



World Scout Foundation

Annual Report 2010

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When world leaders finally sit down
to show mankind that peace *is* possible ...
those world leaders will first have met as
Scouts at a World Jamboree.

Bob Mazzuca
Chief Scout Executive
Boy Scouts of America

“An investment worth making!”



In August 2011, over thirty thousand Scouts from 161 countries will meet at the World Jamboree in Sweden. Our Annual Report this year examines the role of these camps in the modern era.

Many Scouting activities have a profound influence on people in their formative years. Yet one of the most significant of these must be when a Scout leaves the certainty of his or her community for the first time and is confronted, in an unfamiliar place - a small inter-group camp, or a big world jamboree - by strangers with different ethos, values, principles, languages and beliefs.

The international Scout experience is not, as some may imagine, a random youth tourist outing. It is a well-planned and well organized dialogue between cultures, facilitated by skilled, trained, leaders. Maybe for the first time, a Scout discovers that their small local group is one of a million such groups in a vast global network. His small community service, added together with the others he discovers, truly change the world. His fellow Scouts, may be from different corners of the world, are actually “Just like me”. It all makes sense now!

The common message from all the personal stories we have chosen for

these pages seems clear: although they span many decades, these experiences open the minds of the Scouts involved, breaking down barriers of fear, prejudice and mistrust. They affect not only the Scouts involved, but go on to touch many others they meet, afterwards.

The spirit that these Scouts walk away with cannot be bought, but, by investing in Scouting, you have helped to provide more young people with this kind of life-changing experience. You have helped to open young minds, and inspired countless “Messengers of Peace”. Now that’s an investment of which you can be proud! Thank you!

Mike Bosman, Chairman, World Scout Foundation

Disappearing boundaries



You cannot help but be moved, impressed and inspired by the opening ceremony at a World Jamboree. Spectators watch as Scouts and Scouters from every corner of our world, each dressed in a uniform of his/her country, proudly assemble in the main arena, all anxious to begin the “Mondial”. French red, Swedish blue, American khaki, Scout by Scout and nation by nation, the central arena transforms into a color-coded directory of international scope. World Jamborees officially begin with the opening ceremonies and conclude with closing ceremonies. At the opening of the jamboree, everything is delineated and compartmentalized. Every participant has a place; each country occupies an assigned spot; every nation stands in a specific location. All participants

are in uniform and identifiable by those uniforms. From Albania to Zimbabwe, in the arena unfolds a patchwork of national hues and tints, and a cross-stitching of cultures and countries.

Over the next ten days borders disappear. Boundaries, keeping people from people, and nation from nation, dissolve. Historic, time-entrenched animosities dissipate. Sub-camps cease being campsites and turn into world sites. Children meet other children, smiles greet smiles and fingers lock together, not to make fists but to make friends through a handshake. Uniforms are swapped. A Dutch girl Scout proudly wears an American “Class A” shirt, a Japanese Scout sports a kilt, a Ugandan Scout shows off the Brazilian jacket he exchanged for a gazelle horn and

a water buffalo slide. Uniforms no longer match a Scout to a country. At the closing ceremony, a mystical change has occurred. Countries still occupy assigned spots and stand in designated locations. But, the patchwork quilt has gone, dissolved in a sea of confetti not American Scouts or Canadian Scouts; not Israeli Scouts nor Jordanian Scouts, it is impossible to tell who is from where. Some are smiling, some crying but most are sad that the end has come, though each and every one has been uplifted, touched and changed by the power and the promise of those ten days. Even so, they remain Scouts; just young people, but now no longer islands. Perhaps here lies the secret and mystery, the hope and the challenge of a Jamboree. For a moment there are no boundaries and the world truly is united.

Rabbi Peter Hyman is a life-long member of the Boy Scouts of America and is Past-Chairman of the BSA’s Jewish Committee on Scouting.



We are all just Scouts!



Over 14,000 Scouts and their leaders spilled out of every available camping space at the Mount Makiling Scout Camp in the Philippines for the 26th Asia Pacific Jamboree. It was January, the weather was perfect for camping and the Scouts from the 25 countries didn't mind that the site was actually designed for a fraction of those numbers. They queued up for meals, they queued up for programmes ... but rather than grumbling, they used their time in line to meet Scouts from other countries and even other regions. Street kids from the inner-city of Manila mixed with Scouts from the leafy suburbs of Australia and the USA. Japanese Scouts traded their local dances with peers from Melaka in Indonesia - and that was only in one sub camp!

One of the adult leaders who appeared from time to time in the camp showed a special interest in the interaction between the different groups. To the Scouts, he appeared as "just another leader" - he talked casually with Scouts from different countries and he made sure they were comfortable. And then he'd disappear from the site.

