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To: International Commissioners

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International Seminar on Age Sections
Cairo, Egypt

Dear Colleagues:

Greetings from Manila!

We are pleased to inform you that the Arab Scout Office, in cooperation with the Programme Service of the World Scout Bureau in Geneva, is organizing the International Seminar for Age Sections Commissioners. This event is scheduled to be held on 1-7 April 2003 at the Cairo International Scout Centre in Egypt.

We would like to encourage your association to participate in this seminar by sending their National Programme Commissioners or its equivalent, to enhance themselves and benefit from this seminar. We also encourage national-level Scout leaders who are directly involved in training unit leaders at national level.


Attached is the detailed information on the seminar, including its daily programme. If you have further queries, please write to:

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Thank you for your keen interest to send participants to this seminar.

Best regards.


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International Seminar for Age Sections Commissioners

Cairo International Scout Centre, April 1-7, 2002

Call for Participation

The concept of age sections is a fundamental part of the Scout programme. Age sections enable the adaptation of the Scout methods to the needs and characteristics of young people from the various stages of development, and make the gradual self development of the young person possible.

The subject of age sections and the application of the Scout method is essential for two of the strategic priorities adopted by the World Scout Conference in Thessaloniki in July 2002 :

- "Youth participation in decision making", since it is the appropriate use of the Scout method that enables young people to gradually increase their capacities for involvement in decision-making and provide them with the skills that would enable them once they have reached the adult age to take part in the decision making bodies of the association.
- "Adolescents", since it is essential for the Movement to be able to respond to the needs and characteristics of this critical age group, which is fundamentally different from those of younger age ranges and needs to be reflected accordingly in the programme. Adopting the same approach as for younger age ranges will never enable the Movement to attract sufficient adolescents which is after all the critical age for which the Movement was originally created and continues to be the most critical age in today's society.

Therefore, the Arab Region planned the organisation of this seminar to provide opportunities to exchange views, and share knowledge and experience in this field among National Commissioners responsible for sections in the Scout Associations.

Seminar Details

The Seminar will be organised according to the following practical information :

Date

1 – 7 April 2003
(Arrival April 1st and departure April 7th)

Venue

Cairo International Scout Centre, Egypt

Participants Profile

- National and / or regional leaders involved in development of the age sections programme.
- Members of national or regional programme teams or similar bodies.

Seminar Topics

The Seminar will tackle the following subjects :

- The stages of development from childhood to adulthood
- The main elements of the scout method and their adaptation to the various age ranges
- Presentation of National Scout Organisations experiments in the field of Age Sections Development "e.g. programme, structures, tools...etc.
- Exchange of experience on the Programme Development Initiatives at regional and national levels.
- "Youth participation"; how to revitalise the application of the Scout Method in all sections; how the scout method allows young people to take part in decision-making according to their growing potential; the evolution of the patrol system from youngest to oldest sections
- Preparation to life, preparation to citizenship: the progressive scheme from youngest to oldest section; renewed merit badges requirements for the different age sections and ways of proper implementation at national and local levels.
- Qualification schemes for leaders working in the scout sections (cubs / scouts / ventures and rovers).
- Adolescents: the comparative advantages of Scouting for meeting the needs of adolescents; various examples of adolescent programmes.
- Role and responsibilities of section commissioners.

Organization of the Seminar

The seminar will be organized by the Arab Region in co-operation with the Programme Service of the World Scout Bureau.

Documents and presentations

Participants are kindly requested to prepare work papers and presentations on the Seminar's topics.

Costs & Fees

4 participants are invited from each country. The participants or their organizations will cover international travel expenses to and from Cairo. The Arab Scout Regional Office will cover the full expenses for only one participant. These expenses include accommodation (in double rooms), meals during the Seminar, local transportation, publications and planned social program. Each other participant will have to pay merely US\$ 100 to cover the participation fee and all other expenses.

Participants arriving before 1st of April or staying after 7th of April 2003, must cover the cost of the accommodation for the extra days (US\$ 20 per person per day in a double room and food as per their request).

Entry Visas

While all citizens of all countries need to obtain an entry visa to Egypt, some of them may get it at Cairo airport. However, it is strongly advised to get your visa as early as possible from the Egyptian Embassy in your country. Official invitations could be sent to the participants on request.

Simultaneous Interpretation

Participants should be able to communicate well in English. However, simultaneous interpretation (Arabic / English / French) will be provided.

Programme

In addition to the work sessions and group discussions, the event programme will include the following :

- Visits to tourist and historical sights in Cairo and Giza (the Egyptian Museum / Pyramids / the Pharaonic Village).
- Visiting the old city and the Bazaars of Khan El-Khalily.
- Attending an artistic folkloric show in Salaheddine Citadel.
- Free tour for sight seeing and shopping in Cairo.

Reply slip

Please fill the attached reply slip and send it back to the Arab Scout Office not later than January 31st, 2003 by fax or email :

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Awaiting your prompt reply,
Accept my best wishes

Yours Sincerely,
Fawzi Farghali
Arab Regional Director



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Programme of the seminar

Day	Day Programme	Evening Programme
1/4/2003	Arrival of the participants	
2/4/2003	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The stages development from childhood to adulthood• The main elements of the Scout method and its adaptation to the various stages of development (age sections)• Presentation of examples from various countries• Opening Session	Folkloric Show
3/4/2003	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• “Youth Involvement”, How the Scout method allows young people to take part in decision making according to their growing potential, the evaluation of patrol system from youngest to oldest sections.• Preparation to life, preparation to citizenship : the progressive scheme from youngest to oldest sections, progressive educational objectives, badges requirement, etc..)• Presentation of examples from various countries	Old city & Bazaars
4/4/2003	Visits to : Pyramids / Egyptian Museum / Pharaonic Village	
5/4/2003	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• “Adolescents”, The comparative advantages of Scouting for meeting the needs of adolescents.• Various examples of adolescents programmes• Role and responsibilities of section commissioners	Free tour & shopping
6/4/2003	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NSO’s future plans to encourage the development of age sections, recruit and keep adolescents and to enable better youth involvement.• Age section plans• Evaluation of the seminar	Special Dinner



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Country: Organization:

First Participant (Fee and Accommodation Fully Covered by the Arab Regional Office)

<i>Name</i>	<i>Task in the Association</i>	<i>Date of Birth</i>	<i>Phone</i>	<i>Email address</i>

Other Participants (Each paying fee and accommodation expenses total of US \$ 100)

<i>Name</i>	<i>Task in the Association</i>	<i>Date of Birth</i>	<i>Phone</i>	<i>Email address</i>

Authorization of the Association :

Signed by: *Position:* *Date :* / / 200

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