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To: International Commissioners

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Scouts of the World Award

Dear Colleagues,

The Scouts of the World (SoW) Award was developed and introduced as part of the support to the Strategy for Scouting under *Strategic Priority 2: Adolescents – supporting their transition to adulthood.* The SoW Award has been adopted by 22 Scout Associations and we know that there are more who are using the idea to strengthen the Youth Programme for Scouts aged 15-26 years of age.

At the last World Scout Conference in Korea, Resolution 21/08 requested the World Scout Committee to make publicising and resourcing the Scouts of the World Award a priority.

In the coming months there are a number of events that will take place to support the development and implementation of Scouts of the World Award in Scout Associations.

1. A meeting to develop a Scouts of the World Network

Scouts et Guides de France have offered to support a meeting of representatives from Scout Associations that have adopted the Scouts of the World Award, to discuss the development of a global Scouts of the World Network. This meeting will take place in Jambville, near Paris from 21-29 August. Scout Associations that have adopted the SoW Award will be contacted directly with an invitation to this meeting. If other Scout Associations are interested in attending, please send an email to educationalmethods@scout.org

2. Scouts of the World Discovery

A Scouts of the World Discovery in the area of environment/sustainable development will be held at Kandersteg International Scout Centre from 30 August to 4 September. This event is targeted at Scouts aged 15-26 from Scout associations that are currently implementing Scouts of the World Award or are planning to implement it in the coming months. More information is provided in the attached Invitation.

3. Scouts of the World Award Training Seminar

A Scouts of the World Training Seminar will be held at Kandersteg International Scout Centre from 30 August to 4 September. This event is targeted at Programme Commissioners who are responsible for Youth Programme for young adults aged 15-26 and Trainers. The seminar will cover all aspects of the Scouts of the World Award: peace, community development and environment/sustainable development. More information is available in the attached Invitation.

4. Gathering Information on the implementation of the Scouts of the World Award

The Educational Methods Committee will use these events as an opportunity to gather information on the implementation of Scouts of the World Award in NSOs so that support can be further refined and targeted in the next triennium. A report will be developed and shared with NSOs.

If you have any questions on the Scouts of the World Award or these events, please send an email to educationalmethods@scout.org

Yours sincerely,

Luc Panissod
Secretary General

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Invitation to SCOUTS OF THE WORLD AWARD
Discovery and Trainers' Seminar
30 August to 4 September, 2010,
Kandersteg International Scout Centre, Switzerland

Two events to support the development of the "Scouts of the World Award" will take place in Kandersteg International Scout Centre from 30 August to 4 September 2010. A "Scouts of the World" Discovery will be organised for Scouts aged 15-26 years old in the area of environment/sustainable development, and in parallel there will be a seminar for Programme Commissioners and National Trainers who are interested in developing Scouts of the World in their Associations. The seminar for Commissioners and Trainers will cover all three aspects of the Scouts of the World Award – peace, environment/sustainable development and community development.

Scouts of the World Discovery

The aim is to offer a "Scouts of the World" Discovery to young adults who are interested in working in the area of environment/sustainable development to achieve their Scouts of the World Award. Kandersteg is a SCENES centre and has a well developed programme on environment education and sustainable development. The event will enable young people to explore issues related to the environment/sustainable development and develop the knowledge and skills to plan a project related to the environment in their home location.

It is important that the participants are from Scout associations that are currently offering Scouts of the World Award as part of their Youth Programme or are working with Rover Scout Commissioners to develop the Scouts of the World Award in their national association.

This event is open to Scouts aged 15-26 years of age. Scouts under the age of 18 years must be accompanied by an adult over 18 years of age.

Scouts of the World Award Seminar for Commissioners and Trainers

The aim is to offer Commissioners and Trainers an opportunity to look in detail at the requirements for the Scouts of the World Award and develop an understanding of the resources, knowledge and skills that are required to support the delivery of the Scouts of the World within the Youth Programme of an association. This event will run in parallel with the Scouts of the World Discovery so that the Commissioners and trainers can experience the practical implementation of the Scouts of the World Discovery.

Commissioner and Trainers are welcome from NSOs that have adopted the Scouts of the World Award and those who are considering adopting this as part of the Youth Programme for Scouts aged 15-26 years.

Content for SoW Discovery

The SoW Discovery will cover the following topics:

- the educational approach to Scouts of the World
- the areas of Scouts of the World Award, with a special focus on environment and sustainable development
- the Millennium Development Goals and global issues related to the environment and sustainable development
- an exploration of an aspect of the environment around Kandersteg International Scout Centre – what it means to explore, collection and analysis of data, reflecting and reporting
- planning a project
- skills workshops
- developing an action plan to implement the Voluntary Service following the Discovery.

Content for SoW Trainer's Seminar

The Trainers Seminar will cover the following topics:

- An overview of the Scouts of the World Award
- The Scouts of the World Discovery: the educational approach, the topics (environment, peace and community development), exploration of the topics and the development of the skills needed to complete the Award
- the Millennium Development Goals and global issues related to the three areas of Scouts of the World Award
- The Scouts of the World Voluntary Service: what constitutes a voluntary service and how it should be evaluated
- Scouts of the World Bases
- Scouts of the Word Network
- How to Implement Scouts of the World in a National Scout Organization

Programme

An outline programme for each event will be distributed together with the participant confirmation letter.

Methods

The Scout Method will be used during these events and will include provision of resources, training sessions, international group work, round tables, workshops and exchanges, outdoor exploration activities, presentations by participants, plenary and informal discussions.
Recognising the importance of developing personal contacts, there will be plenty of opportunities during the seminar to make contact with other participants in an informal setting.

Participants are expected to engage actively during these events and be willing to exchange their experiences.