Antonio, one of the street Scouts noticed Binay, the new leader as he moved through his sub camp. His own troop leaders seemed to trust Binay and listened carefully when he spoke. "But he listened more to the Scouts than other leaders he met. He asked us lots of questions. He wanted our opinions - about lots of things ... Imagine my surprise when I found out who Binay really is ... you'll never believe it ... He's

the Mayor of Makati of our very own Manila here in the Philippines!"

This man who passed himself off as a humble Scout leader - with no airs and graces - just his simple Scout uniform ... holds one of the most respected positions in the country. He also serves as President of the Boy Scouts of the Philippines and Chairman of the Asia-Pacific Region Committee. Ask a busy man to help in Scouting and they always say "yes!"

Imagine how Binay's presence altered dreams and inspired Antonio and his troop. And wonder how many embryonic, future leaders were born at Makiling because, in his uniform, Binay was a Scout, just like them!

For Binay, being involved in the Jamboree was both natural and a top priority ... and it gave him a chance to meet and hear the opinions of some of the most important citizens of the Philippines - the young people!

Incidentally, shortly after the Jamboree, Binay was elected Vice President of the Philippines!



Don't forget they're Scouts



Sometimes, things aren't quite what they seem ...

At the BSA Jamboree in July, a troop of 40 Scouts from Saudi Arabia unloaded their gear from the vans, were divided into four patrols, and made their way to the assigned camp sites. Each patrol separated from the others.

The Scouts - many of whom had only basic English - sat around in their tents on arrival, and to their American hosts, it seemed they might not budge. Faced with the prospect of a sullen and reticent ten days like this, US host leaders left the site. They made their way to the BSA's international team headquarters to see if they had any tricks that might prise these "shy"

Scouts away from the safety of home-base and get them to interact more with their peers from the USA and elsewhere.

Roger, Dan and Kent listened to the host team and worked through the programme of the camp, looking for opportunities to motivate their visitors ...

Together, the six leaders strolled back to the site. The sun had set and Roger had offered to buy pizza for everyone to celebrate their arrival. Approaching the camp, Joe, one of the host leaders, set off running - "Oh Dear, what are we going to do - they've all gone! Maybe they have left the site and tried to go home! What will their parents think?"

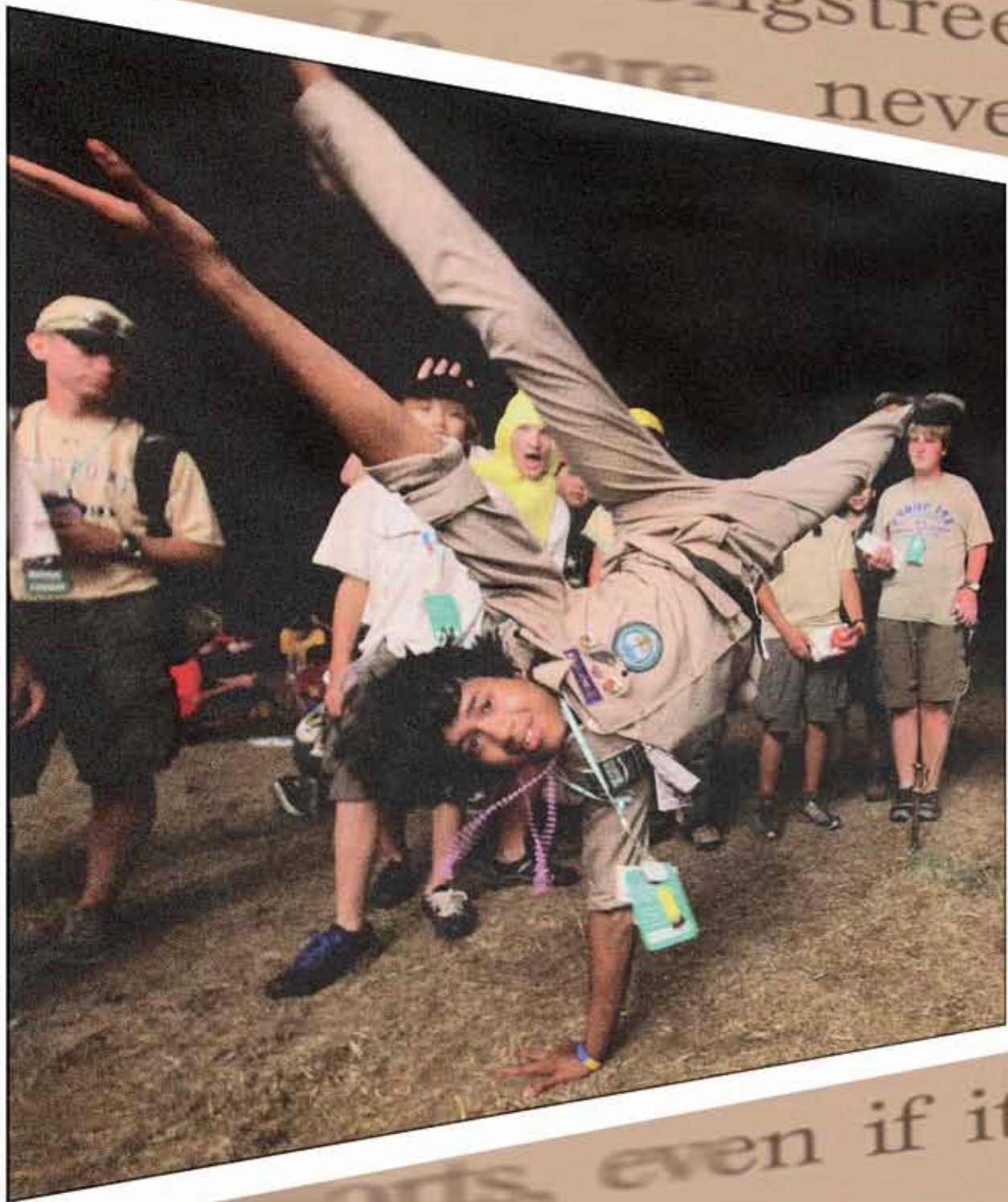
Musa, one of the Saudi leaders, arrived on site, and quickly noticed that, of course, they hadn't left! All their kit had been neatly unpacked and laid out in their tents ... but where were the boys?

