



Building a better world

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WAKA WAKA? This is how we greet each other during our Jamboree? says Brice Filaumart a Scout attending the HALP (Habiter Autrement la Planete/) Jamboree. Arriving on the 26th of July Venture Scouts and Guides, (pionnier caravelles) from the island of La Réunion took over the RCPES (Regional Committee for Physical Education and Sports) grounds where the HALP Jamboree is taking place until August 7, 2010. This international camp brings together Scout and Guide delegations of the Indian Ocean region such as: Madagascar, Mauritius and Seychelles.

The event, organized in parallel with the Commission of Youth and Sports of the Indian Ocean's (CYSIO) 7th Games, is the opportune moment to bring together over 250 young people ages 11-17 years old, in order to allow them to get to know each other better, appreciate and progress together. The Jamboree is placed under the Sustainable Development sign with: To Otherwise live on the Planet as its theme.

Assisting the CYSIO's 7th games organized for the first time in Réunion the Scouts and Guides are helping with diverse tasks such as : Boarding house supervisor, accompanying disabled sportsmen, preparing the athletes quarters and logistical aid as well.

Aside from assisting with the games the main goal of the jamboree is to:

- Showcase a different aspect of youth involvement in the Indian ocean
- To position Scouting and Guiding as the main actor in the education and promotion of sustainable development , a more responsible and more just society.

Lastly, the opening ceremony on the 28th of July was also the moment to welcome the foreign delegations and introduce them to the Jamboree's dynamic also allowed for an occasion for each delegation to present themselves (culture and their Scout Association).

The atmosphere was riveting and the young people experienced an exceptional moment. An impressive display of musicians, singers and light show contributed to the festivities and it has only began.

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