Profile of Participants for SoW Discovery

- Be a youth member of a Scout association that is currently offering SoW Award or is working towards offering SoW Award
- Be aged between 15 and 26 years of age
- Have an interest in environment education and sustainable development

Profile of Participants for S0W Training Seminar

- Be a Commissioner or Trainer from a Scout association that is currently offering the SoW Award or is interested in working towards offering SoW Award.
- Have an interest in development issues, particularly related to peace, environment/sustainable development and community development.
- Able to communicate well in English and/or French.

Practical Information

The dress code will be casual but uniform will be worn on special occasions so participants at both events should bring full Scout uniform. Informal wear, including waterproof clothing and good walking shoes should also be packed. August temperatures at Kandersteg average 18 to 22 degrees Celsius during the day but may reduce to 10-15 degrees Celsius at night.

The participants at both events will receive a copy of the "Scouts of the World Guidelines" and the "Scouts of the World" T-shirt. For advanced reading please visit www.scoutoftheworld.net

Languages

The seminar will be held in English. We cannot guarantee simultaneous translation into French, but we will make all efforts to arrange translation where needed. Assistance may be required from participants.

Venue

The seminar will take place at Kandersteg International Scout Centre (KISC). The Centre is located in Switzerland just outside a small mountain village called Kandersteg approximately 1 hour (60km) south of the capital city Bern. KISC can be easily reached by train from the cities of Zurich, Basel and Geneva, which all have international airports. KISC can also be reached by European motorway to Spiez, 30 minutes north of the centre.

Accommodation will be provided in twin-bedded rooms as far as possible onsite at KISC. Camping is also available if you wish to reduce the cost of the event. You will need to bring your own tent and sleeping bag.
For more information on KISC please see:
www.kisc.ch

Insurance

The seminar's cost does not cover the participants during the event, nor during travel and the cost of insurance is not reimbursed. It is the responsibility of the National Scout Organization/Association to ensure that the participant is insured (illness, accidents, repatriation, etc.).

After Seminar Programme

For those who wish to see a bit more of Kandersteg or Switzerland and would like to extend their stay at KISC please contact the Centre directly. (reception@kisc.ch)
Please note that all fees relating to any 'after seminar' activities must be paid directly to KISC. They are NOT included in the fee for the SCOUTS OF THE WORLD events.

Deadline for Applications

Applications should be submitted to the World Scout Bureau Central Office by email Saturday 31 July 2010. Participants are expected to arrive on Monday 30 August, preferably before 17:00, when the official programme is starting.

Participation Fee

The participation fee for the seminar is CHF 275.- (Swiss Francs) payable in cash to the World Scout Bureau on the first day of the seminar, where receipts will be issued. This fee covers all accommodation, meals, materials and activities from the evening of Monday 30 August until the morning of Saturday 4 September. If you wish to camp, the fee will be CHF 225.- which will cover camping fee, meals, materials and activities.

Travel and Visa

As soon as participants receive their letter of confirmation they will be responsible for organising their journey. Should you need a visa to enter Switzerland, which is now part of the Schengen agreement, please register no later than 5 July 2010 to allow the World Scout Bureau to help you with an official invitation. Visa procedure may take up to eight weeks. Please fill-in the Support Visa Request Form and send it together with your Application Form by the requested date.

Please notify the World Scout Bureau in advance of your travel schedule.

There will be a maximum limit of 40 participants and, in the event of over-registration, the planning team reserves the right to seek advice from the National Scout Organizations/Associations in selecting participants and priority will be given to to have the largest number of different countries represented.

Organisation

An international planning team is responsible for the organisation of the seminar and appreciates your support in the implementation of this training package.

For more information please contact:
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Annexes:

- Application Form
- Support Visa Request Form

Registration Form
Scouts of the World Discovery and Trainers' Seminar
30 August to 4 September, 2010
Kandersteg International Scout Centre Switzerland

Please complete this form in CAPITAL letters for each participant and return it by: Saturday 31th July 2010, to: Educational Methods Department, World Scout Bureau, Rue du Pré-Jérôme 5, Case postale 91, 1211 Geneva 4 Plainpalais, Switzerland
E-mail: educationalmethods@scout.org / Fax: +41 (0) 22 705 10 20

Event: Scouts of the World Discovery: ☐ Yes / ☐ No
Scouts of the World Training Seminar: ☐ Yes / ☐ No

Family name and First name:

Place and date of birth:

Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female

Passport no.: Nationality:

Place of issue: Date of issue:

Contact address:

Telephone (with prefixes):

Fax:

E-mail:

National Scout Organisation/Association:

Country:

Position in the National Scout Organisation/Association:

Do you have any dietary or other special requirement? Please specify

Do you need an official invitation to obtain a visa? ☐ Yes / ☐ No
If so please complete the attached Support Visa Request Form.

The cost of the Scouts of the World Discovery / Scouts of the World Training Seminar is CHF 275.- (Swiss Francs) payable in cash to the World Scout Bureau on the first day of the event. This covers accommodation, meals, materials and activities for the seminar.

Declaration by the International Commissioner/Chief Commissioner:

I confirm that the applicant meets all criteria in the paragraph "profile of participants" written in the invitation.

Date: Signature of International Commissioner/Chief Commissioner:

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Family name (as indicated on passport):

First name(s) (as indicated on passport):

Date of birth: Place of birth:

Nationality:

Passport N°:

Date and place of issue:

Expiry date:

Full Address (as indicated on passport):

Private Telephone No. Private Fax No.

E-mail address:

Requested duration for the Visa. From: to

Email of the Swiss Embassy/Consulate in country of residence and person to contact:

Email:

Name of Contact:

Date:

Signature: