



WORLDINFO

News for Key Leaders in *Scouting*

WORLDInfo is for key Scouting leaders at national, regional and world levels. It is sent by email to all national Scout organizations which have an email address, and to members of their national team who have personal email addresses which have been provided to the World Scout Bureau. It is also available at no cost to subscribers. See subscription information at the end.

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1. May 31st is World No Tobacco Day

Tobacco use poses serious health risks, not only to smokers, but also to non-smokers in smoking environments. Tobacco is the second major cause of death in the world and hundreds of thousands of non-smokers die each year from the harmful effects of second-hand smoke. The dangers associated with exposure to second-hand smoke require the protection of people's right to clean, smoke-free air.

On 1 January 2007, the World Scout Bureau instituted a No Smoking policy, making the WSB (Central and Regional Offices) a smoke-free environment. National Scout Organizations are urged to follow the example and take this important step to protect people's health, extending the policy to all their offices and Scout meeting places and also making both indoor and outdoor Scouting activities smoke-free in all age sections. This is an educational responsibility and leaders must be conscious of the vital role of their example.

NSOs are also urged to help celebrate the World Health Organization's (WHO) World No Tobacco Day on 31 May. Go to:

http://www.scout.org/circulars2007/circular_n_6_april_2007

to read a document from WHO about the dangers of tobacco smoke and the benefits of smoke-free environments. There is also information Scouts can use to undertake projects to raise awareness about the threats to health posed by tobacco use.

WOSM and the WHO are both highly interested in learning about Scouts' health-related and Tobacco Free Initiative projects. You are invited to share with the world and other Scouts your activities in this area, to demonstrate Scouting's active commitment to make a better world by tackling important health issues. Please send your health project description, outcomes, and

other information such as pictures or videos to Arturo Romboli, at aromboli@scout.org. Also, be sure to explore the WHO's website www.who.int/tobacco/wntd for more information and to register your projects for a listing on the WHO's Tobacco Free Initiative web page.

2. Fight Hunger: Walk the World Campaign, 13 May 2007

Fight Hunger: Walk the World is an exciting and important initiative from the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP). This now annual event was launched last year as a way to help achieve the first United Nations Millennium Development Goal: to reduce by half the number of hungry people in the world by 2015.

Last May over 800,000 people walked in 118 countries and 420 locations worldwide in support of ending child hunger, with Scouts from several countries joining the march.

World Scouting strongly encourages you to take part on 13 May in this worthy global event; You can join existing Walks in your location, or organize your own events. If you go to www.fighthunger.org and click on to the world map on the home page, you will be able to find information on Walks near you. If you don't see one, read through the site and learn how to organize your own event.

Fight Hunger: Walk the World is a fun, educational, and meaningful activity. If you choose to raise funds, all resources will go to the WFP's school food programs, which feed hungry children in schools in over 70 countries worldwide. By logging on to www.fighthunger.org and joining a Walk or organizing your own, your organisation can make a tremendous difference in the life of a hungry child. To read this Circular in full go to:

http://www.scout.org/circulars2007/circular_n_7_april_2007

3. The World Day Against Child Labour, 12 June 2007

June 12th marks the World Day Against Child Labour, which will this year focus on the elimination of agricultural child labour. World Scouting is working in close partnership with the International Labour Organization's (ILO) International Programme on the Elimination of Child Labour (IPEC) and encourages your participation.

A joint letter from ILO/IPEC and World Scouting, as well as activities to introduce youth to child labour issues, have been sent out in this month's Scoutpak. The joint letter continues the partnership between ILO and WOSM, cemented in 2004 with the signing of a Memorandum of

Understanding to acknowledge the commitment and cooperation in the elimination of child labour. You will find important information about child labour issues and ways Scouts can help by reading the Circular online at:

http://www.scout.org/circulars2007/circular_n_8_april_2007

The elimination of child labour is vital for making the world a better place. Take part in World Day Against Child Labour activities to combat this serious global concern. Read the attached information and visit www.12to12.org to learn more.

4. Scout Project Exchange (SCOPE)

The World Scout Bureau is now gathering information for the publication of issue No. 3 of Scout Project Exchange (SCOPE) List.

To that effect, NSOs are encouraged to send in Scout projects which are in need of human, material or financial resources for which your Organization is seeking partner(s), and which will contribute to the development of your Organization.

Please do not hesitate to use the privileged communication channel of SCOPE to exchange your ideas and achievements with Scouts around the world. SCOPE news and the form for the submission of projects are available on World Scouting's website: www.scout.org/scope or www.scout.org/scope_resources or you may request it from the World Scout Bureau.

http://www.scout.org/circulars2007/circular_n_9_april_2007

5. Centenary 2007 Update

The Centenary year is underway and Scouts worldwide are involved in exciting local, national, regional and world initiatives. A circular and document containing information related to the Centenary initiatives, and in particular on Scouting's Sunrise, have been sent out in this month's Scoutpak and can be read online at: http://www.scout.org/circulars2007/circular_n_10_2007

A reporting form has also been included to complete and return to the World Scout Bureau without delay. Please do not hesitate to contact the Central and Regional offices for further support or information.

