

## AFRICA SCOUT DAY 2018 - 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 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**"

### Dates and Venue

This year's event will take place from 7<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at Ruwa Scout Park located about 30 kilometres from Harare International Airport in Harare, Zimbabwe. Arrivals will be on 7th March while the closing ceremony and departures will be from 11 March.

Participation at this event in Harare, Zimbabwe should in no way prevent your NSO from organizing a decent Africa Scout Day celebration in your respective country. 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 **"Uniting young people through Scouting."**

### **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.

**Journée Africaine du Scoutisme**  
13 March / Mars

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 Tanzania should be at least 14 years old.

### **Participation Fees**

Participants from Zimbabwe will be required to pay twenty Dollars (USD 20) as participation fees. Those from Africa Region will pay forty-five Dollars (USD 45) while those from other Regions will pay Seventy-five Dollars (USD 75). Payment will be accepted in advance or on arrival in US Dollars only.

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 Harare 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 Harare.

### **Registration and Payments**

Those interested to take part in this celebration should duly complete the attached Intent of Attendance Form and return to the Scouts Association of Zimbabwe's International Commissioner Nhamoinesu Mahachi on [gobman\\_mahachin@yahoo.com](mailto:gobman_mahachin@yahoo.com) with a copy to [zimbabwescouts@gmail.com](mailto:zimbabwescouts@gmail.com) and to [africa@scout.org](mailto:africa@scout.org) before **16 February 2018**. For more information, please visit [www.scout.org/africascoutday](http://www.scout.org/africascoutday) and [www.scout.org/asd2018](http://www.scout.org/asd2018). Please find the Event Registration Form attached.

Please make your payment of the participation fee through your National Head Office to the following Bank account, send the proof of payment to [zimbabwescouts@gmail.com](mailto:zimbabwescouts@gmail.com) and retain the deposit slip or transfer statement as proof of payment. This will be required at the event.

**Account Name:** Scout Association of Zimbabwe

**Account Number:** 240123975

**Bank:** National Merchant Bank of Zimbabwe

**Branch:** Eastgate

**Swift Code:** NMBLZWHX

**IBAN:** DE0750040000881821300

### **Welcome to Zimbabwe**

The Republic of Zimbabwe is a landlocked country in Southern Africa. It is bordered to the East by Mozambique, to the North by Zambia, to the West by Botswana and to the South by South Africa. With a population of about 15 million, Zimbabwe is ethnically diverse, with at least 16 languages. The official languages are Shona, Ndebele and English. Harare is the capital and largest city in Zimbabwe.

### **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. Please note that international flights to Zimbabwe will be through Harare International Airport in Harare.

Participants are advised to check with <https://www.evisa.gov.zw/#/VisaRegime> for visa information and make appropriate arrangements. Please get in touch in case you need any assistance. Possession of international Yellow Fever vaccination certificate is a mandatory requirement for most travelers to Zimbabwe. Participants who need invitation letters to obtain visas should contact the host committee for assistance and ensure they acquire the visa well in advance.

## Weather in Harare

Weather patterns across Africa are becoming increasingly unpredictable, probably due to global warming. However, generally March is in the middle of main rainy season in Harare, characterized by essential constant daily high temperature, with daily highs around 25 °C throughout the month, rarely exceeding 30 °C in the afternoon or dropping below 14 °C. Afternoon downpours are the norm. The humidity is high. 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 Harare 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.

## Programme

The event will bring together Scouts from different countries in Africa and beyond for a 3-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
Pre-Event Programme (5-7 March 2018)	An expedition to the top of Mt. Nyangani - the tallest in Zimbabwe
Wednesday 7 March 2018	Arrivals, registration of participants and camp set up
Thursday, 9 March 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Official Opening Ceremony</li><li>• Better World Framework (Exhibitions and Learning sessions about world and regional Scout educational programmes)</li></ul>
Friday, 9 March 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Community Service</li><li>• Peace Dialogue Training</li><li>• On-Site Activities</li><li>• Mega Campfire</li></ul>
Saturday, 10 March 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Main Africa Scout Day Celebrations</li><li>• Closing ceremony</li></ul>
Post-Event Programme (11-14 March 2018)	A tour to the Majestic Victoria Falls – one of the seven wonders of the world.

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 2017

We invite all Scouts and Scout Leaders from across the Africa Scout Region to submit essays for the 2018 Africa Scout Day Essay challenge. The essay should be on the thematic topic of **“Uniting young people through Scouting.”** Be sure to capture clearly how it creates active citizens. 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](mailto:africa@scout.org) by **Friday 16 March 2018 with the title of the email as {Africa Scout Day Essay Challenge 2018-YourName-YourCountry}**. We will publish

the best essays on Kudumail and on [www.scout.org/africa](http://www.scout.org/africa). All top five essays will also be published on the website. Please include your photo in Scout Uniform, 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 ([www.scout.org/africascoutday](http://www.scout.org/africascoutday)) to celebrate this day. If you have not signed up yet, please visit [www.scout.org](http://www.scout.org), create a profile and start sharing.

You can also post on your social media platforms using the hash-tag **#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](mailto:africa@scout.org). We shall compile and share the stories, photos and videos on [www.scout.org/africa](http://www.scout.org/africa). For any information on telling your story please contact Nelson ([nopany@scout.org](mailto:nopany@scout.org))

### **Contact Information**

For all enquiries about the 2018 All Africa Scout Day celebrations, please contact us through the addresses below:

#### **Nhamoinesu Mahachi**

#### **International Commissioner**

The Scout Association of Zimbabwe

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or

World Scout Bureau Africa Support Centre

Rowallan Scout Camp, Kibera Drive, Opposite Jamhuri Park "Gate E"

P. O. Box 63070 - 00200 City Square

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**Telephone:** +254 20 245 0985, +254 738 945 346

**Web:** [www.scout.org/africa](http://www.scout.org/africa) and [www.scout.org/africascoutday](http://www.scout.org/africascoutday)

**Facebook:** ScoutingintheAfricaRegion

**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 2018 and, for those celebrating in Harare, we look forward to seeing you there.