



WORLDINFO

News for Key Leaders in *Scouting*

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1. 2007 Centenary Materials

Our Centenary is fast-approaching. Are you prepared? Has your National Scout Organization declared a Gifts for Peace project? Do you have plans to celebrate Scouting's Sunrise? Are all of your Scouts involved in local Join-in-Centenary programmes?

An updated 2007 Overview document is now available and has been mailed in the latest Scoutpak. This document contains information on our plans to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Scouting and reflects the new brand identity of World Scouting.

Please use this document widely during our centennial year as a tool to highlight the key programmes and events taking place in 2007. The document is also available from www.scout.org in the 2007 Centenary resource section and can be downloaded to print and distribute, or to promote from your national websites.

The 2007 Promotional Cards are also included in the Scoutpak. These four cards promote the Centenary of Scouting and the main worldwide initiatives: Gifts for Peace, Scouting's Sunrise and Join-in-Centenary.

These cards are being used at events to promote the various initiatives and encourage Scouts, former Scouts and the public to get involved in our exciting plans. The cards will be available to download from www.scout.org in English and French. National Scout Organizations can use the templates in the 'Design and Artwork' section of the website to create other language versions. To read Circular No 31 please see:

http://www.scout.org/en/content/download/4874/48982/file/C06312007_e.pdf

2. SCOPE

The second issue of Scout Project Exchange (SCOPE) List has been published. Partnership is one of the pillars of our Movement. It supports formal and informal communications, exchange of experience, values and expertise between the NSOs. It also promotes a dialogue between generations for better understanding and solutions. Everyone is encouraged to send more projects and ideas to the World Scout Bureau to share with the rest of the world, and to lend a hand to those in need. Please be more open to new partnerships and cooperation.

This SCOPE newsletter highlights projects from the Republic of Benin, Ecuador, Uganda, Senegal, Liberia, Bolivia, Chad and Pakistan. To read the Circular No 32 please see:

http://www.scout.org/en/content/download/4876/48991/file/C0632SCOPE_e.pdf

To read the Newsletter please see:

http://www.scout.org/en/about_scouting/fundraising/projects/scope

3. The Educational Methods Committee

At the World Scout Conference in Tunisia in 2005, Resolution 10/05 "Educational Methods Structures" was adopted.

The recommendation for the work at world level is as follows: The Conference: "recommends, at world level, complementing the workstreams on strategic priorities by creating a sub-committee on educational methods, which will bring to the World Scout Committee more human resources; this sub-committee should comprise youth advisors and experts in the field of non-formal education, management and adult learning; its functions would be to advise the World Scout Committee and provide guidance on research and development in the fields of youth programme, and adult resources, and it would validate the educational materials produced by the WSB as well as the educational programme of World Scout events."

The Educational Methods Committee (EMC) was established at the World Scout Committee meeting in November 2005 and leaders were recruited from Regions and NSOs with expertise in the fields identified in the resolution. The EMC met for the first time in April 2006, immediately prior to the meeting of the World Scout Committee.

A report from the EMC and its five task teams has been completed, setting out the work planned in this triennium to support the implementation of the strategic priorities related to educational methods and to support the programme of World Youth Events and the Centenary of Scouting.

The EMC provides an integrated approach to the work on youth programme and adult resources and Regions and NSOs are encouraged to develop similar structures to support this integration. There will be regular updates on the work of this sub-Committee and its task teams.

To read this report and Circular No 33 please see:

http://www.scout.org/en/content/download/4878/49000/file/C0633EMC_e.pdf

4. Scouting and the Environment

In 2004, WOSM and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) so that both organisations could work together to strengthen the programme for Scouts in relation to the environment and sustainable development.

In February 2003, the Governing Council of UNEP adopted a long-term strategy for engaging young people in environmental activities and in the work of UNEP. The strategy was entitled the 'TUNZA Youth Strategy', and is an initiative that supports the development of activities in the areas of capacity building, environmental awareness, and information exchange.

A task team on Environment Education has been created within the Educational Methods Committee to take forward the work on environment education and sustainable development.

