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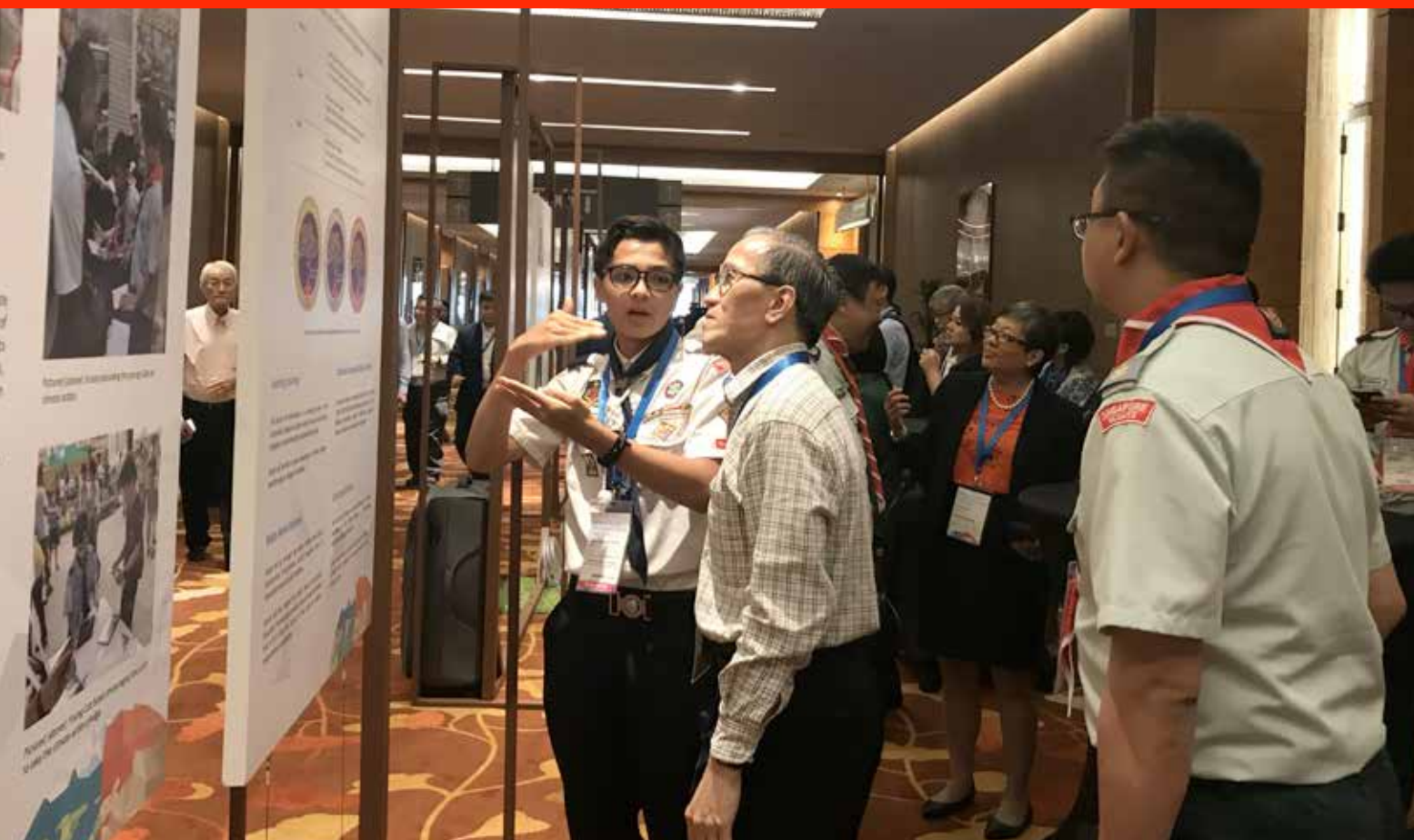
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# Singapore Scouts partner with environment ministry to develop climate action programme

In an interesting development for Scouting in the island-country of Singapore, The Singapore Scout Association (SSA) has recently inked a five-year partnership agreement with the Ministry of the Environment and Water Resources (MEWR) of the Republic of Singapore to develop and implement a Climate Action Programme and Climate Action Ambassador Badge from July 2018 to June 2023. The agree-

for the young people and have been recognised by the Ministry of the Environment and Water Resources as a valuable partner in spreading awareness about the environment. As MEWR declared 2018 as 'Climate Action Year' and will be setting similar environmental themes for the succeeding years, it became clear that SSA's youth programme can be used as a multiplier to propagate the value and the



ment was signed by SSA Vice President Prof. Lui Pao Chuen and MEWR Permanent Secretary Albert Chua.

