



WORLDINFO

News for Key Leaders in *Scouting*

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I. EDUCATIONAL METHODS SPECIAL

1. Educational Methods Committee (EMC) Meeting and future work

The EMC met in Geneva in February 2009 and discussed the situation in Youth Programme and Adult Resources in all Regions of the world. There was consensus on the need to focus on the delivery and implementation of the Youth Programme in NSOs so that all young people experience quality Scouting and volunteers receive training and support appropriate to their roles. A number of projects are being developed and if you have experience in any of these areas and would like to share your ideas and contribute to this work, please send an email to:

educationalmethods@scout.org

The member of Education Research and Development staff responsible for the project will then be in touch with you.

Projects in progress:

- Guidelines on Mentoring to support Youth Advisors to the World Scout Committee. These guidelines will be useful to support young people on boards at national and regional level too.
- The development of a vision and strategy for youth involvement for all young people in the Movement. This will cover the three aspects of youth involvement

set out in the Strategic Priority 1 in the Strategy for Scouting – youth involvement in the Unit, in the community and at institutional level.

- Development of a Youth Programme Framework, based on the core elements of Scouting and including life-skills.
- Research on Scouting in Schools.
- Review the content and delivery of training.
- Setting up a network of researchers, particularly in a few key areas of our work.

2. Rover Scout Guidelines

New Rover Scout Guidelines entitled "Empowering Young Adults: Guidelines for the Rover Scout Section" are now available on the WOSM website in English. In a few weeks a hard copy in English or French will be available to each NSO through Scoutpak. The guidelines have been developed over a number of years and the work has involved many people in a number of different Regions. They are designed for people in Scout associations that are responsible for Youth Programme development.

Rover Scouting, as the last age-group for young people, is a very important section for the Movement. If Scouting is to support the development of young people from adolescence into adulthood so that they can play a constructive role in society, the final age-section should provide a quality experience for young people, relevant to their lives today. Our Founder recognised the importance of this age-group. We hope that these guidelines will encourage Scout Associations to make provision for this section in their overall Youth Programme and develop it, using these guidelines as a basis, into a strong and vibrant section to meet the real needs of young people in their transition into adulthood. Many NSOs have been developing their Rover Scout programmes and have seen very positive results.

For more information visit the web-site:

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

or contact: Andrés Morales, Unit Manager Adolescents and Young Adults,

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3. World Youth Events

World youth events are Scouting's flagships and in addition to being an exciting and memorable opportunity for young people, each event should be an example of excellent programme delivery for a particular age-group in Scouting. Adults supporting these events should return home with many new ideas and feel refreshed and motivated to develop these ideas with young people in a local setting and share their learning with other adult leaders.

Members of the EMC are working closely with the teams responsible for the World Youth Events that are currently in preparation. Here is an update on the progress to date.

3a. The World Scout Moot. The theme for the 13th World Scout Moot 2010 in Kenya is **Ultimate Discovery** and the motto is **'It's time'**. This event, the first Youth Programme event at world level in the Africa Region, is shaping up to be a unique experience for young adults in Scouting. It will be an opportunity for NSOs to see excellent Youth Programme for young people in this age-range. The programme is based on the model developed in the European Region in Roverway and builds on the advice in the new Rover Scout Guidelines. It consists of four main parts:

1. Gathering together for an Opening Ceremony
2. Travelling to expedition centres to experience life in different parts of Kenya.
3. Time together at the main site to share experiences and participate in workshops.
4. A closing ceremony before young people take part in home hospitality or head for home.

The World Scout Moot offers young people an opportunity to truly experience the international dimension of Scouting and build an international network of friends.

Each NSO has been asked to provide details of the Heads of Contingent for this event and an approximate number of how many young people and International Service Team will be attending. We encourage your NSO to send this information to the Moot Office as soon as possible and to promote this event to young people and young adults in your association. A Heads of Contingent meeting is planned from 7-9 September 2009 at Rowallan Camp in Nairobi and further information will be available in the near future.

For more information visit the website:

<http://www.scoutmoot2010.org>

or contact the Moot Office at:

info@scoutmoot2010.org

3b. The World Scout Inter-religious Symposium.

The third World Scout Inter-religious Symposium will take place in Uganda from 21-25 October 2009. This event is organised by the World Scout Interreligious Forum with the International Union of Muslim Scouts (IUMS) taking the lead role with support from representatives of the educational methods team. The event will build upon the relationships and experiences developed in the Faith and Beliefs area at the last World Scout Jamboree and the participants will have the opportunity to engage in inter-faith dialogue.

