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40 years since World Scout Lunar Landing!

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July 20, 2009 marks the 40th Anniversary of the successful Apollo 11 moon landing. Amongst the treasured items that Crew Commander, Neil Armstrong, carried with him to the Moon and back was a World Scout Badge!

The former member of Boy Scouts of America presented this unique memento of his now legendary mission to World Scouting. The signed citation reads, "I certify that this World Scout Badge was carried to the moon on man's first lunar landing, Apollo XI, July 20, 1969."

The Scout emblem which features in the badge was created by Baden-Powell. The fleur-de-lis, which indicated north on old maps, is a reminder that Scouts must be as reliable as a compass; they must respect Scouting's ideals and help show others the way. A singularly appropriate symbol then to be carried by the first man to set foot on the Moon!

This historically important badge is kept on permanent display at the World Scout Bureau's central office in Geneva, Switzerland.