

SEPTEMBER 2007

What's New

Meeting the Sunrise on the 1st of August

Reports from many countries show how they planned to celebrate Scouting's sunrise on the first day of August. In some countries, the celebrations started on 31st July. Here are some of highlights and we would appreciate receiving more sunrise stories from other NSOs.

Australia: Celebrations were all over the branches of Scouts Australia. For example, a kudu horn was blown at the Sydney Opera House and some 4,000 people paraded in Brisbane streets. Rovers climbed Mt Kosciusko in ACT.

Bangladesh held a centenary Scout Camp, with hoisting of the flag during the sunrise and a colorful flag rally followed. Simultaneous events happened at the National Training Centre in Mouchak, Kuakat, Sea beach in Barisal Region, and in Chittagong region.

Bhutan: Scouts had a flag raising ceremony where the last message of Lord Baden Powell, founder of Scouting, was read. Principals and District Commissioners highlighted 100 years of Scouting and the role that Scouts play in the communities. Scouts had a cultural programme and campfire in the evening.

Hong Kong: Some 1,200 Scouts joined the Sunrise Ceremony as a join-in centenary Jamboree at the West Sea Cofferdam in High Island Reservoir. Hot air balloons carried the message "Scouts all around the world celebrate the centenary together."

India: At the national headquarters and 46 states of the Bharat Scouts & Guides, thousands of Scouts renewed their oath in the morning of 1st August. Other activities were tree plantation, voluntary blood donation, peace marches and cultural shows.

Korea: The association's highest rank Scouts, called the Tiger Scouts, went up the peak of Halla Mountain in Jeju Island to meet the sunrise.

Malaysia: On 31st July, Regional Chairman Eric Khoo and APR Scouting Profile Chairman Dr Mukhyuddin led 42 Malaysian Scouts in their ascent to the 4,093-meter Mt Kinabalu in Sabah, the highest mountain in Southeast Asia. Even in adverse weather, they reached the summit in time for the sunrise where they hoisted the flag and renewed their Scout promise.

Nepal: At the capital, Kathmandu, students and community people joined a large Scout rally with banners on Scout themes.

Papua New Guinea: At the NHQ in Konedobu, the founder was remembered with a presentation of his life and the history of Scouting, followed by games, skills tournament and a fellowship campfire.

Philippines: Filipino Scouts chose the mountains, shorelines, riversides, and school campus to celebrate. Scouts prepared an array of activities such as an overnight camp, sunrise parade, dawn mass and liturgy, sunrise festival, and community service "do a good turn."

CENTENARY EVENTS

Baden Powell Scout Peak Climb
Nepal, 28 August – 16 September

International Congress on Scouting
Geneva, 15-17 November

International Centenary COMDECA
Bangladesh, 7-13 December

REGIONAL CONFERENCES

Africa Regional Scout Conference
Rwanda, 3-7 September 2007

Eurasia Regional Scout Conference
Moscow, September 2007

22nd Asia Pacific Regional Scout
Conference, Japan
18-23 October 2007

Arab Regional Scout Conference
Cairo, 7-12 November 2007

Interamerica Scout Conference
Ecuador, 24-28 November 2007

Ancillary events of the 22nd Asia Pacific Regional Scout Conference, Japan

APR Course for Leader Trainers
10-16 October 2007

5th APR Scout Youth Forum
12-15 October 2007

Special events at the 22nd Asia Pacific Regional Scout Conference, Japan

APR Sub-Committee Meetings
17 October 2007

APR Scout Committee Meeting
17 October 2007

APR Scout Committee meeting
with heads of delegations
18 October 2007

International Commissioners
Gathering, 19 October 2007

Singapore: In their Scout uniform, young people and leaders renewed their Scout promise and planted trees at the HQ grounds. There was a flag handing ceremony to climbers leading the Baden Powell Peak expedition.

Centenary badge

The World Scout Jamboree has been one of the best opportunities to get hold of multi-lingual versions of the centenary badge. Countries in Asia-Pacific have these versions: Bangladesh – Bengali, Brunei Darussalam – Bahasa, Scouts of China – Chinese, French Polynesia, Hong Kong – Chinese, Indonesia – Bahasa, Japan – Japanese, Korea – Korean, Malaysia – Bahasa, Maldives – Dhivehi, Nepal – Nepali, New Zealand – Maori, Philippines – Filipino, Singapore – English, Chinese, Bahasa, Tamil (four-in-one badge).

Staff Development Workshop

“Wholistic Wellness” was the theme of the staff development workshop for this year, as unanimously decided by staff members of the World Scout Bureau Asia Pacific Region. The staff chose a fitting venue for the workshop in Caliraya Lake, Laguna province on the weekend of 24-26 August.

