



TREES FOR THE WORLD

APRIL 26TH, 2014

ONE SCOUT ONE TREE



History Behind “Trees for the World”

The idea of the Project started during the **First Interamerican Leadership Training**, with delegates of Argentina, Canada, Curaçao, Ecuador, Honduras, Panama, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and USA brainstorming about the common problems that strikes our nations.

The most common problem our nations have is related to the **Environment**, so what is the best way to help resolve this problem? Trees!

Why Trees?

These are the top ten reasons why trees will help the environment:

1. Trees **Produce Oxygen.**
2. Trees **Clean the Soil.**
3. Trees **Control Noise Pollution.**
4. Trees **Slow Storm Water Runoff.**
5. Trees **Reduces Carbon Dioxide.**
6. Trees **Clean the Air.**
7. Trees **Creates Shades and Cool.**
8. Trees **Act as Windbreakers.**
9. Trees **Fight Soil Erosion.**
10. Trees **Increase Property Value.**

If one tree does all of those things, imagine thousands of trees around the world planted by Scouts, all on the same day! It will make a huge, lasting impact on our communities, environment, and countries that will be remembered for generations to come!

Why April 26th?

Every year on April 22nd, 192 countries around the world celebrate Earth Day. Earth Week is the week surrounding Earth Day, from April 21st to April 27th. This year, April 22nd falls on a Tuesday, so we are having our event on Saturday April 26th, the Saturday following Earth Day!

Many countries have an organization that focuses on Earth Day, Earth Week or another environmental aspect. These organizations may be willing to help your Scouting unit with this project in your community.

How can I do **Trees for the World** in my community?

You can work on this project with your patrol, troop, region, or National Scout Organization (**NSO**); each country will work in different ways. Get in touch with the Trees for the World Organizing Committee (**TFTWOC**) for more information of how your country is organized.

Each country will have a National Team (**NT**) that will organize how the project will take place in your country, if not; the TFTWOC will be in direct touch with you.

Step 1: After having the basic information, meet with your troop, and organize where to plant the trees. Your NT or the TFTWOC will give you the documents of how to manage the information of progress.

Step 2: Gather at the selected location on April 26th and plant the trees.

Step 3: Take pictures, videos and make notes about your project and send them to the TFTWOC! Feel free to share them on social media such as Facebook and with your NSO!

Who can participate?

This is a Messengers of Peace Project created by Scouts in the Interamerican Region, but scouts in every NSO are encouraged to join!

Participants don't have to be only Scouts; family and friends can plant a tree too, with the commitment of taking care of the tree.

If you would like to participate or have any question, please email us at treesfortheworld@gmail.com.

Also don't forget to visit our Facebook page www.facebook.com/TreesForTheWorld.



Trees for the World Organizing Committee