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Welcome – Bienvenues – Wilkommen – Bienvenidos

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

Amy Burdick, Chair

Michelle Barrentine

Jack Hoyle

Marcy Roca

Warren Wolf

Linda Dieguez, Staff Advisor

John Douglas

Scott Mikos

Richard Ruiz

We welcome your ideas and suggestions, as well. Let us hear from you by emailing: amylburdick@yahoo.com or any committee member.

Meet Our New Members

Amy Burdick joined Cub Scouting 2 years ago with her son. She also grew up with Scouting because her dad was very active in the Capital Area Council. In addition to being the International Committee chair, Amy has been a Den Leader, Pack Trainer, and Unit Commissioner. She is currently a member of the Council Executive Board, the Council International Representative, and her District Finance Chair. Outside of Scouting, Amy manages a foundation.

John Douglas also joined us as liaison from the San Antonio Radio Club to BSA's October JOTA/JOTI event. Two years ago, John joined Scouting. He is a Webelos I den leader, amateur radio operator, founder and president of the SA Digital Radio Club, and on the Councilwide Campout Committee.



WELCOME AMY and JOHN!

HISTORY: From AAC to B-P

WOOD BADGE HISTORY TIMELINE

Scouting, and Wood Badge, are worldwide. Did you know these facts about Wood Badge?

1919: First Wood Badge course, **Gilwell Park, England**

1936: Gilwell Camp Chief John Skinner Wilson conducts Experimental Scout & Rover Wood Badge courses at Schiff Scout Reservation, New Jersey

1948: First official BSA Wood Badge courses, at Schiff & at Philmont. Scouting legend William "Green Bar Bill" Hillcourt serves as Scoutmaster at both nine-day courses

1948-58: Mostly national courses conducted, run with oversight of the BSA's Volunteer Training Division

1953-54: A few councils allowed to hold their own courses, including Cincinnati (1953) and Washington, D.C. (1954)

1958-72: Two variations of the course: a national one for trainers, and a sectional one for commissioners and local Scouters. Focus exclusively on Scoutcraft

skills, the patrol method and requirements a boy would need to earn First Class

1967-72: BSA conducts experimental courses that add leadership skills to Wood Badge

1973-2002: All Boy Scout Wood Badge courses held nationwide move to leadership development format and away from Scoutcraft

1974: First weekend courses held (previous courses take place over consecutive days)

1976: First women attend Boy Scout Wood Badge

1976-1999: Cub Trainer Wood Badge courses held nationwide

1997: Discussions begin to revise Wood Badge and offer one course for all programs

2000: Two pilot "Wood Badge for the 21st Century" courses held — one at the Florida Sea Base and one at Philmont

2002-today: BSA requires that all courses and councils teach the course

— Excerpted from information provided by Ken Davis

**THE FALL AAC COURSE IS IN OCTOBER 2019;
SPRING COURSE IN MAR/APR 2020. SIGN UP!!**

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

INTERNATIONAL CAMP STAFFERS

If you've been to Bear Creek Scout Reservation, our Council camp, in either of the past two summers, you may have met one or both of our International Camp Staffers (ICS). If not, let me introduce you and tell you a bit more.

Robeir Beshay, Egypt

Robeir has been in Scouting for 12 years now and is a Rover (older) Scout who leads a troop in Alexandria, his home town. He was at Bear Creek in both 2018 and 2019. He applied for the ICS position for 2018 and says "luck is what brought him to Bear Creek." He said he "felt [at] home and ... found a family" there, so he came back in 2019. Robeir said the "best thing in BCSR is the staffers and program directors." Everything there, however, is different from Scouting in Egypt: they don't have large council camps and some of the activities such as shooting sports would be illegal in Egypt. Robeir said "thanks for having me for 2 summers."



Youhanna Massoud, Egypt

Youhanna, which means "John" in Arabic, has been in Scouting for 8 years, but he is a Rover who leads Cub Scouts in his home town, also Alexandria. He had never traveled internationally before and had not considered doing so until one of his leaders suggested applying for an ICS position. He did not choose to come to the Texas Hill Country but is very glad they sent him to Bear Creek. Youhanna, who was given the moniker "EJ" for "Egyptian John," said: "I liked everything about bear creek, literally everything, even the long hiking up and down to the staff area and the dining hall..." Scouting in the U.S., he said, is different in many ways from Scouting in Egypt, "...especially the many activities you have and the size of the camp, but the basics of Scouting are the same everywhere." Now there's a quote we can wrap our Scouting minds around!