Kent, who had walked on towards what seemed like a photo shoot - such was the number of camera flashes going off - called the others ... "Over here, guys - look!"

To their delight, here was a circle of American, Mexican and Saudi Scouts - with Abdulrahman from Mecca dancing on his hands ...

"I don't think Pizza will be needed", said Musa, "I think the boys will fit in pretty well without it! They're Scouts after all ... we just forgot that!"

Abdullah Al Fahad, CEO of Saudi Scouting, has worked closely with the Leaders of the Boy Scouts of America, to bring their Scouts together to build mutual understanding; the results have been *outstanding*!



Thomas' story



Scout exchanges can be big or small. Thomas from France explains ...

"Are different languages and different cultures really a barrier?

We had done all the planning. We had raised the funds for the exchange. We had traded ideas about this weekend for months, by email and Facebook. But now, it was really happening. My group of Scouts, from a small town in France, was about to spend five days with a Scout troop from a similar town in Ireland. Would language be a barrier? Are we too "French" ... or will they be too "Irish"?

We met them at Geneva airport and set off by train for the Kandersteg Scout Centre. It was too late for

worries or fears. The adventure had begun! But things were a little quiet. One or two of us in each group exchanged polite words in the other language ...

And then we arrived at Kandersteg! We were thrown together in a high adventure, action-packed programme making snow caves, practising avalanche rescue, sledding down the mountain ... then working through mixed team challenges set by the Scout Centre staff ... there was hardly time to think about barriers - it was like we had known each other for years! We communicated (because we really HAD to) with words, signs, gestures - hands, legs - you name it - it worked!

And we knew we really *had* made it when the KISC Director gave us all *the same colour scarf* - so now we all looked the same!

The train journey home was nothing like the journey there. We sang and joked - luckily our carriage was empty apart from ourselves! We were neither Irish nor French - just a blur of Scouts, singing each other's songs, wearing each other's uniforms and laughing at each other's jokes. Now, six months on, our bonds are still as strong.

We can solve the problems of the world - just give us the chance - we have discovered how to be Messengers of Peace!"

Thomas, a budding film-maker, is a 16 year old Scout from Ferney in France. He has made a number of videos of the experience - you can see one on www.youtube.com/user/worldscoutfoundation





Pizza peacemakers!



"Pizzas may not have been necessary for our Saudi friends (page 8) - but they sure worked wonders in our 2005 jamboree." Scott Teare takes up the story ...

"Ladislav, a fifteen year old Scout from the town of Perm in Siberia, arrived with his group of eight to the Jamboree. Although they had arrived straight from the transatlantic flight, they wasted no time to get out and explore the site. They had never seen anything so big - the BSA Jamboree, with 40,000 participants had twice as many Scouts as there are in the whole of Russia!

Returning to the international headquarters, it was clear that, despite their obvious excitement,

the group were a little weary and, as they hadn't eaten in a while, Scott invited the whole group to the nearest pizza parlour.

When they arrived they found the place packed! Worse still, there was a long queue of people waiting for tables. Chatting in the line, those families that had arrived before them heard the Russian accents and got talking to Scott. The Russian Scouts were immediately ushered to the top of the queue and the people in the queue called the manager and insisted that the Russian visitors be seated immediately. The Russian Scouts were amazed! Ladislav asked Scott: "Why did those people give up their place in the line?" Scott just smiled.