With excellent facilitation by resource persons from Satsang Wellness Center, staff members learned how to relieve stress and integrate well-being in body, mind and spirit. These were achieved through inputs and discussions, Meridian exercise, yoga and meditation.

What’s Ongoing

More APR leaders to send-off Baden Powell Scout Peak climbers

Some 36 participants are ardent on conquering history and the Baden Powell Peak. Nine countries have signed up for the climb and trek: Scouts of China (7), Korea (8), Hong Kong (3), Singapore (12), Indonesia (1), Malaysia (1), Australia (2), Sri Lanka (1), USA (2) for a total of 36.

World Scout Committee Chairman Herman Hui along with some regional committee members and key regional leaders will send off the climbers and trekkers on 4th September.

ICT Workshop in Malaysia

Around 40 participants from 14 countries will participate in the APR Workshop on ICT for Scouting to be held at the Dynasty Hotel in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on 5-9 September. Scouting Profile Sub-Committee Chairman Dr Mukhyuddin B Sarwani will direct the workshop.

Topics to be covered will focus on ICT in relation to management, adult training, youth programme, marketing, membership, branding and image, and communications. Trends in ICT and the challenges to Scouting will be explored. Participating NSOs will give an overview of the state of ICT in their associations.

Pre-selection of APR Outstanding Scouts

At the ICT workshop in Kuala Lumpur, members of the Profile Sub-Committee and Programme Sub-Committee will form the panel for the pre-selection of the five Scout finalists who will join the final selection at the October regional conference. Nominations for the award have been received from Bangladesh, Hong Kong, India, Japan, Korea, Maldives and Philippines.

Training Team Members Gathering
19 October 2007

APR Foundation Members Gathering
19 October 2007

For details of events

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What's Upcoming

APR Scout Conference Update

Participation. Latest figures show that 322 people are attending the conference, 115 participants from 24 countries for the 5th APR Youth Forum, and 27 participants from ten countries for the Course for Leader Trainers.

Action Time Presentations. For the conference's Action Time Presentation by NSOs, the following have been received and confirmed:

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| 1. Partnerships | Bangladesh |
| 2. Scouting and Community | Indonesia |
| 3. Scouting and Environment | Philippines |
| 4. Scouting and Peace | India |
| 5. New Marketing Approaches | Australia |
| 6. Young People in Decision-Making | Korea |
| 7. Revitalizing the Rover Section | Singapore |
| 8. Recruitment and Management of Volunteers | Hong Kong |
| 9. Self-Reliance | Nepal |

Updates. The Scout Association of Japan has circulated Conference Bulletin no. 4, with the latest information on registration by NSOs, hotel rates, schedules of 5th APR Youth Forum (YF) and APR Course for Leader Trainers (CLT), and logo for the YF and the CLT.

You're Invited

International Centenary COMDECA (Community Development Camp), Bangladesh

Who Scouts aged 14-17 years old and Rover Scouts aged 18-25 years old
Host Bangladesh Scouts
Where Cox'bazar, Bangladesh (about 500 kilometers southeast of Dhaka)
When 7-13 December 2007
Fee US\$150 covers tent accommodation, food, inland transportation (airport to venue), souvenir and tour

Be Prepared

22nd APR Scout Conference

Where National Olympics Memorial Youth Center (NYC)
Tokyo, Japan
When 18-23 October 2007
Fee Delegates and Observers US\$320
Accompanying persons US\$220
Youth Delegates/Observers US\$140

5th APR Youth Forum

Where National Olympics Memorial Youth Center (NYC)
Tokyo, Japan
When 12-15 October 2007
Fee US\$100 to cover materials, accommodation, food
inland transportation and souvenirs
Youth Forum participants who will attend the Regional
Conference need to add U\$100 as registration fee.
This additional fee does not include food and
accommodation during the conference.

APR Course for Leader Trainers

Where National Olympics Memorial Youth Center (NYC)
Tokyo, Japan
When 10-16 October 2007
Fee US\$150 to cover accommodation, food, materials,
inland transportation and souvenirs
Participants who will attend the regional conference
will have to register separately and pay the conference
registration fee as part of their NSO delegation
(delegate or observer)

APR Youth Programme Development Workshop

Where Islamabad, Pakistan
When 10-14 December 2007
Fee USD100 covers inland transportation from airport to
workshop venue, food, accommodation, workshop kit
and educational tour.

18th New Zealand Jamboree

Where Canterbury Agricultural Park, Christchurch,
South Island, New Zealand
When 28 December 2007 – 5 January 2008
Fee NZD\$590 covers meals and activities
Website www.scout.org.nz