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World Scout Environment Programme Kit

Dear friends,

The World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) adopted the World Scout Environment Programme at the 2008 World Scout Conference. World Scout Environment Programme Kits were distributed at this conference to all National Scout Organizations. We are pleased to provide to you again the World Scout Environment Programme Kit with additional materials.

The World Scout Environment Programme Kit contains:

- Agreements to adopt the World Scout Environment Programme *NEW*
- Frequently Asked Questions factsheet *NEW*
- SCENES Guidelines for Scout Centres of Excellence for Nature and Environment *NEW*
- Updated World Scout Environment Programme Resources CD *NEW*
- World Scout Environment Programme Identity Guide *NEW*
- Framework for environment education in Scouting and the World Scout Environment Badge
- Environment Education Programme Activity Resources
- Factsheets relating to the World Scout Environment Programme
- World Scout Environment Programme Poster
- Sample World Scout Environment Badge (Green)
- Sample World Scout Environment Badge Certificate

Please note that following feedback from several National Scout Organizations we have now provided the World Scout Environment Badge with three rope colours to assist in recognising the progression a Scout makes in their environmental awareness from one youth section to another. These colours are blue for Cub Scouts (under 11), Green for Scouts (11 - 14) and purple for Rover Scouts (15+). Please note these age ranges provided are broad and National Scout Organizations can apply these in a way suitable to their own needs.

World Scout Environment Programme Kits and World Scout Environment Badges can be ordered from the World Scout Shop. Please see: www.worldscoutshop.org

We are pleased to inform you that as of October 2009, 27 National Scout Associations/Organizations have adopted the World Scout Environment Programme. The kit is currently available in English and French and we are working on Spanish, Arabic and Russian in conjunction with supporting the National Scout Organizations with translation into their local languages. For more information please see: www.scout.org/environment

I encourage you to consider the contents of the World Scout Environment Programme and provide to you the 38th World Scout Conference Resolution Number 22/08 'Environmental Education in Scouting'.

22/08 Environmental Education in Scouting

The Conference

- reaffirming the central role of the environment in the Scout Method, Scout Law and educational principles of the Scout Movement
- noting the current environmental challenges facing every region of the world and recognising the roles that young people can play in mitigating and adapting to these challenges
- recognising the actions taken by the World Scout Committee through the Educational Methods Committee and Environment Education Task Team to respond to Conference Resolutions 18/05 and 20/05
- welcoming the renewed Memorandum of Understanding between WOSM and UNEP
- further welcoming the supportive partnerships that have developed between WOSM and other organisations for environment education

- adopts the principles and aims for environment education in Scouting
- recommends that National Scout Organizations adopt the framework for environment education in Scouting and incorporate the ideas through a regular review of their youth programme and by offering the World Scout Environment Badge
- recommends the World Conservation Badge be phased out during the next triennium by National Scout Organizations which use it
- recommends that National Scout Organizations look to identify suitable Scout Centres that can become SCENES (Scout Centres of Excellence for Nature and Environment) Centres
- recommends that the World Organization of the Scout Movement continue its function of providing new resources and training materials to help National Scout Organizations improve their environment education programme, in line with the World Scout Environment Programme.

We have continued to develop further initiatives and opportunities for Scouts to engage in environment education. An Experiential Environment Education Training Seminar has been held to support adult leader training in this area of Scouting. New programme activity resources for the World Scout Environment Badge have been developed and we would like your assistance to identify local Scout Groups who can test these resources and provide feedback. Please note these draft resources are currently only available in English.

If you can assist with a local Scout group to test these resources or for any further questions regarding the World Scout Environment Programme, please contact Rod Abson, Unit Manager Environment Education at: rodabson@scout.org

Yours sincerely,

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