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Welcome – Bienvenues – Wilkommen – Bienvenidos

Greetings from your Alamo Area Council International Committee members, including a few new folks:

Lance Hirsch, Chair

Michelle Barrentine

Scott Mikos

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Steve Vrooman

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We welcome your ideas and suggestions, as well. Let us hear from you by emailing: lhirsch@gvtc.com.

What is an International Service Team?

An International Service Team (IST) is one or more Scouters (adults) who are selected to work as staff at a foreign Scouting event. You have the same opportunities for interacting with Scouts and Scouters from other countries, either world wide, such as the World Scout Jamboree or by region, such as a MOOT.

...and speaking of international events:

Imagine having the opportunity to meet Scouts and Scouters from all over the world. Imagine...the 24th World Scout Jamboree in the wilds of West Virginia in July 2019, or MOOTs, or jamborees, or conferences.

Experience the adventure and fun in:

Ireland...Brazil...Egypt...Korea...Australia...

Information at: [International Events List](#) (right click to open this link).

HISTORY: From AAC to B-P

“*Scouting for Boys* is indeed a manual covering lots of practical skills and games, but it constantly exhorts the boys to "Play up! Play up! And play the game!" of defending the Union Jack. Boys should aspire to being of service to their King and Country. They should develop the requisite toughness to serve anywhere within the vast domains of the Empire.

“Yet, the real danger that haunts Baden-Powell's writings is not native revolts or foreign enemies; it's the moral and physical failures of the English themselves. The true perils Boy Scouting combats are smoking; alcohol; ignorance of hygiene, self-defense, or emergency medicine; and blasé indifference instead of active citizenship. In sum, Scouting addresses the vices of an industrial and overspecialized society. It's not really about saving the Empire from barbarians. It's about saving boys from the ills of modern life.

“And that's what keeps Scouting relevant to this day, long after the sun has set on the British Empire. It instills the thrill of physical and practical challenges; it keeps up the call of the wild in a world where experience is increasingly virtual and passive. Baden-Powell's innovation was to return us to a timeless truth: 'A boy is not a sitting-down animal'.”

Preceding extracted from: “Engines of Our Ingenuity” by Richard Armstrong.

<https://www.uh.edu/engines/epi2620.htm>

“See things from the boy's point of view.”

—Lord Robert Baden-Powell of Gilwell

May the Great Scoutmaster of all Scouts be with you till we meet again.

Texans “As Messengers of Peace” in Switzerland

by Steve Vrooman

Texas Scouts recently [this past summer] served the international community in a restoration project in the tremendous mountain landscape of the Bernese Alps near Kandersteg, Switzerland. The project was part of the rural conservation activity in the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) World Heritage Swiss Alps Jungfrau-Aletsch and it was the second day of Alpine Adventure 2018.



On June 20, 2018, Venturers from Selma, Texas and Scouts from Rio Bravo, Texas arrived in Switzerland on their International Trip, appropriately called Alpine Adventure. Their second day in Switzerland was devoted to a full day of service alongside farmers to reclaim an alpine pasture from a snow and rock landslide. By-hand, the Scouts worked with two Swiss Civil Defense members to remove rocks, gravel, shattered tree branches, and dirt from the landslide area using nothing but rakes and buckets to re-green the pasture.

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Can you picture yourself in the Alps? If so, join Alamo Area Council Scouts and Scouters on their adventure to Kandersteg this summer. Keep your eyes open on the Council calendar and for news.



One Troop's JOTA / JOTI Experience

By Scout Andrew E.

Troop 911's Jamboree On The Air in October was a great hit for all our Scouters for the Alamo Area Council! Our focus on this event was to show Scouts the different Scouting communities and how we are all connected in multiple ways. We had Venturing Scouts, Cub Scouts, and Boy Scouts come out to learn about this and provide them a chance to use a ham radio hands on. The Scouts were able to have multiple conversations with different scouts around the world. Some of the countries included Britain, Scotland, and Chile. We also listened to multiple group conversations over Echolink with people almost everywhere.

