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What's New

Scouts star in Air New Zealand Bear Essentials of Safety Video

Scouts New Zealand has been working with Air New Zealand confidentially for some time to promote SCOUTS as part of their in-flight safety preparedness video. The result is here and far better than ever anticipated.

Three lucky Scouts are about to go face to face with a bear, but not the man-eating sort. They are part of the latest Air New Zealand in-flight safety video alongside the famous outdoor adventurer, Bear Grylls.

"This has to be the ultimate adventure experience" says SCOUTS New Zealand Chief Executive Niamh Lawless. "Besides being one of the world's great adventurers with TV hits such as 'Man Vs. Wild', Bear Grylls is also Chief Scout in the UK", she says.

"It's all for a good cause too. Air New Zealand with a series of imaginative videos has made safety fun, getting across the message in an amusing manner. Scouting is all about fun and adventure, but it is also about doing it as safely as possible.

"Bear Grylls is the ultimate 'cool Scout'. He's bold, imaginative and adventurous - a great hero for youth, particularly those interested in the outdoors and the adventures that young Scouts crave. We all have that sense of adventure in us and Grylls's larger than life image is very engaging for young and old. It's great for these Scouts to meet him and work together on such a uniquely exciting project.

"The whole Scouting movement in New Zealand will be sharing the excitement of this event. SCOUTS New Zealand is all about young people testing and pushing themselves to try new and exciting things in a safe and supervised environment. The opportunity to be a part of the filming of the Air New Zealand safety video, which has a great focus on adventure, safety and conservation, is a perfect parallel to much of what we do every day in the Scouting movement."

Air New Zealand passengers can keep an eye out for the Bear Essentials of Safety video showing in-flight from Wednesday 27 February and it will be available to view on You Tube at www.youtube.com/airnewzealand

The filming took place on the Routeburn track with local Scouts and "The Bug Man" Ruud Kleinpaste with the assistance of The Department of Conservation. - from SCOUTS New Zealand

Sri Lanka honors 100-year old Scout troop

To honor Sri Lanka's first Scout troop - the 1st Kandy Dharmaraja Scout Group - the Rajans International Scout Gathering of Centennial or RISGO Centennial 2013 was held from 18th to 22nd February 2013 at the Lake View Park International Scout Centre in Kandy, Sri Lanka.

Scouting in Sri Lanka began in Christ Church College in 1912 followed by Dharmaraja College which formed the first Kandy Dharmaraja Scout Group

UPCOMING EVENTS 2013

Regional Scout Committee Meeting

23-24 March
Indonesia

World Scout Committee Meeting

23-24 March
Indonesia

International Scout Peace Camp

25-31 March
Indonesia

Course for Leader Trainers

29 March - 2 April
Australia

Course for Leader Trainers (in Chinese)

2-7 April
Taiwan

49th APR Basic Management Course

4-14 April
Malaysia

Ticket to Life project WISE Evaluation

11-17 April
Philippines

Suncheon Scout Centre Board Meeting

19-21 April
Korea

Consultancy Visit

20-25 April
Fiji

Advanced Unit Leaders Training Course

20-26 May
Afghanistan

in 1913, with the enthusiasm of the Principal Mr. K. F. Billimoria and Scout Master J. H. de Saram, who became the first native Chief Commissioner of Scouting in Ceylon.

The 1st Kandy Dharmaraja Scout Group has been consecutively awarded as the "Best Scout group in Sri Lanka" from 1993 up to now.

RISGO Centennial 2013, in cooperation with the Old Rajans Scout Association, the first old Scout union in the island, became the largest gathering of young people with the participation of 29 countries around the world from all the six Scouting regions.

Chief Guest at the opening ceremony was World Scout Bureau, Asia-Pacific Regional Director Abdullah Rasheed joined by other notable government personalities and regional leaders including the Governor and Chief Minister of Sri Lanka's central province; Regional Scout Committee member Janaprith Fernando, and Sri Lanka Scouts Association Chief Commissioner Prof Nimal De Silva.

Thai Scouts reach out to Rohingya refugees

Scouts in Thailand – being a good friend to all regardless of origin and beliefs – are taking care of their Muslim brothers and sisters from Arakan, Myanmar who fled their country caused by the unrest that erupted since last year.

