



INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING

The BSA has now started its Sleeves for Scouts program by which Scouts and adults can donate uniform shirts they no longer use to Scouts in other nations where there is need.

It should be remembered that in many countries a scouts only uniform requirement is a neckerchief. This is because to owning of a shirt for use only one evening a week is out of the question.

If you have extra shirts that you would like to donate please contact your IR, Ian Greig at 813-908-7698.

The ongoing Scout exchanges are still looking for candidates. Japan will be taking another group this year and Saudi Arabia has now agreed to start this program. Prices for the 10 – 14 day trip inclusive of airfare will be \$750.00 or less.

The GRC has sent two Venturers over the last couple of years and there is room for more. However you cannot be selected if you do not apply and put your name on the waiting list. Selected candidates will be called with the dates and name of the host country when they are selected.

We need applications from outstanding scouts/venturers of ages 15 to 18 plus a few leaders. Leaders are usually selected who are young and have missed the opportunity to attend an international event when they were younger.

Note:- Applications must be made through the council IR.

PanAmerican Jamboree. If you have ever wanted to attend a large international jambo, now's the time. It will be in Mexico in December this year. It will last for nine days.

This will be a national contingent led by officers of the BSA. More info to follow. However if you are interested, Scout or Scouter, then get your name to your IR asap.

The location will be in Toluca in the State of Mexico. BSA officials have visited the site and report it safe.

Are you a wood Badge holder? The Gilwell Park website is now live. Sign up and visit the home of Wood Badge for all holders of the "beads".

Visit, 1stgilwellpark.org.

The site currently includes the latest info about Gilwell and also future plans, photos, and also info about staying there if you visit the UK. Extra features will be added. If you would like to know more you can email 1stgilwellpark@scout.org.uk.

The GRC International Committee will be starting to recruit for the next world jambo after the IR's meet with the Swedish leaders in Orlando in May. More contingent info will be published as it becomes available. However the information about location, etc, is available on the web. Google " World Jamboree Sweden.

Dates are from 27 July - 7 August 2011.

The Asia/Pacific Region of the Boy Scouts is holding its 26th Jamboree from December 28, 2009 - January 3, 2010, at Mt. Makiling in the Philippines. Cost for overseas participants is \$200.00 covering all meals, insurance, use of tents and equipment, and transportation to and from Manila airport. Also included will be three days home hospitality. This makes it one of the most affordable international jamborees around.

The site for this jambo is truly outstanding, it was the site of the 10th World Jamboree in 1959. Activities will include jungle survival, water activities, cultural exchanges and much more. More info at <http://international.sdibsa.org.org/aprj.htm>.

Austrian Jamboree. Over 8000 scouts will be camping at Laxenburg Castle near Vienna, August 3-12, 2010. The Austrians promise fresh mountain air, swimming in crystal clear lakes, cycling along the Danube River, etc. Sounds just like a great time for Venturers. Must be between 13 – 20 years old. Estimated cost is \$1,800.

Several other countries will be holding jamborees during 2010.

Denmark www.see2010.dk

Netherlands. www.100jaar.scouting.nl

Germany. www.vcp.de

The Peruvian National Jambo will be held about the same time as the next World Jambo in 2011. The site will be at Cuzco near the fabled Macchu Picchu. The cost will probably be about half the price of attending the World Jambo in Sweden, 2011.