By teaching Scouters the different technologies we rely on everyday, we can show them all the different career choices they can pursue and teach them how Scouting around the world has made an impact to the over 500 millions people who are or have been in Scouting.

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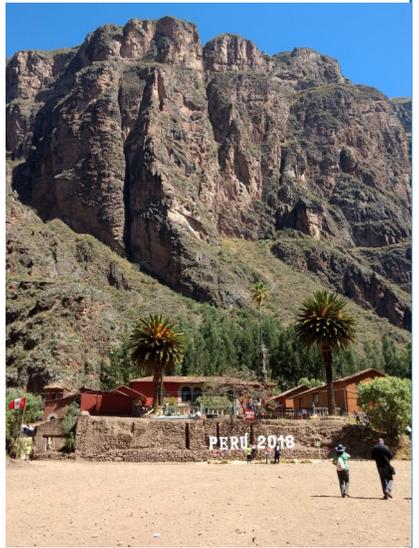
The III Interamerican Scout Moot

By Michelle Barrentine

I was privileged to be one of the U.S. representatives on the International Service Team (IST) for the III Interamerican Scout Moot, held in the mountains of Peru from July 27-August 5, 2018. All told, there were 27 nations represented at the Moot, not all of which were from the Americas, such as Saudi Arabia, Australia, Finland, and the United Kingdom. Most of the countries from Central and South America attended, some Caribbean countries, and, of course, the United States and Canada were there. BSA was represented by 14 Scouts and 7 adults on the IST, 2 of whom were our Contingent Managers.

The Interamerican Scout Moot is held approximately every 3-4 years. Moots are meant for Scouts aged 18 to 25 years, which may sound strange to us because in the U.S. we do not have the Rover program, which allows young adults up to the age of 26 to still be "Scouts." In other parts of the world, Rovers are the primary leaders of the Cub-aged Scouts as well as younger troop-aged Scouts, in addition to having their own program. It's a little like our Venturers, but with the age difference.

The theme of the 2018 Moot was "Walking Together Through America," with a goal of making the world a better place through education, getting to know people from other countries, learning about their cultures and their Scouting programs, and learning about the host country. The place was about an hour from Cusco, Peru, high in the Andes (about 9,200 feet above sea level). Scouts participated in workshops, adventures, and service in the local area. Even as an experienced traveler, the challenges were many, but so were the rewards. Language was a primary challenge, with the majority speaking Spanish and many Portuguese. But we managed to communicate: sometimes with a lot of sign language and sometimes with a translation app on a phone! We all accomplished the goal of learning and growing through meeting people from other parts of the world in a very beautiful and remote environment. This was a great experience and adventure, even for an experienced traveler.



When will YOU take an opportunity to participate in an international event? Did I pique your interest? See below for upcoming events. Just do it!!

Scouting is international—be part of the bigger picture!

Upcoming International Scouting Events

24th World Jamboree —July 22-August 2, 2019. <http://www.alamoareabsa.org/jamboree>

World Scout Moot —Dates TBD. <https://www.scouting.org/international/world-scout-moot/>

IV Interamerican Scout Moot—2021 (Exact dates TBD)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_ImEkap8tTg

Other References

III Interamerican Scout Moot—<https://www.facebook.com/mootperu2018/>

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To sign up for the Alamo Area troop (only a few slots left—sign up today!), go to:
<https://wsj2019.us/>.

There may also be some adult and staff positions still available.

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ARE YOU READY FOR THE ADVENTURE OF A LIFETIME?

The World Scout Jamboree is about Friendship, Fun, and Adventure. If you like to make friends, learn, and experience new things, this is the place for you! With 50,000 Scouts from 169 countries living side-by-side, you'll participate in a global community and will meet amazing people faster than you can imagine. Don't miss what will surely be the largest Scout celebration in the world!



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