For additional information, please see the Centenary section of www.scout.org and the Gifts for Peace webpages at: www.scout.org/giftsforpeace

6. 38th World Scout Conference - Jeju Island, Republic of Korea, 2008

The next World Scout Conference will be held on Jeju Island, Republic of Korea, from Monday 14 to Friday 18 July 2008. The Korea Scout Association, the National Scout Organization of

the Republic of Korea, will host this Conference. They have formed a very good team in Seoul, the headquarters of the Organization, which is enthusiastically preparing for the event.

A Circular with detailed information about the event has been sent out in this month's Scoutpak, and can be read online at:

http://www.scout.org/circulars2007/circular_n_11_april_2007

Here you will find more details about: the Theme of the Conference, the Programme, the Working Methods, the Conference Centre, Accommodation, Transport to and from the venue, Conference fee, Delegates and Observers, Participation of young adults, Accompanying person's programme, Pre and post Conference tours, Getting to Jeju Island. Also included is a planning questionnaire, which you are kindly asked to complete and return by 31 July 2007 to the World Scout Bureau Central Office.

7. 10th World Scout Youth Forum - Wonkwang University, Iksan, Korea, July 2008

The 10th World Scout Youth Forum will take place at Wonkwang University in Korea, from Monday 7 to Thursday 10 July 2008, just prior to the 38th World Scout Conference.

A Circular with detailed information about the event has been sent out in this month's Scoutpak, and can be read online at:

http://www.scout.org/circulars2007/circular_n_12_may_2007

Here you will find more details about the: Event's organisation, Planning committee, Programme, Location, Participants, Forum fee, Participation in the World Scout Conference, Inter-event programme, Getting to Iksan. Also included is a planning questionnaire, which you are kindly asked to complete and return by 31 July 2007 to the World Scout Bureau Central Office.

8. World Scout Conference 2008 - Call for invitations for World Scout Events, 2013 & 2015

The World Scout Committee requests invitations to host the following two events:

- 14th World Scout Moot, 2013
- 23rd World Scout Jamboree, 2015

NSOs that are interested in hosting these events are invited to contact the World Scout Bureau before they formalise their invitation, in order to be fully informed about the official guidelines and requirements for the hosting of these different world events.

The World Scout Committee has asked the World Scout Bureau to review the potential host's plans and to inspect the proposed venue(s) prior to

the 38th World Scout Conference. Therefore it is requested that the Bureau receives a declaration of intention from potential hosts by 31 July 2007 by means of the form attached to Circular No. 13. To read this Circular in full, go to: http://www.scout.org/circulars2007/circular_n_13_april_2007

9. 21st World Scout Jamboree - Opportunities for partnerships

Since the 17th World Scout Jamboree in the Republic of Korea in 1991, Global Development Activities have become a key element of the Jamboree programme. This year, they will be composed of a Village with educational workshops, a Boulevard with interactive stands and walk-in activities, several Globus (Global Development Bus) with interactive activities, and InfoPoints with important challenges and solutions regarding development issues.

NSOs are largely contributing to these activities by running workshops and interactive stands on issues related to their national programmes and projects. In addition, the Global Development Activities draw on Scouting's relationships with international non-governmental or inter-governmental organisations to develop activities around global challenges.

World Scouting has Memorandums of Understanding and partnerships with many agencies in the UN system who have already confirmed their participation in the World Scout Jamboree. Please read Circular No. 14 to see a list of these Organizations at: http://www.scout.org/circulars2007/circular_n_14_april_2007

You are now encouraged on a regional, national and local level to work with these Organizations by consulting the list, sharing this information more widely within your Association and seeking contact with local branches. For support or more information, contact Arturo Romboli, Unit Manager, External Relations: aromboli@scout.org or telephone +41 22 705 10 10.

10. Publication on Promises and Laws

The Las Vegas International Scouting Museum intends to publish a volume with the text of the Promise and Law currently in use in all NSAs/NSOs, as well as all prior versions, and what will be included in the publication must be accurate. To achieve this, the editors need your help in order to correct any errors in what is currently in our files and that we have shared with them, before publishing the first edition, with the intention to make it available as soon as possible as we celebrate the Centenary of Scouting.

To that purpose, you will soon receive a letter from Robert Lynn Horne, to which will be attached the Promise and Law information the

editors currently have for your NSA/NSO. You are invited to give him the requested assistance in verifying and, if needed, correcting that information. You are also asked to send a copy to the WSB in order to update the information that the World Scout Bureau has on file.

11. WORLDinfo in Spanish

Did you know that WORLDinfo has been available for download in Spanish since November 2006? Email subscription is still limited to English or French, but the pdf version in Spanish is available for download on scout.org. When browsing scout.org, ensure that you have the 'language' preference of the page on 'Espagnol' and then go to: http://www.scout.org/es/information_events/resource_centre/worldinfo

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