

10TH ALL AFRICA SCOUT DAY 2020 - INFOPACK



About the Africa Scout Day

Following the resolution (CM Res 1607 (LXII)) of the Council of Ministers of the then Organization of African Unity (OAU) – now African Union (AU), meeting in its Sixty-Second Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, from 21st to 23rd June 1995, to set aside the 13th March as the Africa Scout Day, Scouts and Scouters throughout the region have been celebrating this day to take stock of the achievements of Scouting and building partnerships for more social impact in Africa.

In September 2010, the Africa Scout Committee resolved to give the Africa Scout Day celebration a regional outlook, by assigning a National Scouting Organization to host the main celebration; whereby Scouts and Scouters meet, along with their partners, to showcase their achievements and promote the “spirit of world kinship, cooperation and mutual assistance amongst Scout Organizations within the Region” (WOSM Constitution, Article XXI.1.A).

History of the Africa Scout Day Celebrations

Since the Africa Scout Committee's decision to make the Africa Scout Day celebration a regional event, we have successfully held previous celebrations in the following countries:

- **10-14 March 2011:** Bungere/Gitega, Burundi - hosted by Association des Scouts du Burundi under the theme “**Scouting: Building Bridges and not Walls.**”
- **9-11 March 2012:** Luanda, Angola - hosted by Associação de Escuteiros de Angola, under the the theme “**Volunteers in Scouting: A pillar for Africa’s Development**”
- **10-16 March 2013:** Addis Ababa, Ethiopia - hosted by Ethiopia Scouts Association under the theme “**Scouts promoting peace and good citizenship.**”
- **14-16 March 2014:** Manzini, Swaziland - hosted by Emavulandalela Swaziland Scouts Association under the theme “**Scouting: Developing youth and positively transforming society**”
- **11-13 March 2015:** Kampala, Uganda - hosted by Uganda Scouts Association under the theme “**SCOUTING: Africa’s Leading Social Force for Youth Empowerment.**”
- **9-13 March 2016:** Accra, Ghana - hosted by Ghana Scout association under the theme “**You Can Count On Us to Create a Better World**”
- **8-11 March 2017:** Arusha, Tanzania - hosted by Tanzania Scouts association under the theme “**Engaging youth for active and responsible citizenship**”
- **7-10 March 2018:** Harare, Zimbabwe – hosted by Scouts Association of Zimbabwe under the theme “**Uniting Young People through Scouting**”
- **8-17 March 2019:** Niamey, Niger – hosted by the Association des Scouts du Niger (A.S.N) under “**African Scouting, Vector of Peace and Justice**”

Dates and Venue

The 10th All Africa Scout Day will take place from **13th to 16th March 2020** in **Uganda** at the **Kaazi National Scouts Camping and Training Site**, which is located 18km South of Kampala Capital and on the shores of Lake Victoria, reflecting an ideal Scout camp site with the appropriate services. The site is located 42km from Entebbe International Airport. The arrivals will be on 13th March while the departures will be on 16th March.

Participation at this event in Kampala, Uganda should in no way prevent your NSO from organizing a decent Africa Scout Day celebration in your respective countries. You can do so by undertaking some activities as suggested below:

- Sharing quotes from prominent African Scouts or Leaders who are/were Scouts.
- Nominate your Africa Scouting Hero (A Scout or a friend of Scouting who has made significant contribution to Scouting in Africa) for recognition/mention during the main celebrations
- Identify and reach out to "celebrity" Scouts in your country who would endorse Scouts as active citizens. The "celebrity" Scouts could be captains of industries (e.g. successful entrepreneurs, leading businessmen, national leaders) who are former Scouts and who could speak from experience how Scouts have contributed to the betterment of the community/country through their efforts, etc.
- Create awareness on the African Youth Charter
- Undertake Community Service activities with the aim of showcasing the social impact of Scouting.
- Organize meetings, workshops and discussions with national leaders to promote the ideals and spirit of the OAU Resolution on Africa Scout Day - CM Res 1607 (LXII)

Purpose, Goal and Theme

The **purpose** of the annual Africa Scout Day is to **celebrate the Scout Movement's contribution to the development of Africa**. This year's celebration will be held under the **theme** of **"Unravelling the African Spirit."**

ASD Logo Design



The generic Africa Scout Day logo embodies the spirit of African Unity through Scouting. It consists of a section of the reef knot cutting across the continent of Africa. The name of the event is presented in both English and French- which are the official languages used in the region. The colours orange and red signify youthfulness and vibrancy of the Scout movement in Africa and its readiness to impact the continent through scout values. Since it is a regional event, the WOSM emblem is also featured.

Every year, the logo is slightly edited to include the official National Scout symbol and name of the country hosting the main celebrations.