Does this inspire you or your Scouts to look forward to becoming International Camp Staffers or to go on an international camporee or jamboree? If so, see <https://www.scouting.org/international/local-council-guide/> and <https://www.scouting.org/international/events/>.

The uniform makes for brotherhood, since when universally adopted it covers up all differences of class and country.

—Robert Baden-Powell

(<https://www.brainyquote.com/authors/robert-baden-powell-quotes>)



AAC Scouters with Youhanna and Robeir at World Jamboree

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Don't Forget to Plan for 2019 JOTA / JOTI

Have you *participated* in Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) or Jamboree on the Internet (JOTI)? **BE PREPARED** and plan now to join your fellow Scouts around the world on October 18-20, 2019. All Scouts may participate in this event, which counts toward the International Spirit Award!



More details will follow in the next edition of this Alamo International Newsletter. There will be at least one location here in the Alamo Area Council for Scouts and Scouters to gather for this unusual jamboree.

Leaders, there's helpful JOTA/JOTI planning information at: <https://www.scouting.org/jota/jota-planning/>.

How are Amazonian Wildfires Related to Scouting?



Did you know the Amazon extends into Bolivia? And did you know that the Amazon and the Bolivian Chiquitana area are suffering from major wildfires? Bolivian Scouts are helping, as Scouts do. The weekend of August 22-23, 2019 found Scout groups all over Bolivia collecting water, dried foods, flashlights and batteries, leather gloves, and other supplies for the firefighters. Most Bolivian Scouts cannot

fight the fires themselves, but we can all help prevent fires and support those who do.

16th Interamerican Scout Jamboree / 3rd Interamerican Scout Camporee (JamCam 2020), January 4-10, 2020

What is a JamCam? It's a jamboree combined with a camporee. The theme for the 2020 InterAmerican JamCam in Brazil, "America: Continent of Diversity." is designed to reinforce the bonds of brotherhood, based on mutual respect, which is at the heart of the Scout Movement.

For more information, see the May 2019 edition of this newsletter and the official JamCam BSA Contingent page at <https://www.scouting.org/international/events/jamcam-2020/>.

European Jamboree 2020 July 27-August 6

If you're interested in going a bit further afield to Europe next year, check out the jamboree in Poland next summer. The jamboree theme is "ACT."

For more information and to register 14-17 year old Scout patrols, see the May 2019 issue of this newsletter and the official BSA Contingent page at: <https://www.scouting.org/international/events/european-jamboree-2020/>.

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REMINDERS

MESSENGERS OF PEACE

Messengers of Peace (MOP) is a World Scout Committee initiative designed to promote and recognize service projects that contribute to world peace. The goal of Messengers of Peace is to inspire millions of young men and women throughout the world to work closer toward achieving peace. How can your unit participate? Check out the information at:

<https://www.scouting.org/international/messengers-of-peace/faqs/>.



DUKE OF EDINBURGH INTERNATIONAL AWARD

The Duke of Edinburgh award provides “resume-building clout” to young people on a global scale. The award is challenging but flexible: its requirements are sufficiently stringent but attainable. The award aligns with existing Scouting activities and advancement requirements; by simply participating in Scouting a young person will fulfill many requirements for the Duke of Edinburgh’s International Award USA. For more information please visit:

<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2018/02/12/duke-of-edinburghs-international-award-helps-make-scouts-venturers-more-competitive-in-the-world/>.



Other Upcoming International Scouting Events

For the list of international activities from the **WOSM**, see:

<https://www.scout.org/sites/default/files/media-files/20190115%20International%20Events%20List.pdf>

World Scout Moot—Ireland, July/August 2021

<https://www.scouting.org/international/world-scout-moot/>

IV Interamerican Scout Moot—Bariloche, Argentina, 2021 (Exact dates TBD)

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

Reference: Please also see the BSA international page at <https://www.scouting.org/International/>

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