Several opportunities and activities that support environmental education for Scouts of all ages are being identified and promoted. Some of the current projects are:

- *UNEP International Children's Painting Competition*

UNEP have been organising a children's painting competition for 16 years. The theme for this year's competition is 'Climate Change'. The competition is open to young people who are between the ages of 6 and 14 years old on World Environment Day 2007 (5 June). Entries should be sent to Regional offices of UNEP by 31 December 2006. This is an opportunity to help young people learn more about climate change and use their imagination and creative skills to show their learning. UNEP has a series of web-pages on climate change targeted at this age-group. Full information is available on the children's section of the UNEP web-site <http://www.unep.org/tunza/children/>

- *Tunza International Youth Conference*

The next TUNZA International Youth Conference will take place in Leverkusen, Germany from 8-12 September 2007. Scouts between the ages of 15 and 24 are encouraged to apply and UNEP will secure places for at least 2 Scouts per region. UNEP receive around 400-600 applications per year for around 150 places. Some financial support may be possible for

Scouts to attend from developing countries. Please see the TUNZA web-site

<http://www.unep.org/tunza/> for more details and application forms.

- *Global Youth Retreat*

UNEP's Global Youth Retreat is one of the main platforms for cooperation and interaction between UNEP and its youth partners. It is the vision of UNEP to "foster a generation of environmentally conscious citizens who will better influence decision-making processes and act responsibly to create a sustainable world". The next Global Youth Retreat will take place from 1-4 February 2007 in Nairobi, Kenya. There will be one or two Scouts present who will have the opportunity to stand for the Youth Advisory Council. There are currently 3 Scouts from Africa on this Council: Anta Mbuya Mahunda from Congo, Harouna Oussein from Niger and Gueye Secka from Senegal.

- *Share your story*

WOSM and UNEP are interested to hear of environmental projects undertaken by Scouts around the world. The stories should outline the reasons for undertaking projects and what was achieved. The following framework may help stories to communicate the essential elements. The following points should be covered: What we achieved; Why we did it; How we did it; Our learning; and Our plans for the future. Please encourage Scouts involved in environmental projects in your NSO to send their stories to WOSM: email worldbureau@world.scout.org or via the UNEP web-site

http://www.unep.org/tunza/youth/Hear_from_you/Share_story

- *UNEP resources on environment education for young people*

The UNEP web-site for children and youth (TUNZA) has a wide range of educational resources and activities targeted at children from 6-14 years and youth 15 - 24 years. These resources will be very useful for Scout leaders and Scouts who are looking to develop the environment aspect of their programme or who are seeking information to support projects on environmental issues. You will be kept informed of new opportunities for Scouts in relation to the environment via newsletters, WorldINFO and the WOSM web-site as part of the MOU with UNEP. We hope this will be an active partnership, bringing new opportunities to Scouting as a Movement working to support development world-wide that is just and sustainable.

To read Circular No 34 in full please go to:

http://www.scout.org/en/content/download/4879/49006/file/C0634env_e.pdf

To find out more about the partnership between WOSM and UNEP please go to:

http://www.scout.org/en/about_scouting/partners

5. Promising Practices

Promising Practices are stories from National Scout Organizations that outline their development and progress on one of the seven strategic priorities. They provide examples of work that is happening in associations around the world to: develop the youth programme; support adult volunteers; improve the image of Scouting; increase financial resources and review organisational structures.

Three Promising Practices have been written recently.

1. A story from Pakistan where the Scout association is working with UNICEF to promote and support girls' education.
2. A story from Algeria where the results of strategic planning are showing results in Scouts Musulmans Algériens.
3. A story from the UK where an on-line programme development tool has been developed by The Scout Association to help leaders provide quality Scouting to its members.

If you have a story from your association that you would like to tell others about please send details to worldbureau@world.scout.org. All of the Promising Practices follow the same format – what you achieved, why you did it, how you did it, what you learned and your future plans. We look forward to hearing from you.