Participants

While the All Africa Scout Day celebrations are open to all Scouts and Scouters from all over Africa as well as to their partners from across the world, it is recommended that participants from outside Uganda should be at least 14 years old.

Participation Fees

The participants will pay **Seventy Dollars (USD 70)**

The participation fees will cover the following:

- A participant's kit comprising of a booklet, a pen, a badge, a scarf
- Provisions for the duration of the Africa Scout Day International Camp
- Transportation from the Entebbe International Airport to the event site and back.
- Medical care in case of illness, accidents, minor surgery, first aid and emergency medication during the event.
- Transportation to and from all off-site event activities.

The participation fee does not include:

- Treatment of pre-existing illnesses
- Long term medication
- Costs related to hospitalization
- Medical evacuation of the participants in their country of origin
- Tents and sleeping bags

All international participants should procure their own travel insurance to cover the entire duration of the event.

NOTE: All contingents traveling by road are expected to go straight to the event site in Kampala.

Registration and Payments

Those interested to take part in this celebration should duly complete the attached Intent of Attendance Form and return to the Uganda Scouts Association's International Commissioner Cleopatra John on patra@ugandascouts.org with a copy to scouts@ugandascouts.org and to africa@scout.org before **31 January 2020**.

For more information, please visit www.scout.org/africascoutday and www.scout.org/africascoutday2020. Please find the Event Registration Form attached. You can also apply online at <https://forms.gle/jaBSkPsq4t7WZGAL8>

Currency

The official currency in Uganda is the Uganda Shillings. The organizing committee will make provisions for the facilitation of currency exchange. VISA, Mastercard and other cards are valid for any withdrawal of money. Please arrive in Uganda with a minimum of liquidity in Uganda shillings to deal with any unforeseen events.

Welcome to Uganda

Uganda, officially the **Republic of the Uganda (Swahili: Jamhuri ya Uganda)**, is a landlocked country in East Africa bordered by Kenya to the East, South Sudan to the North, Democratic republic of Congo to the West, Rwanda to the Southwest and Tanzania to the South. Uganda is in the African Great Lakes region where it shares a substantial portion of Lake Victoria together with Kenya and Tanzania. It also lies in the Nile basin with a generally modified equatorial climate. The total area that Uganda claims within their boundaries comes to 241,551 square kilometers (93,263 square miles) with a population of around 38.8 million according to 2018 estimates. Uganda takes its name from the Buganda Kingdom which encompasses a large portion of the south of the country including its cosmopolitan capital, Kampala.

Indeed, Uganda embraces many ecosystems, from the tall volcanic mountains of the eastern and western frontiers to the densely forested swamps of the Albert Nile River and the rainforests of the country's central plateau. Uganda is located on the East African plateau, averaging about 1,100 meters (3,609 ft) above sea level. The plateau generally slopes downwards towards Sudan explaining the northerly tendency of most river flows in the country.

The official languages are English and Swahili while Luganda is the central native language commonly used out of the over 32 native languages.

Travel and Visa Information

Kindly ensure that the host team is duly informed of the exact travel plans of your contingents including, arrival date and times, means of travel, flight numbers for those traveling by air, port of entry and number of the contingent. All those traveling to the event should be in possession of valid travel documents like national IDs and passports.

VISA can be obtained on arrival or from the diplomatic missions in your country, unless you come from one of the visa exempt countries. VISA can also be applied electronically through: <https://visas.immigration.go.ug/>

Weather/Time in Uganda

Uganda's weather conditions are ideal, ranging from the warmth of the lowland areas to the coolness of the highlands in the South West Kigezi. For most of the year, Uganda is sunny with temperatures rarely rising above 29 degrees. The average temperature is about 26 degrees C, with a maximum of 18-31 degrees and minimum of 15-23 degrees depending on the part of the country. The rain season is March-May. Light rain season is November and December. Wet seasons are March –May and October-November; dry seasons are December to February and June to August.

Weather patterns across Africa are becoming increasingly unpredictable, probably due to global warming. The events will take place in March 2020 and despite having a tropical climate, the season is warm and wet, often accompanied by rainfall. The country enjoys a very good sunshine of 12 hours a day with an estimated number of rainy days for this month being average. The temperatures are variable:

- Morning at 7am = 23 °C, Afternoon at 1pm = 28 °C, evening at 7pm = 22 °C, with partly cloudy /sunny weather and intervals of rain;
- In this month, the sun rises at 6:30am and sets at 6:30pm;
- Due to climate change, temperatures can exceed 28°C and go below 16°C;
- Time Zone Offset is + 03:00 UTC /GMT and is within the East Africa Time Zone;
- Please provide sun protection and mosquito repellants for this purpose.

