NOAC 2024

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SEEK NEW HEIGHTS

Beyond Scouting America

International Scouting

Learning Objectives

1. Understand where Scouting America fits
   into the greater movement

2. What Scouting around the world looks like

3. What opportunities are available to Arrowmen

1.
What is Scouting?

Where does Scouting America fit into the greater World Scout Movement

Who is Scouting?

- US Membership
  - 1.04 Million Members
- World-wide membership
  - 57 Million Members
    - 175 Countries
    - 6 Continents
- UK Membership
  - 390K+ Members
  - <u>20K waitlisted</u>

Who is Scouting?

- WOSM
  - The World Organization of the Scout Movement
  - Formed to encourage the Scouting movement throughout the world by promoting unity and understanding of its purpose and principles and by supporting its expansion and development.
  - Individual country membership is referred to as an NSO (National Scout Organization)

Who is Scouting

- Scouting America
  - NSO of the United States
  - Cub Scouts (Grade K-5)
  - Scouts BSA (Age 11-17)
  - Venture Scouts (Age 14-21)
  - Sea Scouts (Age 14-21)
  - Explorers (Age 10-21)

- World-wide Counterpart
  - Individual countries own NSO
  - Beavers (Age 6 - 8)
  - Cubs(Age 8 - 10 ½)
  - Scouts (Age 10 ½ - 14)
  - Explorers (Age 14 – 18)
  - Rovers (Varies, generally 18-25)
  - Sea Scouts (Varies from 10-20)

2.

Where is Scouting?

What Scouting around the world looks like

Where is Scouting?

Where is Scouting?

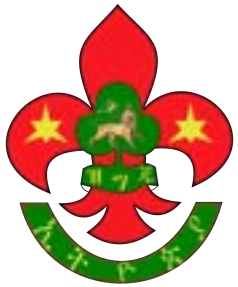
- Only ~~6~~ 5 countries do not have Scouting
  - Cuba
    - Existed Pre-Communism
  - North Korea
  - China
    - Scouting-style organization is taking a foothold
  - Laos
  - Andorra

  - Myanmar
    - Scouting has started here!
    - Salt Lake has a troop of Scouts that are refugees from Myanmar

Scouting around the world

Bangladesh

Democratic Republic of the Congo



Ethiopia

Vietnam

Cameroon

Burkina Faso

The Netherlands

Russia

Scouting around the world

Mexico

Brazil

Dominican Republic

Poland

Ireland

Australia

Bolivia

Malaysia

Scouting around the world

Scouts China (Taiwan)

Icela nd

Chil e

Greenlan d

Luxembou rg

Swazila nd

Japa n

Azerbaijan

Scouting around the world

Morocco

Philippines

Pakistan

Israel

Ghana

Saudi Arabia

Algeria

Egypt

Scouting around the world

- World Crest
  - The World Crest is an emblem of the World Organization of the Scout Movement and is authorized for wear on the uniform of **all** member associations as a symbol of membership in a world brotherhood.
  - Every Scouter, around the world, will have this on their uniform, somewhere

Scouting around the world

- World Crest
  - Worn by an estimated 250 million Scouts since 1907
  - “Our badge we took from the ‘North Point’ used on maps for orienteering.” – Lord Baden Powell
  - “It shows the true way to go.” – Lady Baden Powell

Scouting around the world

- Rope with reef, or square, knot
  - Symbolizes Unity and Brotherhood of the Movement
  - Even as one cannot undo a reef knot no matter how hard one pulls on it, so, as it expands, the Scouting movement remains united.

Scouting around the world

- Three tips of the Fleur-de-Lis
  - Three points of the Scout Promise
  - In some countries the five-pointed stars stand for Truth and Knowledge

Scouting around the world

- Royal Purple Background
  - White represents purity
  - Purple represents leadership and help given to others

Scouting around the world

- World Crest
  - Authorized by Scouting America to be worn by all adult and youth members as a permanent patch centered horizontally over the left pocket and vertically between the left shoulder seam and the top of the pocket.
  - Other NSO’s will have a similar emblem somewhere on their uniform

Scouting around the world

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Scouting around the world

- Uniform
  - In addition to the World Crest, the one thing that all scouts have in common is the nekker

Scouting around the world

- Nekkers
  - Some use slides, or woggles, many tie in the Friendship Knot

Scouting around the world

- The neckerchief, scarf, or “nekker” is your identity
- A patch, or badge is something you have done or earned

- While trading or “swapping” is common in Scouting, internationally, it is considered a higher level of friendship to swap nekkers as you are sharing who you are as opposed to something you did.

Scouting around the world

Scouting around the world

- Wearing a nekker comes with some strange possibilities
- Don’t be afraid if you are randomly approached by someone and greeted with a Scout Sign
- Scouts are Scouts no matter where we are.

Preparing for International Adventure

- Ask “Why Not” instead of “Why”
  - You do not have to be restricted on time or distance
  - Dream big
  - Scouting is everywhere
  - 3 key questions
    - Is it legal?
    - Will you die?
    - Will your mother approve?

Preparing for International Adventure

- Make Connections
  - Use social media
  - Attend events yourself
  - Connect with known contact
  - Many virtual opportunities
  - Be careful to find the right connections
    - Some people are just looking to make friends for financial support or immigration assistance – Be cautious online!

Preparing for International Adventure

- Plan Ahead
  - International adventure is a long term project
  - Think 2-3 years ahead
  - Some Scouts will “Age Out”
    - If you are close, be a leader, or IST (Staff)!
  - Encourage your peers

Preparing for International Adventure

- Education
  - Study Culture
    - Understand “Do’s and Don’ts”
  - Study Customs
  - Learn a bit of the language
    - Yes/No
    - Please/Thank You
    - Good morning/Good evening
    - Count to 10
  - Politics
    - There is NO place for politics in Scouting
    - As American’s you WILL be asked – Learn to deflect

3.