The partnership aims to tap the potential of young people to contribute to climate action and provide them with adequate resources and support from the government to raise awareness about climate action. According to the Singapore Scout Association, they have been heavily involved in environment education

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"It is both the wishes of the MEWR and the SSA to continuously engage, educate, and inspire the young people in Singapore to care for our society, [to] be concerned of the environment, and [to] be motivated to take the lead for the betterment of our nation," said SSA in a statement provided to the World Scout Bureau Asia-Pacific Support Centre.



Albert Chua, Permanent Secretary of Singapore's Ministry of the Environment and Water Resources highlighted that MEWR's partnership with SSA will help them prepare Singapore and Singaporeans for a sustainable future.

One of the highlights of the partnership agreement is the development of a Climate Action Ambassador Badge which will be implemented over a five-year period.

When asked how the programme will attract active participation of the young people, the Singapore Scout Association assured that the pedagogy and the activities will be fun and exciting and will perfectly fit with the educational components

them to take climate actions through ground-up initiatives, projects and outreach activities. Upon completion of the required activities, the Scouts will achieve the climate action ambassador badges, along with other ancillary requirements.

The climate action ambassador badge will be linked to promote environment education in Scouting thru the Better World Framework of the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM). The choice of activities within the badge work will include certain requirements for the World Scout Environment Badge under the World Scout Environment Programme. Other badge work will also meet pertinent requirements of SSA's existing environment-related



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“To be engaging and challenging for our young people, a “Climate Action” Ambassador Badge work has been launched. Scouts can achieve the tiered badges according to the different activities that they participate in and subsequently share their learning and reflections with the people around them,” it stressed.

The climate action programme, when finalised, is expected to raise awareness among Singapore Scouts about climate change and will encourage

learning journeys and the Scout-led or Scout-initiated projects. With this approach, a Scout who completes the requirements for the climate action ambassador badge will also be able to complete and/or fulfilling the requirements of other related Scout badges.

The climate action programme design is expected to be completed by the end of 2018 and will be rolled out by the first quarter of 2019.

*(With reports from Valerie Lim and Dorothy Teo of the National Headquarters of the Singapore Scout Association.)*

# Rover Scouts from Singapore sail 125 nautical miles to celebrate Rover centenary

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*Emmanuel Phua*

*Rover Scout of Southern Waves Sea Scout Group (Open)*



Five Rover Scouts from Singapore Scout Association sailed for over four days and three nights for one mission – to commemorate the centenary of Rover Scouting. They sailed from the 9th until the 12th of August 2018.

Calling their team, #R100SE, short for Rovers 100 Sailing Expedition, they bravely sailed the high seas along Johor Strait between the borders of Singapore and Malaysia.

"A good way to commemorate the Rovers' Centenary would be to do something big and meaningful. It would be a pity to miss this opportunity as it is not always that you get the opportunity to celebrate the 100 Years of Rover Scouting," said Emmanuel Phua, a Rover Scout of the Southern Waves Sea Scout Group (Open).

When asked why he chose to organise a sea expedition, he said he wanted to let his fellow Scouts do something they don't usually do.



"I felt that a land expedition would be too common, and thus, I decided to organise a sea expedition," he happily shared.

The #R100SE was composed of five brave souls – Emmanuel Phua, an officer of the Singapore Navy; Hazel Ong, a former police officer; Manfred Lim, Tay Hwee Tang and Puisuen Man.

Although sailing is not a common sport to many, nor a part of the any routine programme for Scouting in Singapore, it did not stop the group to look for partners to realise their goal and to try something big and exciting. They were able to get the support of Andrew Chua of Focus Adventure / SeaOps.