To read Circular No 35 please go to:

http://www.scout.org/en/content/download/4880/49012/file/C0635pp's_e.pdf

The Promising Practices PDFs can be downloaded from:

http://www.scout.org/en/content/download/2589/26274/file/pp3pakistan_e.pdf (Pakistan)

http://www.scout.org/en/content/download/2592/26283/file/SP4uk_e.pdf (UK)

<http://www.scout.org/en/content/download/2637/26689/file/pp6algeriaEN.pdf> (Algeria)

6. Gifts for Peace Competition - Your Stories and Images

In order to excite, motivate and involve young people in the development of the Gifts for Peace and complement the work being done on the new brand identity, a competition is being launched for Scouts to send in photographs, short video presentations or short audio presentations on their Gifts for Peace projects.

The results will help us at world level to collect good images and testimonies of what is happening worldwide with the Gifts for Peace, and will support the involvement of young people in the project in line with Strategic Priority 1: Youth Involvement in Decision Making.

The competition is open to members of the World Organization of the Scout Movement, girls and boys, in the following age categories:

- Up to 11 years old (on 22 February 2007)
- 11 to 14 years old (on 22 February 2007)
- 15 to 26 years old (on 22 February 2007)

The winning entries will be announced on 22 February 2007, which is Founder's Day and also the 150th anniversary of the birth of Baden-Powell. Prizes and special commendations will be awarded to the winners in each age category, for each of the three mediums. Winning entries will be displayed at the 21st World Scout Jamboree and the International Congress in Geneva in 2007, as well as on the website.

For more information as well as access to the electronic versions of the attached flyer and application forms, please refer to our website: www.scout.org

Please promote this competition to all of your members and encourage them to participate.

http://www.scout.org/en/information_events/events/2007/gifts_for_peace/gifts_for_peace_competition

7. 2008 World Scout Youth Forum Planning Committee Meets

The first meeting of the World Scout Youth Forum (WSYF) planning committee was held in Geneva from 28-29 September 2006. During the meeting the focus was on revising the functions of the WSYF Planning Committee and the Youth Forum Committee; preparation of the draft agenda of the Forum (taking into consideration the suggestions from the host committee, young people in the ScoutPost and suggestions from the Planning Committee); and consideration of the working methods and organisational elements. An action plan was identified for 2006-2008.

The Planning Committee has the following functions: to identify topics of interest to young people which may be considered by the Forum; to take into account input from the World Scout Committee on any particular topics the Committee may wish the Forum to consider; to ensure, within the programme of the Forum, opportunities for the development of skills of participants in the processes of decision-making; to recommend to the World Scout Committee for approval, the main content of the programme and agenda of the World Scout Youth Forum; to prepare information for National Scout Organizations on the main topics to be discussed by the Forum in advance of the event; to develop the detailed programme and agenda of the Forum; to choose the working methods of the Forum, favouring skills development opportunities, discussions and group work by participants; to inform participants about their role both within the Forum itself and within their association following the Forum.

The Planning Committee has been created according to the Guidelines of the World Scout Youth Forum. It comprises the following persons: Rod Abson (Chairman & Youth Advisor), Ange Aye-Ake (Youth Advisor), Johan Ekman (Youth Advisor), John Lawlor (Youth Advisor), Mehdi Ben Khelil (Youth Advisor), Raymundo Tamayo (Youth Advisor), Luna Juhyun Bae (Korea Scout Association), Andres Morales (World Scout Bureau), Therese Birmingham (World Scout Committee).

As specified in Resolution 10/93 on Youth Forums, the World Scout Committee is "ultimately responsible for agenda and procedures of the World Scout Youth Forum" and the Host Committee is "responsible for facilities and support services". The resolution encourages these committees "to delegate to young members the planning, organising and running of such events". The Conference directed "the World Committee to devote the necessary human, financial and material resources" to the Youth Forum.

8. Gone Home - Philippe Pijollet

It is with great sadness that we announce that Philippe Pijollet, former Director of Adult Resources in the World Scout Bureau, passed away on Friday 17 November following a long illness.

Philippe served World Scouting for many years and was highly respected around the world. His contribution to the Movement was recognised by the award of the Bronze Wolf in 2002.

