is called: "Empowering Young Adults: Guidelines for the Rover Scout Section".

This document, easy to read and practically oriented, provides guidelines and ideas for programme developers on how to develop and implement the Rover Scout Programme within the Rover Scout section. It also explains how the "Scouts of the World Programme" relates to the Rover section,

and presents success stories/best practices from Rovers from all parts of the world.

This publication is the result of the hard work made by volunteers and professionals in Scouting, particularly the Adolescents & Young Adults Task Team of the Educational Methods Committee of the World Scout Committee. This work includes the collaborative work, feedback and comments made by friends in many NSOs in different regions of the world as well as colleagues in all offices of the WSB.

The main goal of Scouting is to support and stimulate each young person to develop his/her potential, enabling him/her to be an active, responsible, autonomous and happy citizen when being an adult thus contributing to creating a better world. Our vocation is, therefore, to assist young adults in their "way" from the child state into adulthood. Rover Scouting is the learning environment that Scouting offers to those who follow the last part of the "path" leading to the adult life. It's the final stage of Scouting's "educational offer". As Baden-Powell said "Rover Scouting is a preparation for life, and also a pursuit for life."

The guidelines are available at the following web address:

<http://www.scout.org/rover Scouts>

3. Scouts of the World Agreement

The Scouts of the World Award (SW Award) was launched in order to encourage a stronger involvement of young adults in the development of society by making them more aware of the present world issues and to help National Scout Organizations revitalise the programme of Rover Scout section. It is open to everyone between the ages of 15 and 26 years, regardless of ability, race, faith or location. It prepares young people for global citizenship focusing on three core-themes: Peace, Environment, and Development. It helps young people gain understanding, skills and knowledge, for life on a small planet.

The Scouts of the World Award is implemented by National Scout Organizations which have agreed to the conditions of use of the programme. The Scouts of the World Agreements have been produced in order to provide support to NSOs that are implementing the programme and offer the possibility to NSOs to take commercial opportunities with the aim to develop the SW

Award. They are two types of agreements: SW Award Pack 1 for non-commercial use and SW Award Pack 2 for commercial use. The Agreements can be downloaded from the World Scouting Website at:

<http://www.scout.org/scoutsoftheworld>

If you are currently implementing the SW Award, please have the appropriate national leader complete and sign the form and send two copies by mail to the World Scout Bureau.

There are several resources that have been developed in order to help your National Scout Organization with the implementation of the SW Award within the Rover Scout programme. i.e. SW Award Guidelines, the SW Kit, etc. You can find a copy of all these materials at www.scoutsoftheworld.net.

For more information, please read Circular N° 10 which can be downloaded from :

http://scout.org/en/circulars2009/circular_n_10_april_2009

FAQs have been recently developed and a copy is also attached to the circular.

If you have further questions or require more information about the Scouts of the World Award, please contact: amorales@scout.org

4. The Scout Universal Fund (U-Fund)

The Scout Universal Fund (U-Fund) is designed "to help Scouts help themselves". Over the years it has helped convert dreams in to real Scout projects, around the world. It has provided an opportunity for Scout Groups, individual donors and NSOs to make a difference at the grassroots level in another country, where there is a need for resources to support Scouting.

The U-Fund was established in 1963 to provide a means for all members of the Scout Movement to help Scouts in other countries in their development activities.

Since 2002, the U-Fund has been dedicated to supporting projects in the Africa Scout Region for a three year period and has been subsequently renewed in 2005 and 2008.

More information are available in Circular N° 11 which can be downloaded from:

http://scout.org/en/circulars2009/circular_n_11_april_2009

A U-Fund video in DVD format (Arabic, English, French, Russian, Spanish and Swahili), a brochure and an annexe on fund-raising have been produced and can also be downloaded from:

<http://www.scout.org/ufund>

5. 52nd Jamboree-On-The-Air - 13th Jamboree-On-The-Internet, 17 - 18 October 2009

The 52nd Jamboree On The Air (JOTA) and the 13th Jamboree On The Internet (JOTI) will be held over the weekend of 17 and 18 October 2009.

The JOTA is an annual event in which about 500,000 Scouts and Guides all over the world make contacts with each other by means of amateur radio. Short-wave radio signals carry their voices to virtually any corner of the world. It's the sheer excitement of having a live conversation with a fellow Scout or Guide at some other place in the world that attracts so many youngsters to this event. JOTA is a real Jamboree during which Scouting experiences are exchanged and ideas are shared. It's a unique opportunity for each individual Scout to get the real feeling of belonging to a world-wide movement.

Similarly to the JOTA, the Jamboree-On-The-Internet connects Scouts using Internet techniques. The JOTI is held on the same weekend as the Jamboree-On-the-Air. Units can choose to take part in either one event or both. The JOTA and JOTI are worldwide events. During the weekend, units may normally participate for 48 hours or any part thereof, from Saturday 00.00 h until Sunday 24.00 h local time.

Both JOTA and JOTI are WOSM events to which members of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) are kindly invited to take part and enjoy the international atmosphere together with the Scouts.

Detailed information are available in Circular N° 12 which can be downloaded from:

http://scout.org/en/circulars2009/circular_n_12_may_2009

6. Scouts to celebrate World Environment Day 5 June

On the 5th of June Scouts will join in the annual celebrations of World Environment Day, participating in environmental education activities, tree planting projects and community celebrations throughout the world. Scouts are an official partner with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) to celebrate this day, with Secretary General Luc Panissod calling on our members to share their activities with the UNEP World Environment Day website. "World Scouting calls all young people, Scouts and non-Scouts, to engage with UNEP on the occasion of World Environment Day. Raising awareness

on climate change and working towards achieving better living conditions has increased Scouting's commitment to addressing environmental issues. Youth empowerment is an integral part of World Scouting policy to invite young people to become agents of change."

For more information and to download a Scouting promotional poster for World Environment Day 2009 'Your planet needs you - unite to combat climate change!' and to register your activity to celebrate World Environment Day please go to:

http://www.scout.org/en/about_scouting/the_youth_programme/environment/environment_t_news/your_planet_needs_you

and

<http://www.unep.org/wed/2009/english/content/downloads.asp>

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