The group's goal was to commemorate the centenary of Rover Scouting by sailing for at least 100 nautical miles (185km). In order to accomplish their goal, sailing training was necessary. Equipped with only their training as Scouts and their determination to achieve their goal, we moved mountains to understand sailing theories and, more importantly, the try first-hand, the practical aspect. On average, each of them went for sailing training on three consecutive Saturdays. They worked unceasingly to learn the skill.

In the course of the expedition, they took turns to navigate the ship to the next waypoint and to give orders to trim the sails. However, the journey was not that easy. According to the group, "the toughest part of the expedition were the instances where [they] had to sail downwind. This meant that the wind is coming from [our] stern while [we] are sailing up."

"Despite the challenges, there were better moments when our ship picked up speed. It even heeled at about 30° and fiercely crashed through the waves," said another member of the group, Hazel Ong.

Apart from the experience, another highlight of the expedition was the magnificent view. "The major highlight of the trip was when we got to eat breakfast on the deck while the sun rises against the Barelang bridge," Manfred Lim gleefully shared.

The sailing expedition of the Southern Waves Sea Scout Group (Open) was one of the unique activities conducted in commemoration of the centenary of Rover Scouting.

*(With reports from Emmanuel Phua of the Southern Waves Sea Scout Group (Open) of the Singapore Scout Association)*

# Afghan Scouts rally its members to implement Scouts Go Solar



In an effort to scale up its green initiatives, ANSA is implementing the Scouts Go Solar in all its activities in order to raise awareness among the Scouts about the benefits of using renewable sources of energy and the adverse effects of environmental degradation and climate change.

The Afghanistan National Scout Association, in partnership with the Ministry of Education of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan is rallying its members to scale up its green initiatives and to implement Scouts Go Solar in all its activities in order to raise awareness among the Scouts about the benefits of using renewable sources of energy and the adverse effects of environmental degradation and climate change.

To reach this goal, the very first Scouts Go Solar Workshop for Scout Leaders was conducted in Kabul on 26-29 July 2018, which was subsequently followed by the very first Scouts Go Solar Camporee on 31 July to 4 August 2018.

During the workshop for Scout Leaders, about fifty underwent a rigid technical training about Scouts Go Solar, highlighting the use of solar energy. Resource persons and technical experts were invited to talk about renewable sources of energy and environmental protection. Local solar ambassadors took time and effort to explain and to teach the Scout Leaders about Scouts Go Solar as part of the ancillary components of the World Scout Environment Programme (WSEP).

In the four-day training, Scout Leaders experienced the various solar activities first hand – soldering solar lamps, solar arts and sun dials, building Copenhagen solar cookers, among others. These activities are the very same activities that will be implemented and will be taught to the Scouts.

Just a day after the conclusion of the workshop, more than 100 Scouts from different parts of Kabul and other nearby provinces camped for five days for Scouts Go Solar Camporee. All activities focused on the Scouts Go Solar programme where the newly minted local solar ambassadors who underwent the training few days prior spearheaded the activities for the Scouts with minimal supervision.

The Scouts Go Solar activities in Afghanistan were realised under the initiatives of Mohammad Tamim Hamkar, Director of the PARSA Afghan Scouts Programme. The activities were done in partnership with the Pakistan Boy Scouts Association.

*(With reports from Mohammad Tamim Hamkar of the Afghanistan National Scout Association)*



# CJK Scouts visit a rural community in Taiwan

Thirty-three Scouts and six Scout Leaders and Rovers from Taiwan, Korea and Japan gathered at the Gongguan community in Tainan, Taiwan for the 6th CJK Venture Co-operative Project last 1-7 August 2018.

Launched in 2012, the partnership project aims to provide opportunities for Scouts from the Scouts of China, the Korea Scout Association and the Scout Association of Japan to work on community development projects in an international environment, while fostering solidarity and international understanding. The services under this partnership project ranges from primary health care to nature conservation.

Every year, a partner-NSO hosts the Scouts from the three countries and bring them to a local community where the community development projects will take place.

For 2018, the Scouts stayed at a community development centre in Gongguan. They volunteered in different community work and interacted with the residents. There were also cultural exchanges and a sharing of each of their country's history.