What’s in it for me?

What international opportunities are available to Arrowmen?

International Opportunities

- KISC
- SCENES
- Worldwide Councils
- Jamborees
- Moots
- ATAS
- JOTA/JOTI

International Opportunities

- KISC
  - Kandersteg International Scout Centre
    - The dream of Sir Robert Baden-Powell
    - In 1920, search began for a location
    - “A place where bravery, tolerance, compassion and friendship can thrive”
    - Permanent mini-Jamboree

International Opportunities

- KISC
  - Located in Kandersteg, Switzerland
  - Year-round staff and activities
  - Camping or Chalet dorms
  - Full cafeteria meal planning available
  - Be a PINKIE!

International Opportunities

- KISC
  - Tons of activities
  - Trip planning allows you to build your budget based upon desired activities
  - KISC provides full support, ticketing, and logistics
  - Bus in town is free with your nekker
  - Trains take you to Bern – transfer to everywhere

International Opportunities

- KISC

International Opportunities

- SCENES
  - Scout Centre of Excellence for Nature, Environment and Sustainability
  - A centre that has made a long-term commitment to protect the environment and promote environmental understanding
  - Leads by example and acts as a positive role model to other Scout and non-Scout centres
  - Provides real hands-on educational activities for Scouts and training opportunities for leaders

International Opportunities

- SCENES Locations around the world

International Opportunities

- Latest SCENES Location…

The Summit Bechtel Reserve

International Opportunities

- Worldwide Councils
  - Far East Council
    - Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong, China, Mongolia, and Nepal, Thailand, Philippines, Singapore, Malaysia, India, Vietnam, Australia, Fiji, New Zealand, Papa New Guinea, Bhutan, Brunei, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Indonesia, Bangladesh, and Sri Lanka.
  - Trans-Atlantic Council
    - Europe, Africa, Middle East, and Central Asia
  - Official Councils of Scouting America
  - They each have numerous camps and opportunities to join.
  - All members of Scouting America are welcome!

International Opportunities

- Jamborees
  - A large celebration or party
  - “Super Bowl” of Scouting

International Opportunities

- Jamborees
  - Next World Scout Jamboree
    - 30 July – 8 August, 2027
    - Gdansk, Poland
    - Over 50,000 Scouts from over 150 countries are expected to attend
  - Stay Tuned for Contingent information
  - https://www.scouting.org

POLAND 2027

World Scout

26th Jamboree

Scout Mondial

International Opportunities

- World Scout Moot
  - The World Scout Moot is a world event that brings together young adults from different countries and regions.
  - It promotes inter-cultural exchange, understanding, and friendship.
  - It takes place every four years and is a unique and enriching experience.
  - It’s kind of like a jamboree, but it’s also so much more.

International Opportunities

- World Scout Moot
  - When?
    - July 24 – August 3, 2025
  - Where?
    - Portugal!
  - Who?
    - Any Scout born between 26 July 1999 and 25 July 2007
  - Why?
    - Why not?

International Opportunities

- World Scout Moot
  - Register here for more information

International Opportunities

- International Scouting sounds expensive.

  How can I participate without going outside of the USA?

International Opportunities

- **<u>The Association of Top Achieving Scouts</u>** is a global association of *Scouts* who have earned the top award in their country
  - **Have you Earned Eagle Scout?**
  - **Have you earned your Quartermaster Award?**
  - **Have you Earned your Summit Award?**

  You are eligible!

International Opportunities

- Membership is FREE!
- Scan the below barcode to sign up.

International Opportunities

- JOTA / JOTI
- Jamboree on the Air /
  Jamboree on the Internet
- The world's largest digital and radio Scout event promoting friendship and global citizenship
- Held every year in October, the event connects millions of young people around the world for a full weekend of online activities that promote friendship and global citizenship.

International Opportunities

- JOTA / JOTI
- In 2024, JOTA-JOTI takes place from 18 to 20 October.
- The dynamic programme comprises a variety of non-formal education activities, including webinars, global campfires, talent shows, live shows, fun challenges and more through an interactive 3D campsite.
- JOTA-JOTI aims to support young people of all ages to learn about communications technology, the values of global citizenship, and their role in creating a better world.

International Opportunities

- Interpreter Strip
  - Recognizes Scouts and Adult Scouters who have exhibited an interest in world cultures and who have proficiency in speaking a foreign language.
  - Can be earned by Youth and Adult Leaders.

International Opportunities

- World Conservation Award
  - Provides an opportunity for Scouts to learn about conservation and sustainability in order to conserve and improve our environment.
  - Earn Merit Badges and Complete a service project

International Opportunities

- International Spirit Award
  - Can be earned by all youth and adults and seeks to broaden knowledge of International Scouting
  - Increases appreciation and awareness of cultures and countries, and to engage with world Scouting.

International Opportunities

- Messengers of Peace
  - The World Scout Committee launched the Messengers of Peace initiative and the BSA joined this effort in 2012.
  - Log your community service projects on the Journey to Excellence website to purchase the ring patch that goes around the World Crest.
  - You can log your projects separately in the scout.org website to add pins to the global Messengers of Peace map.

International Opportunities

- Messengers of Peace

Takeaway Challenge

- Find a way to be part of the greater Scouting movement and help others see this vision.
- Challenge yourself to attend an international event and encourage others to attend with you