The programme will be suitable for people of all faiths and for leaders in Scouting who are exploring their faith. The approach is to embed the Scout Method in the programme for this event. All participants will be invited to participate in active learning – to share an experience with others, reflect and share their reflections in a wider group. Sharing experiences with people from faiths other than our own, reflecting on these, sharing our thoughts and listening to the reflections of others has the potential to provide a rich learning experience.

It is hoped that this new approach will appeal to a wide range of Scout leaders and young people under the age of 30 are very much encouraged to attend. This is an opportunity for a personal journey as well as an opportunity to explore inter-religious dialogue in an international setting in Scouting.

We hope that you will be inspired to attend this event and will promote it to others.

Further information and application forms are available from the WOSM website at:

http://www.scout.org/en/information_events/events/wsis/3rd_wsis

or from the website prepared by IUMS and The Uganda Scouts Association:

<http://www.wsis2009.org>

3c. The World Scout Jamboree Plans are progressing well for the 22nd World Scout Jamboree that will take place in Sweden from 27 July to 7 August 2011. A comprehensive website has been developed with lots of information already uploaded and is available at:

<http://www.worldscoutjamboree.se>

Here are a few key points to note:

1. Three key concepts for the World Scout Jamboree are Meetings, Nature and Solidarity and all these aspects will permeate all of the time at the Jamboree for young people and adults. The Jamboree Planning Team are working to develop the programme

2. A training package for adults to help prevent all forms of abuse against children is being developed. This will hopefully become a resource for Scouting and Guiding after the event so that we continue to provide support on this topic.
3. There will be a new approach to the IST Experience, based on the Scout Method so that IST members will experience teamwork, leadership development and build stronger friendships in an international team.

Bulletin N° 2 is now available and has been sent in the recent scoutpak. Please note that the bulletin contains two forms to be completed by 30 June 2009: Registration for Head of Contingent Visit 1, 28-30 August 2009, Kristianstad, Sweden and Pre-registration Form.

4. Updates

4a. Earth Hour There was a very good response to Earth Hour with Scouts in at least 45 countries participating and engaging with their family, friends, classmates and communities to share in this world initiative in partnership with [WWF](#). Scouts in Germany presented the results of Earth Hour to Yvo de Boer, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change at an official UN meeting in Bonn, Germany. More information is available on the website:

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

4b. Guidelines for SCENES Centres The Guidelines for Scout Centres of Excellence for Nature and Environment (SCENES) are now finalised and are available on the WOSM website at:

http://www.scout.org/en/information_events/news/2009/scenes_guidelines_launched

The full pack, in English and French, to support the World Scout Environment Programme will be distributed in the next Scoutpak.

4c. 2008 Clean up the World Activity Report The 2008 Clean Up the World Activity Report will be launched on the 5th of June, in line with World Environment Day. The Allies Partnership of 2008 between WOSM and Clean Up the World has helped to showcase some of the local level environmental activities that Scouts have been involved in since the inception of the Clean Up the World campaign over the past 16 years and other Scout groups that have joined for the first time last year. Clean Up the World weekend is held annually in the third weekend of September, this year over the 19th & 20th of September.

4d. Scouts plant 65,000 trees with UNEP for World Environment Day 5th June 2009. On World Environment Day, Scouts have again demonstrated their commitment to working together to take positive action for the environment. The World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) have partnered with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) to encourage Scouts to take action in their local community. UNEP have provided supported to WOSM with a grant of \$US100,000 that is being used to plant more than 65,000 trees across 10 National Scout Organizations to celebrate World Environment Day. Scouts will plant and continue to nurture these trees so that they can have an ongoing benefit for the environment. Participating countries include Mexico, the Philippines, Malaysia, Australia, India, Brazil, Hungary, Ethiopia, South Africa and Lebanon.

Under the banner: 'Your Planet Needs You! - UNite to combat climate change', World Environment Day for 2009 is officially being hosted by Mexico, with the Mexican Scouts being involved in a variety of activities to celebrate the day. The Scouts will be planting trees, holding environmental workshops, engaging in discussions with government and other youth organisations to share how to be more proactive with tackling climate change.

