



WORLDINFO

News for Key Leaders in *Scouting*

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1. Meeting of the World Scout Committee, Geneva, Switzerland, 26-27 September 2009

The World Scout Committee (WSC) met in Geneva from 26-27 September 2009. The meeting was well attended by 11 elected (voting) members of the WSC plus all six Regional Chairmen and other ex-officio (non-voting) members (representative of the World Scout Foundation, Treasurer and Secretary General). Two Youth Advisors (YAs) to the WSC elected by the World Scout Youth Forum and several guests also attended the meeting. The Secretary General gave a report on the operational year 2008-2009. Also discussed were issues encountered in the 2008-2009 period and upcoming events.

For more information please read circular N°1/2010 available online at:

http://scout.org/en/circulars2010/circular_n_1_January_2010

2. WOSM Service Satisfaction Survey

In September 2009, a total of 938 official National Scout Organization (NSO) representatives registered in the WOSM directory were invited to participate in an electronic survey to rate the level of satisfaction with the services provided by WOSM to NSOs. For the sole purpose of this survey "WOSM services" were referred to as comprising "the work of volunteer committees and the World Scout Bureau Central and Regional Offices". This was an initiative from the World Scout

Committee (WSC) supported by the Strategy Coordination Group (SCG), which is one of the commitments the Secretary General made since taking up office which is to "to develop a customer oriented mentality to better serve NSOs". The results of this very first satisfaction survey are presented in the report sent out in this month's ScoutPak.

For more information please read circular N°2/2010 available online at:

http://scout.org/en/circulars2010/circular_n_2_January_2010

3. Research and Scouting

Following the Resolutions of the 38th World Conference, the Educational Methods Committee has appointed a small group to work on "Research and Scouting". The suggestion is to work initially, during this year, on two main themes: the first is "Volunteering" and the second is "Skills for Life". This research will be conducted jointly by academics and representatives of the Scout Movement, following the success of the World Scout Scientific Congress in 2007 "Education and the World Scout Movement: Experiences and Challenges". To carry out this project, we need the cooperation of all the NSOs who are interested in supporting research. Please send your answers, before 30 April 2010 to Patrick Gallaud (pgallaud@scout.org)

For more information please read circular N°3/2010 available online at:

http://scout.org/en/circulars2010/circular_n_3_January_2010

4. Scenes Seminar, Kandersteg International Scout Centre, Switzerland, 18th to the 23rd May 2010

The invitation and registration form are available in this month's ScoutPak. The registration form is to be returned by 30 April 2010; Visa Support Request Form to be returned by 05 April.

The invitation can be downloaded on the website at the following address:

http://www.scout.org/en/information_events/news/2010/scenes_seminar_invitation

5. 22nd World Scout Jamboree Sweden 2011

Information on the Jamboree has been sent out with the latest ScoutPak. The update includes Circular Issue 2 – January 2010: call to register for the Second Heads of Contingent Visit before 31 March 2010; Bulletin 3: December 2009; Registration Manual; Poster; Season's Greetings Card

6. Haiti: Scouts efforts continue to galvanize

Since the earthquake that occurred on the 12th January, the National Association of the Scouts of Haiti, firstly rallied and organized themselves so that they may be of service to the countries people. Called by the government and humanitarian agencies to join the reconstruction efforts, the Haitian Scouts are working towards creating a plan of action that will best prepare the future of the islands youth. On behalf of World Scouting a second mission, steered by the Scouts et Guides de France will arrive in Port-au-Prince in the coming days, in order to identify the needs and help establish links with the different parties involved in the reconstruction effort. An international meeting will be held at the end of March to clarify, plan and budget for the reconstruction project. Donors will then be re-contacted and informed of the how their donations will be used in the future.

On the listing of highest donations collected by National Scout Associations are the Scouts et Guides de France with 300'000 euros, Norges Speiderforbund (Norway) with 18'500 Swiss Francs, Agir avec les Scouts pour un Terre Meilleure (Geneva Association) with 1500 Swiss Francs and the Scout Association of Japan with 1000 dollars. Donations have also been pouring in from over 160 private donors. Also to be noted is the generous contribution made by the Dominican Scout

Association who have provided their headquarters' premises for use and organized two supply convoys to their Haitian neighbours.

The Boy Scouts of America are among the NSO's who have responded to the Haitian Scouts plea to send specific equipment. Association des Scouts du Canada is also diplomatically supporting the aid campaign, with the General Governor, who is of Haitian origin. Lastly the National Scout Organization of Thailand is preparing to support a reconstruction project based on its post-tsunami experience.

You can follow the campaign of the International Scout Aid in favor of Haiti on the dedicated blog: www.scout.org/blogs

You can make a donation by using the following link:

<http://www.scout.org/solidarite-haiti>

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