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**2007 Centenary: A new beginning**

Dear colleagues,

2007 has been a fantastic year for Scouting! Scouts have run exciting programmes, held amazing events and completed incredible projects, showing the world what Scouting is really about and the difference that it does make locally, nationally and internationally. Thank you to everyone who worked to make the Centenary of Scouting such a success, thank you to all of the volunteers who gave their time to run activities and programmes for Scouts worldwide and thank you to our supporters and all of you who worked with us to enrich our initiatives.

Now we need to capitalise on all that we have accomplished, learn from our experiences and build on these for the future. 2008 is the start of a new centenary. We need vibrant quality programmes to meet the needs of more young people, we need dedicated adult volunteers to deliver these programmes and manage our Movement, and we need to constantly improve our communications in order to raise our profile and encourage more people to get involved!

The Gifts for Peace projects show us just how much we can achieve when we work together. Collectively, these projects represent a truly unique contribution to our world on the occasion of our 100th anniversary. Thank you to the leaders and Scouts who have run these projects, and, through them, made a difference to the lives of others.

Scouting's Sunrise, 1 August 2007, was an incredible global celebration. The photos and stories from this day really speak for themselves, and show how 21st century Scouting is modern, colourful, passionate, exciting and adventurous. You can view these photos on [scout.org](http://scout.org) and [pikeo.com](http://pikeo.com).

There have been spectacular events throughout the year, including: the Cederberg Adventure and Mafeking Moot in South Africa, Sudan Centenary celebrations in Khartoum, the creation of a giant fleur-de-lys in the centre of Mexico City, JamBE in Belgium, the Korean Agonoree, the Amahoro Amani project and gathering in Africa, an expedition to the Baden-Powell Scout Peak in Nepal, and of course the 21st World Scout Jamboree in the United Kingdom and World Scientific Congress in Geneva, Switzerland! Thank you to everyone who contributed stories to 'Centenary News' and who shared their programmes and photos with us.

Over the next couple of months we will upload information, interviews, ideas and resources onto [scout.org](http://scout.org) to help you build on 2007 and look ahead to national centenaries. All of the webpages and resources related to 2007 will remain accessible online. I warmly encourage you to visit them regularly to keep our theme for 2007 alive: "One World, One Promise"

I look forward to continuing to hear your news in 2008.

Yours in Scouting,

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Acting Secretary General