The UNEP Tunza Youth Magazine for World Environment Day has been launched as a useful resource for young people to share and learn from each other about the environment. It can be downloaded free from:

http://www.unep.org/publications/search/pub_details_s.asp?ID=4025

Please share your World Environment Day activities by registering on the World Environment Day website:

<http://www.unep.org/wed>

Are your Scouts involved in World Environment Day activities? Please share your stories with the World Scout Bureau by emailing Rod Abson at:

rodabson@scout.org

5. JOTA-JOTI

JOTA and JOTI are opportunities for Scouts around the world to meet with each other over the airwaves or in cyberspace to chat and share information and experiences. Last year there was also a World Scout Challenge over the weekend and 408 groups of Scouts participated in discussions on Peace, Rovering and the Environment.

This year the activities offered for the event will be focused on the environment. At the beginning of December, a few weeks after JOTA/JOTI, there will be a UN Conference on Climate Change in Copenhagen (COP 15). It is hoped that Scouts will participate in this important event and Scouts world-wide can participate in a Climate Change Challenge during the JOTA/JOTI weekend.

The JOTA/JOTI card has been distributed in the recent Scoutpak and more information on the Climate Change Challenge will follow soon.

6. World Day Against Child Labour

12th June - World Day Against Child Labour 2009 (Theme: Give girls a chance, end child labour)

The International Labour Organization (ILO) and World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) share a common commitment to pursuing social justice and peace, empowering young people through human rights-based educational programmes and promoting the social dimension of globalisation. This long-standing partnership was recently strengthened through a renewed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) extending our cooperation in the fight against child labour, earlier this year.

This year, the World Day Against Child Labour (WDAKL) on 12 June marks the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the landmark ILO Convention No. 182, which called for urgent action to abolish the worst forms of child labour. While celebrating progress made during the past ten years, the World Day will highlight the continuing challenges, with a focus on the exploitation of girls in child labour. Around the world, an estimated 100 million girls are involved in child labour. Many of these girls undertake similar types of work as boys, but often also endure additional hardships and face extra risks. Moreover, girls are too often exposed to some of the worst forms of child labour, often in hidden work situations.

WOSM and ILO/IPEC have prepared a common circular with more details and useful links for Scouts to help prepare activities and events for the World Day Against Child Labour on 12th June, to download the circular please visit:

http://www.scout.org/en/about_scouting/partners/united_nations/ilo

II. KANDERSTEG NEW SITE

Kandersteg: new accommodation building opened on May 30

On Saturday 30th of May 2009 the Kander-Lodge, the new accommodation building, was opened by Mark Knippenberg, the KISC Director, together with KISC-staff from all Scout Regions in the World. There were speeches from Marc Lombard, president of the Foundation, Thijs Stoffer, president of the Association and Luc Panissod, Secretary General of the World Organisation of the Scout movement (WOSM) who said "For World Scouting, Kandersteg is a laboratory, a permanent think tank as well as a permanent jamboree. It is important that we follow up in this relationship which is so natural and we have to make it vital, as the energy brought by the place brings so much to the Movement". In a message to the attendees, Chairman Rick Cronk stated: "No doubt that these new facilities will provide even greater opportunities for more young people to enjoy the beauty of Scouting".

Kandersteg International Scout Centre, situated in the Swiss Alps, is open to groups and individuals throughout the year. Around 11,000 young people visit the Centre each year from over 40 different countries, ensuring a unique international atmosphere.

The new building is located opposite the main Chalet, with the Kander river running between them. The accommodation is of a higher standard to the Chalet. There are 18 twin bedrooms, with per two rooms a shared bathroom, one en-suite twin room and one room with 6 beds and its own bathroom. Other facilities will include a kitchen / eating space / lounge area and a fully equipped meeting room.

The Kander-Lodge is suitable for:

- Families, where two bedrooms and a bathroom can be booked together
- Leaders with a wish for a slightly higher standard of accommodation
- Groups in general (while other groups or individuals use other rooms in the Kander Lodge)
- Seminars / conference, as the building will have a dedicated meeting room and a part of
- the ground floor can be used as conference hall (basic)

During the opening ceremony Luc Panissod had the pleasure of getting the first numbered issue of the KISC History book. This is the first time the history of KISC over the last 86 years has been captured in a book, it is also a promise for the future, to continue Lord Baden Powell's dream of a Permanent Mini Jamboree. The book is for sale via the KISC Website (<http://www.kisc.ch>)

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