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To: International Commissioners

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6th International Youth Gathering for Cultural Exchange

Dear colleagues:

We are pleased to inform you that the World Scout Bureau/Arab Regional Office, with the cooperation of UNESCO, is organizing the 6th International Youth Gathering for Cultural Exchange in Cairo and Minia Governorate in Middle Egypt. The event is an educational and cultural event aimed at promoting the culture of peace, tolerance and friendship between young people all over the world.

The educational objectives of this youth event are:

- To promote the culture of peace, tolerance and mutual understanding between young people through the exchange and sharing of experience.
- To give young people the opportunity to discover and understand the cultural heritage through the planned field visits to unique and historical sites
- To stimulate intercultural dialogue around key questions concerning the 21st century.
- To organize physical and sports activities for and with young people in the context of providing safe, interesting and educational activities.

On behalf of the host association, may we invite you to send participants from your Scout Association to send participants to this important event. This will be an unforgettable experience for the young people. We have attached detailed information of 6th International Youth Gathering for Cultural Exchange for your reference.

With regards.



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6th International Youth Gathering for Cultural Exchange

Date: 1-12 September 2003

Venue: The event will take place in Minia Governorate 250 KM from Cairo. Participants will stay 5 days in Cairo International Scout Center. Cairo (5 days) and Minia (4 days)

Program

Highlights:

- Plenary sessions: Building Tolerance and Friendship among youth
- Cultural Exchange sessions between participants
- Audio Visual Presentation of every contingent
- International Night (traditional performance, Art Festival, Swapping)
- National displays within the International Night where participants will perform their own national songs or dances.
- Open discussions between participants
- Visit to Egyptian Museum
- The Great Pyramids of Giza and Sphinx
- Coptic and Islamic Monuments
- Free sight seeing
- Nile Cruise
- Welcome meetings with some governmental Officials
- Folklore Shows
- Cultural Tours in Minia Governorate (Tell El Amarna, Al Ashmounin, Tuna El Gabal, Beni Hassan and the Tomb of Petosiris) (Related site: www.heptune.com www.sis.gov.eg)

Eligibility: All National Scout Organizations are invited to send 2 Rovers (male only) without any registration fees according to the following conditions:

- Age of participants should be between 18-22 years old
- Have a good command of English
- Must be registered Scout members and, their application is approved by their Scout Organization
- Participation is eligible only for whom not attend the event before
- The deadline for registration is 31/7/2003
- Complete registration should be submitted by fax to Arab Scout Office, or by email with the approval letter of the Scout Organization.
- International Travel cost to/and from Egypt will be covered by the participants of their organization.
- The organizers will cover full accommodation from 1/9/2003 to 12/9/2003, noon, inland transportation and educational tours for 2 rovers from every participating country.
- The country that may send more than two rovers have to pay 150 US\$ for each participant to cover his food and accommodation etc.
- Accommodation will be in double or triple rooms
- Participant who will arrive Egypt before 1/9/2003 or stay after 12/9/2003 (noon) in Cairo International Scout Center) has to pay for his own accommodation.
- The Arab Scout Office offers a special price as follows:
USD 30 for bed and breakfast per person in a single room.
USD 20 for bed and breakfast per person in a double room

Visa: We strongly advice each participant to contact the nearest Egyptian Embassy or Consulate to check if it is necessary to obtain an entry visa. Some nationalities could obtain the visa in Cairo airport upon arrival. We could send an official invitation to participants on request to facilitate the visa application.

Airport

Reception: Representatives from the Arab Scout Office will welcome participants upon their arrival in Cairo International Airport, provided that every participant will inform the Arab Scout Office of the complete flight details as early as possible (this information should: day/time /carrier, flight no.) Participants are required to be in Scout uniform upon their arrival in Cairo to facilitate airport reception.

Egyptian

Currency: Egyptian currency: One US\$ is equal to 5.40 Egyptians pounds

What to bring:

- 2 photos for application form
- Traditional costume or shirt which is unique to the country as a part of International Night
- Scout uniform for official functions
- Country Flag
- Color slides, videotape or Power Point presentations to introduce your country to other participants in Cultural Exchange Session.

Climate: The climate is most temperate; the maximum temperature in Cairo in September is: 32°C and the minimum is 20°C.
Minia: the Maximum is 35°C, the, the Minimum is 25°C

ENQUIRY AND FURTHER INFORMATION

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