For more information, please visit: <http://www.accuweather.com/>

Accommodation

Each contingent should ensure that its members have adequate tentage (tents and sleeping bags). Participants including members of the International Service Team will be accommodated in tents.

Participants should also carry along personal effects including change of clothes, warm clothing, sleeping bag, toiletry, spoon, cup, plate, spotlight, sports shoes, a pair of Scout Uniform. Each contingent is also required to **carry two (2) national flags**.

Those who wish to stay in hotels and guest houses will be provided with a list of available options by the organizers upon request. If you will be arriving in Kampala before the event and wish to stay on after the event, please make special arrangements for your accommodation and meals during this pre and post event period. You can consult the hosts for assistance.

Health and Security

Please fill in the medical form attached to this circular to facilitate the medical organization. A medical team will be permanently present on the sites of the activities for the management of ordinary emergency medical cases. Hygiene measures are taken for site remediation.

Participants are primarily responsible for the security of their property. The fact remains that security of the site, people and property will be ensured. A security system is designed by the organization in close collaboration with the competent authorities and in line with our Scouting policies and practices.

Programme

The event will bring together Scouts from different countries in Africa and beyond for a 9-day camp; during which they will undertake numerous learning and community service activities. The tentative programme for the celebrations will be as follows:

Day & Date	Activities
Friday, 13 th March 2020	Arrivals, registration of participants and camp set up
Saturday, 14 th March 2020	ASD Celebrations and Camp activities
Sunday, 15 th March 2020	Camp activities
Monday, 16 th March 2020	Departure

DATE AND TIME	ACTIVITY	RESPONSIBLE
Friday 13 March 2020		
Up to 1600	Arrival and Registration	TBC
1600 – 1800	Setting up	TBC
1800 – 2000	Supper	Contingents
2000 – 2100	Settling in	IST
Saturday 14 March 2020		
0830 – 0900	Camp Opening	Host Team
0900 – 1300	ASD Celebrations	Regional Team + Ceremonies Team
1300 – 1400	Lunch	Contingents
1400 – 1700	Afternoon Session *Onsite Activities and Community Actions	IST
1700 – 1900	Supper	Contingents
1900 – 2100	Sub Camp Activities	Sub Camp Chiefs and Programme Team
Sunday 15 March 2020		
0900 – 1200	Morning Session	IST
1200 – 1300	Spare time	All
1300 – 1400	Lunch	Contingents
1400 – 1700	Afternoon Session *Onsite Activities and Community Actions	Programme Team
1800 – 1930	Dinner	Contingents
1900 – 2200	Cultural Night/Mega Campfire	Programme Team
Monday 16 March 2020		
0900	Departures	Contingents + Host Team

NOTE: Those who wish to take part in any pre or post event programme should get in touch with the hosts for assistance.

Africa Scout Day Essay Challenge 2019

We invite all Scouts and Scout Leaders from across the Africa Scout Region to submit essays for the 2019 Africa Scout Day Essay challenge. The essay should be on the thematic topic of "**Harnessing the African Spirit and Scout Values for Youth Transformation**". Be sure to capture clearly how Scouts are contributing to the achievement of **SDG 4 on Quality Education, SDG 8 on Decent Work and Economic Growth or SDG 9 on Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure**. Provide real life examples and case studies where possible. The essay should not be more than 500 words.

All essays must be submitted to africa@scout.org by **Friday 13 March 2019 with the title of the email as {Africa Scout Day Essay Challenge 2020-YourName-YourCountry}**. We will publish the best essays on Kudumail and on www.scout.org/africa. All top five essays will also be published on the website. Please include your photo, age and name of your NSO.

Telling Your Story

We have many open channels through which you can share with Scouts around the world what you are doing to mark this day. The primary channel is on our website where we have a dedicated page (<http://www.scout.org/africascoutday2020>) to celebrate this day. If you have not signed up yet, please visit www.scout.org, create a profile and start sharing.

You can also post on your social media platforms using the hashtag **#AfricaScoutDay**. We also invite you to like our Facebook page (**Scouting in the Africa Region**) or tweet us **@ScoutingAfrica**. You may also send stories and photos of your activities to africa@scout.org. We shall compile and share the stories, photos and videos on www.scout.org/africa. For any information on telling your story please contact Nelson (nopany@scout.org)

Contact Information

For all enquiries about the 2020 All Africa Scout Day celebrations, please contact us through the addresses below:

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Twitter: @ScoutingAfrica

Feel free to share with us the plans on how you will mark Africa Scout Day. We wish you a happy and successful Africa Scout Day 2020 and, for those celebrating in Niamey, we look forward to seeing you there.