As a joint project between Messengers of Peace project and the Thai Scouts Promotion Foundation, in close cooperation with other concerned communities and agencies, Scouts mobilize to collect food and supplies for distribution to the Rohingya Muslims numbering around 3,000. They illegally entered Thailand and are now detained in different centers across the country. To facilitate easy communication with them, Thai Scouts use the Thai-Rohingya dictionary as most of them cannot understand English or Thai.

Aside from distributing food and supplies, Rover Scouts from technical colleges helped repair toilets and rebuilt facilities to provide a more comfortable living space for the detainees. Others who are partnering with Scouts are non-Scout Buddhists and Christians. This collaboration is to provide a peaceful solution to this situation knowing the great risk of becoming an illegal immigrant.

Being illegal immigrants, Rohingya Muslims can only stay at the detention centers for not over six months. Illegal immigrants from Myanmar usually board small wooden boats from Arakan state, sailing across the Indian Ocean for 16 to 25 days in their attempt to enter Thailand, Malaysia, and Indonesia.

Philippines holds 3 peace Jamborees in different locations

Boy Scouts of the Philippines is organizing three simultaneous Peace Jamborees in three geographic locations around the country: Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao. Dates of the three camps are spread between 22nd February to 2nd March.

The Jamboree is called National PeaceJamb using a single theme – Scouts: Messengers of Peace. The camp programme follows a module following the 8 Paths Towards Peace: 1) Peace Advocate's Path, 2) Self-Awareness & Personal Mastery Path, 3) Community & Relationship Path, 4) National & Global Awareness Path, 5) Education & Learning Path, 6) Creativity Path, 7) Team & Leadership Path, and 8) Inter-Faith & Spiritual Path.

APR Workshop on Environment Education in Scouting

3-6 June
Taiwan

APR Management Committee Meeting

13-14 June
Philippines

ASEAN Jamboree

8-12 July
Thailand

APR Sub-Regional Workshop on National Training Schemes Review

20-26 July
Thailand

30th APR Scout Jamboree

1-7 August
Japan

9th APR Air/Internet Jamboree

3-4 August
India

14th World Scout Moot

8-18 August
Canada

World Scout Committee Meeting

September
Argentina

National Workshop on Building Financial Capabilities

5-8 September
Maldives

Regional Scout Committee Meeting

5-6 October
Taiwan

56th JOTA/17th JOTI

19-20 October
Worldwide

World Scout Education Congress

21-24 November
Hong Kong

20th New Zealand Scout Jamboree

28 December – 6 January

Three strategically located Scout camps were selected to accommodate thousands of Scout participants: Mt Makiling Scout camp for Luzon, Capitol Hills Scout Camp for Visayas, and Malagos Scout Camp for Mindanao. Regional Director Abdullah Rasheed is gracing the closing ceremony of the Peace Jamb in Mindanao, while Adult Resources Sub-Committee Chairman Rajalingam Ramasamy joined the opening ceremony of all three zones.

CJK-Bangladesh Scouts agree on partnership projects

Bangladesh Scouts and the CJK – which stands for Scouts of China, Japan, Korea – jointly agreed to launch a new six-year project based in Bangladesh from 2014 to 2019. A pre-inspection team of CJK Rover Scouts visited the project sites in Kalapara (Patuakhali), Jajira (Shariatpur) and Jamalpur on 13-19 February 2013. Officials of concerned NSOs signed the agreement on 19 February 2013 at the National Headquarters of Bangladesh Scouts in Dhaka.

The partnership project aims to provide opportunities for Rover Scouts from Scouts of China, Korea, Japan and Bangladesh to work on an international environment project while fostering friendship and doing community service in villages. Services will include awareness campaigns related to primary health care and nature conservation, which match national policies and the needs of the project areas in Bangladesh.

The project will commence activities approximately for 10 days of every February at designated villages in Bangladesh. Each CJK NSO will send 10 Rover Scouts with an adult leader for a maximum 30 Rover Scouts for every project. Corresponding number of Rover Scouts from Bangladesh will join the International Patrol and will take care of cultural, linguistic and logistical support.

Scouts New Zealand 12th National Venture, Venture South 2013

Riverton Race Course, Southland New Zealand, become the home for 691 Venturers and 170 Leaders and Adult Volunteers early in January 2013 for Venture South 2013, the 12th Scouts New Zealand Venture.

Venturers and Leaders from New Zealand, Australia, Hong Kong, United Kingdom and United States of America came together to enjoy fun and adventure in the adventure capital of New Zealand – the Southland and Otago Region.