The seventh instalment of the project will be hosted by the Korea Scout Association in 2019.

*(With reports from Lai, De-Yu (Teresa) of the Scouts of China)*



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# Scout Leaders gather in Bhutan for environment education workshop

The Asia-Pacific Region of the World Organization of the Scout Movement, in partnership with the Bhutan Scouts Association has successfully conducted the APR Workshop on Environmental Education in Scouting at Thimpu on 21 to 25 August 2018 gathering 43 key Scout Leaders from different National Scout Organizations.

The workshop was participated by 24 local key leaders from the different districts of Bhutan, including 19 foreign participants from ten National Scout Organizations. Participating NSOs include Australia, Bangladesh, Hong Kong, India, Malaysia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Philippines.

Participants took a keen interest at looking at how the World Scout Environment Programme can be effectively implemented at national level towards the attainment of the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals.

The event was fully supported by Bhutan's education ministry as evidenced by the presence of its Permanent Secretary, the Honourable Karma Yeshey, along with all director generals of its different offices and bureaus. It was also partly funded by the Bhutan Trust Fund for Environmental Conversation.

J. Rizal C. Pangilinan lauded Bhutan Scout Association for fully involving its education ministry and external partners. "When a Scout Association is fully supported by the government, the community and other stakeholders, there will always be sustainability, and its impact will not only radiate throughout the country, but it will definitely inspire more people to join the cause of Scouting," he said during the opening ceremony.

Environment education, the primary focus of the workshop, is one of the fields of action of the Better World Framework, highlighted under the World Scout Environment Programme. The participants fully engaged in shared discussions, laying down their workshop expectations and insights in environment education, and at the same time, sharing the best practices of their National Scout Organizations.

Promising activities in the implementation of the World Scout Environment Programme in different countries were also shared in order to be replicated in other countries.

*(With reports from Syd Castillo and Abigail Ruth Sales of the World Scout Bureau Asia-Pacific Support Centre)*

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Regional Director  
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# APR Scout Foundation opens new opportunities for young people



Coinciding with the celebration of the International Youth Day and the Centenary of Rover Scouting, the APR Scout Foundation launched its youth membership category at The Plaza Restaurant in Macau on Sunday, August 12.

The APR Scout Foundation Management Committee currently chaired by Dr. Chao Shou-Po, former chairman of the APR Scout Committee, spearheaded the launch of the 'youth membership' category of the foundation.

"We are extending a new opportunity for young people who wish to contribute to the foundation, those who would want to actively support the Scout Movement by way of donating minimal amounts. With this membership, they will have a deeper understanding of fundraising. More importantly, we are empowering them to actively contribute to the growth of Scouting in the Asia-Pacific and supports its programs and thrusts," said Chao.

Hosted by The Scout Association of Macau, the event was attended by more than 50 Scouts and Scout Leaders from Hong Kong, Macau, Taiwan, and Thailand. The World Scout Committee was represented by one of its Youth Advisors, Mr. Mori Cheng. Members of the APR Scout Foundation Management Committee were also present, along with key officials from World Scout Bureau's Asia-Pacific Support Centre.

During the launch, the first 25 applicants for membership of the APR Scout Foundation under the new-fangled youth membership category were recognised - 20 youth members from The Scout Association of Macau and five youth members from The Scout Association of

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Hong Kong. In addition to this, three new adult members from Macau were also recognised, while two adult members from the National Scout Organization of Thailand upgraded their membership status.

Application for the youth membership category was opened as early as 12 July 2018. To date, a total of 45 young people have already registered as youth members of the APR Scout Foundation, most of which are from Hong Kong, Macau, Myanmar and India.

*(With reports from S. Prassanna Shrivastava and Leonisa L. Capinlac of the World Scout Bureau Asia-Pacific Support Centre.)*

# Scouts Australia highlights importance of youth involvement in decision-making



“It was fantastic to see, hear, and feel a dynamic group of young and old Scouts come together for an intergenerational dialogue [on youth involvement].”

*Workshop director Steve Tyas*

Scouts Australia successfully hosted the Asia-Pacific Regional Workshop on Youth Involvement inspiring the participants to engage more young people in decision-making at national, local and institutional levels.