Messages of condolence to his wife, Samantha, who is also a former WSB colleague, may be sent to the World Scout Bureau.

To read more about the passing of Philippe Pijollet please read the story published on

www.scout.org

9. 21st World Scout Jamboree

- IST Registration

National Scout Organizations that have already returned their Contingent Registration Form should have received the "IST Registration Kit" which was distributed with Jamboree Circular 3 in November 2006. Please note that the deadline for submitting IST registrations to the Jamboree Office is 31st December 2006. The most important pieces of information to send in by this date are the Role Choices for each member of the IST. For further information please contact contingentsupport@scouting2007.org

There will be similar kits for registering Troop and Contingent Support Team details, which will be distributed towards the end of November 2006. The deadline for Troop and Contingent Support Team Registration is 31st March 2007.

- Bicycles Hire

National Continents are able to hire or purchase bicycles for use at the Jamboree. Full details can be found in Jamboree Circular 3. Please email bikes@scouting2007.org by Friday 15th December 2006 to secure your order, stating the number of bikes required to purchase / hire.

- World Villages and Global Development Village Activities

National Scout Organizations are encouraged to run activities in the 'World Villages' and 'Global Development Village' Programme areas. Full details can be found on the NSO resources website on www.thejamboree.org or by contacting contingentsupport@scouting2007.org

- Day Visitors

The Jamboree Day Visitors Experience registration system is now available for the booking of tickets. Full information about the Day Visitors Experience, and to book tickets, visit www.thejamboree.org/dayvisitors

10. World Volunteers Day

World Volunteers Day is coming up on 5 December 2006. This is a great opportunity to celebrate the work that is being carried out in Scouting daily, by countless people around the world. Stay tuned to scout.org for resources including the 'Volunteers in Scouting Tool Kit', a special message from the Chairman of the World Scout Committee, Mr. Herman Hui, and a 'Thank you' e-card which you will be able to download and share.

11. JOTA/JOTI

From Friday night, 20 October 2006, Geneva time, and throughout the weekend, an international team of Scouts operated the world station of JOTA/JOTI. Organisers came together to coordinate the global Scout network on-the-Air and on-the-Internet, for a very special weekend dedicated to communication and information technologies.

These passionate Scouts who are amazed by the technological solutions which help shrink distances came from Finland, Italy, Germany, United Kingdom, Sweden, Netherlands and obviously Switzerland, and were supported by the Communication Team of the World Scout Bureau.

In presence of an international team of the Swiss Scout Movement, a plan has begun to organise a big Scout camp in the Geneva Scout centre "Les Pérouses" to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the JOTA in October 2007, in conjunction with the centennial year of Scouting. Stay tuned to see how you can be a part of this great event next year...

12. Regional Communications Forum

The Regional Communications Forums have begun with the Asia-Pacific event in Macau.

The principles of the Regional Communication Forums were established during the Communication Team Meeting in May 2005 and confirmed by the World Scout Conference (Resolution 9/05). The forums have been designed in order to:

- build capacities at all level within the Movement
- foster the Brand Communication Strategy adopted at the last World Scout Conference
- support the NSOs in each Region to come on board and get the right tools
- install the new Brand Strategy in all communication activities worldwide
- get the chance to appear unified "as One Movement" before the centenary.

Each NSO is invited to participate in one of the events and are asked to send suitable participants. These may be: national commissioners in charge of Communication, PR and Marketing, those working in with the media in their NSO, and young spokespersons.

The six events will be held in:

Asia-Pacific – Macau: 23-26 November 2006 (EN)

Arab – Cairo, Egypt: 7-10 December 2006 (EN)(FR)

Africa French – Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso: 11-14 January 2007 (FR)

Interamerica – Pizarquin, Chile: 18-21 January 2007 (SP)(EN)

Europe/Eurasia – Palencia (near Valladolid), Spain: 25-28 January 2007 (EN)

Africa English – Pretoria, South Africa: 8-11 February (EN)

Detailed information regarding the Forums, including the programme and contact information can be found at www.scout.org. Circulars and application forms are available for download.

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