Many challenging and adventurous activities were on offer for the Venturers five day expedition during the phase one period. Units were spread throughout Otago and Southland experiencing a range of adventures including: Tramping, cycling, sailing, scuba diving, farming, caving, and kayaking.

Four units enjoyed five days on Stewart Island tramping on some of the best walks in the world. A number of venturers participated in an Amazing Race style journey through the region whilst others were based at Queenstown and enjoyed the many extreme sports activities on offer.

During phase two Venturers and Leaders camped in tent city at the Riverton Race Course and were given the opportunity to participate in a range of onsite activities, head off site on a activity or simply relax on site at the Rover Cafe, movie theatre or catch up on some sleep in their tent.

Many choose to head off site with a large number taking the time to visit Invercargill to hunt down souvenirs, go swimming, enjoying some go-karting or sample the wares of the many food outlets available. Others participated in activities like pistol shooting, high ropes course, ice skating, abseiling and caving, surfing, a survival day, relaxing on the beach or combing a local beach for precious gems.

For those who stayed on site many headed for the very popular challenge valley full of mud and water, always a popular option on camp. Also very popular was the paint ball course when some very courageous battles were undertaken.

Others chose to fly model aircraft on test their flying skills on the flight simulator. The craft tent was very popular where many choose to make a silver pendant as a souvenir of their time at venture. And of course Venturers could stay in touch with their families through our internet cafe. – SCOUTS New Zealand.

National Rover Moot and COMDECA held in Bangladesh

Bangladesh Scouts organized the 10th National Rover Moot and 5th National COMDECA from 29 January to 04 February 2013 in Panchagar (northern district of Bangladesh). Prime Minister of The People's Republic of Bangladesh, Sheikh Hasina, declared the camp open on 31 January. She announced that another national training centre will be constructed for Bangladesh Scouts close to the camp venue on a 15.37 acre land.

Community service was one of the activities where villagers received free health treatment and seeds for planting. In addition, a veterinary team from Bangladesh Agriculture University provided free veterinary treatment for animals.

About 7000 Scout, Rover Scout and officials joined the camp and enjoyed 13 challenges, such as good turn to villagers, nature and life, Global Development village, hiking, and Career planning, among many others.

APR Messenger of Peace Coordinators gather in Mt Makiling

MoP Coordinators from 22 National Scout Organizations gathered for four days from 23rd to 26th February 2013 at the National Training Center in Mt. Makiling in Laguna, Philippines to share their projects and challenges under the global initiative, the Messenger of Peace (MoP). Boy Scouts of the Philippines (BSP) hosted the gathering.

MoP Coordinators from Australia, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Scouts of China, Fiji, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Korea, Kiribati, Macau, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Nepal, New Zealand, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Sri Lanka, and Thailand joined the opening ceremony of the National Peace Jamboree held on Baden Powell Day, the 22nd of February. BSP President Hon. Jejomar C. Binay, on this occasion, greeted all the coordinators for a great job and addressed around 5,000 Scouts attending the Peace Jamboree.

The MoP gathering was inaugurated on 23rd February by BSP Board member Del De Guzman, with the presence of Cedrik Train, BSP National Commissioner for Community Based Scouting, Regional Director of World Scout Bureau (WSB) Abdullah Rasheed; Mr Peter Illig, Director of Global Support, WSB and BSP Director of Operations Roger Villa.

The objective of the gathering was to update MoP Coordinators on the Messenger of Peace initiative and build their capacity for effective and efficient implementation of the projects, with multiplying effects, at national and local levels. Part of the target is to enroll at least 20 million Scouts as part of the Global Network in the next eight years, and a more proactive involvement of Scouts in their communities.

Coordinators shared best practices, hands on project planning and management, and discussed the expansion of MoP network and maximizing the use of MoP on-line platform.

Mr Avisado acknowledged the enthusiastic interaction between participants and staff and presented them with certificates of participation and appreciation. Mr Rajalingam Ramasamy, Chairman of Adult Resources Sub-Committee, was also present at the closing ceremony.

Rev. Dr. Leonides T. Son, Deputy National Training Commissioner of BSP directed the gathering with the support of Mr Prassanna Shrivastava, Director Development Support & Finance, WSB; Ms. Cynthia Marquez, Global Projects Manager; Syd Castillo, Director of Youth Programme; Uzair Kamal, Development Support Manager; and coordinated by Mr. Yasser F. Sarona of the BSP.