The workshop was held during the weekend of the 7th until the 10th of July at Pax Hill Activity Centre in Victoria, Australia. It brought together key stakeholders from over 19 National Scout Organizations (NSO).

“It was fantastic to see, hear, and feel a dynamic group of young and old Scouts come together for an intergenerational dialogue [on youth involvement],” said workshop director Steve Tyas.

The recent experience of Scouts Australia during its programme review contributed additional value to the workshop, he added further. “In our review, we have reinforced World Scouting’s fundamental concept of empowering young people to become responsible citizens of their local, national and international communities. Our own experiences have shown that by involving young people, we are consistently achieving higher quality outcomes that meet the expectations of young people today, while remaining adaptable to the young people of tomorrow.”

“This is the “youngest” workshop that we had in the Asia-Pacific Region, having a really young pool of participants with 31 years old at the average,” said Syd Castillo, APR’s director for youth programme.

Lisa Kim, one of the young participants from South Korea said, “I was really inspired to see it happening

in [Australia], in our region. This allowed me to [better] understand how Scout groups in Australia encourage young people to get involved.”

During the weekend, participants were able to gain a strong sense of appreciation of the World Scout Youth Involvement Policy through interactive and informative sessions designed to unpack the policy, experience it in action, and put in place strategies of greater involvement of the young people in decision-making. A significant amount of the participant’s discussion provided attendees with the time and confidence to formulate an action plan that meets the needs of their own NSOs.

A highlight of the event was the opportunity to see youth involvement in action with Australian Scout patrols from Carlton Scout Group which provided guided tours to the participants around the city of Melbourne. The Scouts, aged from 10 to 14, used their planning, team work, and intergenerational dialogue skills to show visitors the exciting locations of the capital city. The tour demonstrated the patrol system in action, with the experience providing an example of the Scout method and youth involvement in action.

Participants embraced the typically cold and damp southern Australia winter to collaborate, formulate and network strategies and tools to further the involvement of young people in Scouting. It was also participated by key regional and world officials including APR Scout Committee Chairperson Paul Parkinson, APR Regional Director J. Rizal C. Pangilinan, and World Scout Committee member Peter Blatch and WSC Youth Advisor Mori Cheng.

*(With reports from Steve Tyas and Luke McIvor of Scouts Australia)*



# Bangladesh Scouts rallies its members to have greater involvement in nation building



The Bangladesh Scouts is rallying Scouts and Scout Leaders to contribute to nation building, by becoming more involved in various Scouting activities and community development projects and services.

Speaking during the Agreement Signing Ceremony for National Commissioners at the Shams Hall of the National Headquarters of the Bangladesh Scouts, Dr. Md. Mozammel Haque Khan reiterated that there is a lot of potential for greater involvement from the young people if only properly guided by the adults.

"We have a big potential for the Scout Movement in Bangladesh. We have more than a million young people who will help us undertake an unprecedented work in nation building. They are doing a lot of meaningful projects for the community, and I know that we can still do more," he stressed further.

According to the latest census of the World Organization of the Scout Movement (Census 2015), Bangladesh Scouts stands as the fourth largest National Scout Organization in the Asia-Pacific Region.

Just for the month of June, they've conducted several trainings and held simultaneous activities across the country.

## **Traffic assistance programme**

Throughout the celebration of the Eid (the Muslim religious festival) from 11 to 19 June 2018, the Kulaura Open Scout Group initiated the traffic assistance programme, extending help and support to the police and traffic officials in manning and facilitating the flow of traffic in main thoroughfares.

Thru the programme, Rover Scouts were also deployed to help children, women and the elderly cross the busy roads, and provide directions to tourists and locals alike. An emergency assistance centre was also put up that served as the first aid station.

## **Tree Planting Activity**

In celebration of the 100 Years of Rover Scouting, a simultaneous tree planting activity was conducted in 64 Scout districts all over Bangladesh on 29 June.

The activity required all participating districts to plant at least 100 seedlings in a location of their preference. The seedlings included fruits bearing trees, medicinal and woody plants.

## **News and Programme Presentation Course**

A three-day News and Programme Presentation Course for Rover Scouts was also organised from 28 to 30 June.

