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To: International Commissioners

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 Invitation to attend the closing session of the World Scout Academy on 15 August 2020

Dear friends,

This period has been challenging for many, but we are continually inspired by the resilience of Scouts around the world who are keeping Scouting active and continuing to contribute to their communities.

Through WOSM’s 100-day COVID-19 emergency response initiatives including the World Scout Academy, National Scout Organizations (NSOs) and Adults in Scouting have benefited from relevant services, support and resources, as well as new knowledge and skills to successfully lead their organizations and facilitate Scouting in these uncertain times.

With the 100-day initiatives nearing completion, and the recent publication of Growing Stronger Together - WOSM’s Plan for 2020-2021, it is time for us to put this learning into action and support Scouting in becoming an even stronger Movement.

Invitation to join the closing session of the World Scout Academy

I am pleased to invite the leadership of NSOs to the closing session of the World Scout Academy. The event will be hosted online through Zoom on Saturday 15 August 2020 from 12:00 to 14:30 p.m. GMT and will be open to leadership of NSOs through advance registration by the International Commissioner (or other official key contact). While the session will be conducted in English, we will provide simultaneous interpretation in French, Spanish, Arabic and Russian.

At the closing session of the World Scout Academy we will:

- Formally close the World Scout Academy, providing an overview of the outcomes of the event and how NSOs can continue to be engaged.
- Share the impact of the 100-day COVID-19 emergency response initiatives, including what was achieved and how NSOs can continue benefiting from WOSM’s support during these challenging times.
- Provide an opportunity to connect NSO leadership across the Movement to come together and learn about WOSM’s Plan for 2020-2021 as we look to grow stronger together towards Vision 2023.

What to expect at the closing session?

The closing session will feature panel discussions and presentations highlighting some of the best practices that have helped to keep Scouting active and relevant in today’s new realities, and share ideas around how to build on this momentum towards achieving Vision 2023. The session will also include opportunities for online engagement with participants and time for questions and answers. More information and a schedule of speakers will become available in the lead-up to the closing session on learning.scout.org/closing.
**Who can participate in the closing session?**
Similarly to the opening of the Academy, each NSO and NSA can be represented by up to five attendees from their national leadership (i.e. Chief Commissioners, Chief Executives, International Commissioners, Programme Commissioners, Training Commissioners, etc.).

**How to register for the closing session?**
Registration to attend the closing session is by NSO and NSA nomination only. The International Commissioner (or official key contact) is requested to pre-register their NSO or NSA’s attendees through this online form by 14 August 2020 at 12:00 GMT. Access to the Zoom event will be communicated to the individuals following successful verification against the World Scouting Directory.

I look forward to reconnecting with all of you on Saturday, 15 August 2020. Should you have any specific questions with regard to the closing session of the World Scout Academy, please contact Eric Takiy (eric.takiy@scout.org), Junior Manager, World Events at the World Scout Bureau.

Yours in Scouting,

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*The World Scouting Directory is part of the recently launched WOSM Members Portal (see Circular 20/2020) which is WOSM’s official reference for contact information of national official appointees of NSOs. Information about the Directory, as well as how NSO Admins can edit their own NSO’s contact information, can be found here.*