Scouts New Zealand- Walsh Memorial Scout Flying School

Each year in January, for two and a half weeks, the rural Waikato town of Matamata, New Zealand becomes home to over 100 aviation enthusiasts in a school that globally is one-of-a-kind. The regional airfield, otherwise only occupied by a dedicated gliding club and the odd private pilot, becomes a bustling hive of activity and holds the title of the busiest airport by aircraft movements in Australasia (this includes over and above the international hubs of Auckland and Sydney!). The student core is made up of roughly 40 first year, and 24 return pupils ranging in age from 16 to 19, with one common goal; Taking to the skies and partaking in the art and much-loved way of life that is flying.

The school is run by Scouts New Zealand, and based on the concepts held by Vivian and Leo Walsh in their flight training organisation run out of Kohimarama, Auckland New Zealand during the early 1900's. The brothers were the pioneers of aviation training in New Zealand, and as a sign of recognition and respect for what they have done and what they stood for, the Walsh is appropriately named after them. As the title suggests, the students attending the school are often Scouts, but non-scouting individuals also comprise around half of the body.

Sixteen dedicated training aircraft, a mixture of Cessna 152 and Piper PA38 Tomahawks, are utilised by the school with the permission of owners nationwide, while a mixture of other aircraft visit throughout the school and are available for pure pleasure flights. The instruction is provided free of charge by the cream of the crop; largely ex-Walsh students, or instructors that have attended for decades. The instructors travel from both within the country and overseas as far as Hong Kong and Ireland, taking two weeks of leave from their jobs to provide free in-cockpit and ground instruction. Support staff in the kitchen, refuelling, flight operations and general administration are much the same; the school has a charm to it that means that once you've been, you'll never be able to leave. The primary target for the students is to complete their first solo, flying in an aircraft completely alone and safely (successfully!). This is a monumental task to achieve within sixteen days, otherwise taking months and tens of hours of training to achieve. The Walsh has the benefit of 24/7 exposure and learning, with twice daily briefings and a constant learning environment, enabling nearly all students to achieve their solo with around eight and a half hours of flying. The utmost safety standards are maintained, with personal safety key the entire school. The training syllabus starts with the assumption that the student can recognise a plane but nothing more, and takes them through from pre-flight inspections to stall recovery and emergency procedures, with the theory covering aviation law and radio telephony procedures as well as a broad technical understanding of the airframe and the mechanics of flight.

Support nationally from the aviation industry is staggering, with upwards of \$20,000 of prizes being awarded at a formal dinner on the final evening, with awards from organisations such as the Royal New Zealand Air Force, Air New Zealand (The National Airline), New Zealand Metrological Service and the Royal Aeronautical Society. New Zealand Aeronautical Trusts has also provided substantial financial assistance to the annual Walsh Memorial Flying School operated at Matamata, New Zealand each January by Scouts New Zealand through which over 1400 have gained their "wings" to solo standard. Warbird aircraft (vintage aircraft) are common visitors, with their owners visiting from all across the country simply to expose the students to what the industry is about. – SCOUTS New Zealand

Regional team visits Papua New Guinea

The Regional Scout Committee team visited Papua New Guinea (PNG) to discuss with key leaders on Scouting development in the country. The team, comprised of Regional Scout Committee members Paul Parkinson and Wendel E Avisado with Regional Director Abdullah Rasheed met the Governor General and Chief Scout Sir Michael Ogio at the Government House on 7th February.

The Chief Scout was keen on knowing more about PNG Scouting, its focus for the coming days and years. He clearly remembered his own Scouting days in camps and is convinced that Scouting is relevant today as it ever was. He said he will play a supporting role for Scouting.

The two-day discussions were joined by the Chairman of the local National Scout Council Mr. Daniel Linonge, Chief Commissioner Sere Kala, Deputy Chief Commissioner Michael Peason, and a number of key commissioners and Rover leaders.

PNG leaders presented the highlights of a 5-year master plan for property development and action plans for administration and management, membership growth, finance and budgeting, property, Youth Programme, leader training, and adult awards.

Paul Parkinson concluded the meeting saying that "overall, there appeared to be a high level of receptivity and acceptance of the action plan; which was formally presented to the final meeting of the Committee visit, and that a wider circle of involvement by a number of leaders, held accountable to each other as well, may auger well for positive outcomes overall, even though this may take the 1-2 years as established".