The course sought to equip the participants with the technical knowledge on news writing, storytelling and broadcasting. It was participated by 32 Rover Scouts from several Scout districts.

The resource persons included television news and programme presenters, journalists and other writers.

It was the fourth time that the course was conducted.

*(With reports from Sarwar Mohammad Shahriar, National Public Relations Commissioner of the Bangladesh Scouts)*

# Photo contest highlights Rover Centenary, winners named

The Asia-Pacific Region of the World Organization of the Scout Movement announced the winners of its 16th Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Photo Contest. This year's contest highlights the centenary of Rover Scouting with the theme "Rover Scouting, A Pursuit for Life".

Edwin Lam Zhen De (Malaysia) bagged the gold prize for this year's photo contest.

Haerudin Nomi (Indonesia) and Chen Po Hung (Taiwan) shared the spot for the silver prize. Meanwhile, the bronze prize was awarded to Sarwar Mohammad Shahriar (Bangladesh), Raminesh Jattan (Fiji) and Amar B. Chettri (India).

"This contest is not just about capturing priceless moments or getting good photos. More importantly, this photo contest is our way of highlighting our Scouts

and giving life to Scout stories across the Asia. Through these photos, we are telling and showing the world about the work that we do, the work that Scouting has been doing and continues to do to create positive change," said J. Rizal C. Pangilinan, Regional Director of the Asia-Pacific Region.

This year's instalment of the photo contest is the biggest of its kind since it was first conducted in 2003. The secretariat received a record-breaking 160 entries from 14 National Scout Organizations.

The winners were adjudged by volunteers and professional photographers in Japan headed by Mr. Takeyoshi Tanuma, Director of the Japan Professional Photographers Society.

The winning entries will be used in all major regional publications, both online and in print.

Edwin Lam Zhen De (Malaysia)



Chen Po Hung (Taiwan)



Haerudin Nomi (Indonesia)



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# 24th World Scout Jamboree

22 JULY-  
2 AUGUST 2019  
WEST VIRGINIA,  
USA

The 24th World Scout Jamboree will bring together Scouts from around the globe to experience new adventures, cultures, and friendships.

## THEME

The theme for the 24th World Scout Jamboree is **Unlock a New World** and was developed by the youth bid team, also known as the Dream Team. This theme speaks to the new adventures, cultures, and friendships that will be shared by Scouts from around the world during the 12-day event in North America, a continent often referenced as a "New World."



## VENUE

The Summit Bechtel Reserve is a world class and sustainable Jamboree site and will host the 24th World Scout Jamboree. The Summit Bechtel Reserve is located in West Virginia, USA, and is comprised of more than 14,000 acres (5,667 ha) of beautiful forested mountains adjacent to more than 70,000 acres (28,328 ha) of national park in the scenic New River Gorge area of West Virginia.



## WEATHER

The month of July is characterized by warm weather, with daily high temperatures around 79 degrees F/ 26.1 degrees C and daily low temperatures around 62 degrees F/ 16.6 degrees C, and moderate to high humidity. The site typically experiences partly cloudy conditions during the month with the possibility of thunderstorms and rain showers.



# 2019 *events*

## JANUARY

### Orientation and Induction of Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Committees

25-28 January  
Bangkok, Thailand



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### 3rd International Peace Camp

6-14 January  
Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

### Founder's Day

22 February  
Worldwide

## APRIL

### Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Committee Meeting

### World Scout Committee Meeting

## MAY

### APR Training for WOSM Consultants

1-5 May

### APR Scout Foundation Dinner

26 May  
Kagoshima, Japan

## JULY

### 24th World Scout Jamboree

22 July - 2 August  
Virginia, USA

## AUGUST

### International Scarf Day

1 August

### International Youth Day

12 August

## SEPTEMBER

### International Day of Peace

21 September, worldwide

### World Scout Committee Meeting

27-29 September  
Egypt

## OCTOBER

### JOTA/JOTI

### Regional Scout Committee Meeting

## NOVEMBER

### World Children's Day

## DECEMBER

### International Volunteer's Day

5 December

### 3rd World Scout Education Congress

7-10 December  
Brazil

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