Philippine Scouting highlights Education for Life

This year's Annual National Council Meeting (ANCM) of Boy Scouts of the Philippines used the theme "Scouting Education for Life". Regional Director Abdullah Rasheed, who was invited as the guest speaker, took this opportunity to talk about the 1st World Scout Education Congress in November this year in Hong Kong. He explained the purpose of this congress, which is to re-position EDUCATION as the core business of Scouting and to raise awareness and assess the impact of the educational method of Scouting on future world and youth trends.

Being his last ANCM, Mr Rasheed thanked the members of Boy Scouts of the Philippines for their full cooperation and the supported extended to him in the last ten years. In those ten years, he visited projects and events in different provinces and local councils around the country.

BSP President Jejomar Binay presented a plaque of appreciation to Mr Rasheed to recognize his leadership and outstanding dedication to the Scout Movement, in particular his support to Boy Scouts of the Philippines, while serving as Regional Director.

Deadline for 2013 APR Scout Photo Contest extended

The deadline for submission of entries for the 11th APR Scout Photo Contest is extended up to 8th March 2013. Theme for this year is "Spirit of Scouting", and photos could either be print copies (8" x 10" or 203 x 245mm) or soft copies with a resolution of 300ppi. Thanks to NSOs who have endorsed the photo entries of their members, i.e. Bangladesh, Scouts of China, Hong Kong, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, and Philippines.

All entries should be endorsed by the National Scout Organization. Details of the contest could be downloaded at www.scout.org/asia-pacific, circular No. 1, series of 2013.

Young Adults selected as 2013 Summer Staff at Kandersteg International Scout Centre

For this year's summer staff programme at the Kandersteg International Scout Centre (KISC), the world centre of the World Organization of the Scout Movement, two young adults have been selected from the South Pacific to join the team of international volunteers: Mr Emosi Malo (Fiji) and Mr Livingston Nahi (Papua New Guinea).

Over the past five years, KISC and the Asia-Pacific Region have been collaborating to give opportunities to young adults to serve as short-term staff especially for those countries that have never been represented up to now. Since this collaboration, eleven countries have already been covered, namely Bhutan and Sri Lanka (2008), Mongolia (2009), Bangladesh and Pakistan (2010), Philippines and Maldives (2011), Cambodia and Nepal (2012), Fiji and Papua New Guinea (2013).

To know more about KISC, visit <http://www.kisc.ch>.

New Leadership in Pakistan

At the 67th Extra Ordinary National Council Meeting of Pakistan Boy Scouts Association (PBSA) held on 22nd February, Mr. Abdul Karim Baloch, Deputy Chief Commissioner, has been elected as Chief Commissioner of PBSA for a period of two years with effect from 22nd February 2013.

The National Council appointed Mr Muhammad Tariq Qureshi as Acting Secretary of PBSA who will look after the day to day affairs of the National Headquarters.

What's On-going

Regional Scout Committee Meeting

Who: Regional Scout Committee members and sub-committee chairmen

When: 23-24 March

Where: Jakarta, Indonesia

World Scout Committee Meeting

Who: World Scout Committee members
When: 23-24 March
Where: Jakarta, Indonesia

International Scout Peace Camp

Who: Rover Scouts aged 18 to 25 years old from Africa, Arab, Asia-Pacific, Eurasia, Europe, Inter-america
When: 25-31 March
Where: Cibubur Scout Camp, Jakarta, Indonesia

Course for Leader Trainers

Who: Assistant Leader Trainers
When: 29 March – 2 April
Where: Gilwell Park, Melbourne, Australia

What's Upcoming

49th Basic Management Course

Who: Professional Scout Executives and volunteers in executive positions at national and sub-national levels. Potential Professional Scouters may also be nominated to take part in the course.
When: 4 - 14 April 2013
Where: International Youth Centre (IYC) Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Course for Leader Trainers

Who: Chinese-speaking Assistant Leader Trainers
When: 2 - 7 April 2013
Where: Taiwan

Consultancy Visit

Who: Regional and national leaders
When: 20 - 25 April 2013
Where: Fiji

Suncheon Board Meeting

Who: Regional Scout Committee, Board members, national key leaders
When: 19 - 21 April 2013
Where: Korea

Be Prepared

30th Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Jamboree 2013

Who: Young people between 12-17 years old
When: 1 – 7 August 2013. Participants are requested to arrive 31 July and may leave 8 August 2013
Where: Kirara-hama, Yamaguchi City, Japan

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