Back at the site, Ladislav came to Scott to say thank-you, and added: "I have a problem Mister Scott. When I go home I have to find a way to say something serious to my grandmother. Before I left, she told me to be careful of you Americans, because you are all evil. Tonight, I discovered that you are actually very kind. I have to find a way to tell my grandmother she was wrong!"

Again, Scott smiled "Just make sure you say it in a polite and nice way. I think she'll understand." ("I love this job" thought Scott).

Scott Teare, Director, International Division, Boy Scouts of America



A wider angle



During the World Rover Moot, in Nairobi, this year eighteen Scouts were selected for a unique experience.

Eight international Scouts were to spend a couple of days with ten of their peers from a group of street Scouts in Drgroretti, a shanty village, about twenty kilometres away from the camp.

As a photographer, it was interesting to observe each group over the two days - each confident in their own setting - the international Scouts, comfortable on the Jamboree site, seasoned travellers at ease with their peers from other countries; and the Drgroretti guys, who are “kings of the streets” in the slum areas of Nairobi ... But, when it came to passing outside of their own comfort zones, what would happen?

On the way to the camp, despite their poverty, the street Scouts scraped together just enough money to buy some snacks and drinks to share with new (and wealthier friends). “It’s what we do, they are guests in our country”.

Driving through the camp gates, the faces of the Drgroretti Scouts were a sight to see - so many people; so many foreigners; so much colour; so much activity; just so much of *everything* and, inside each street Scout, so much trepidation!

While, for their hosts, watching the bus grind into view, there was so much uncertainty. Then, the bus stopped, the dust settled, the door opened and two worlds just collided in a spontaneous ocean of grins. During the afternoon, the two groups fused into one.

That night, the eighteen caught

the bus to Drgroretti. This time, it was the Scouts from the Moot who were overawed, not just by the appalling deprivation but by how their counterparts, with the help of the Kenyan Scouts, had risen above the squalor. They sat and listened, in admiration and respect, to the stories about their struggle for life. They danced to local music and ate a hearty local feast prepared by the Drgroretti hosts.

Next day, “Goodbye” came as a huge, unwanted, wrench. They had to be prised apart. Yet, as they separated, there was no longer any barrier between them; no stereotypes, just young Scouts with aspirations and dreams. The impact of each group on the other was so profound that there are eighteen more Messengers of Peace, and another part of the world has been changed.

Yoshi Shimizu has worked for 10 years on different field assignments for the Foundation but, in his visit to the World Scout Moot - a camp for older teenagers in Nairobi - he witnessed, for himself, how boundaries dissolve.



Building bridges



The Scouting Bridges Program is planned as a reciprocal event between the BSA and Ugandan Scouts. Twelve Scouts from Atlanta's 370 Troop recently spent an inspirational eight days under canvas in a sea of Scouts in Lukojjo, Uganda. Settling-in was facilitated by a common interest in Scouting, unstinting helpfulness and the generosity of spirit and openness by the hosts. The visitors were soon being, respectfully, called "Muzungu", a Swahili word meaning "Foreigner". Even so they were fully integrated in all the Scouting activities, including learning indigenous songs and dances.

A memorable highlight was a joint, day long, project to build a latrine for Masani, a seventy year old woman, and her family which entailed, design, site selection, preparation and construction all done under the scrutiny of an enthralled crowd. Masani watched as they purposefully toiled away beneath an equatorial sun and her ancient heart, touched by these messengers of peace, sensed a blurring of borders between countries, continents and people. Masani never ever dreamt that in her life that she would ever enjoy such a luxury and only made possible by the thoughtfulness and ingenuity of an homogenous group of Scouts.

Inevitably, as is the Scout way, everlasting friendships were created during the exchange but, perhaps the most poignant incident unfolded, on the final day. Whilst 370 Troop were walking, with their Ugandan colleagues, through, a village followed by an inevitable throng of bare footed rascalion kids who were laughing, playing, pointing, darting and shouting "Muzungu, Muzungu". After a while, in a rare period of silence, the Ugandan Scout leader turned to his American counterpart and said, "They are wrong, you are not muzungus you are part of us and just the same as us!" And, another barrier had just come tumbling down!





This morning we were being bundled together to have our photo taken at flag-break. It did not matter where we came from. We just got rounded up on the terrace at Kandersteg, all standing, sat ... saluting, turning up in any order, so that we fitted in the lens. The photographer blurted out "Cheese" in the time honoured way to make us smile but really it was a cheeky comment in response from our group which made us laugh!



Extract from Scoutmaster David's diary, dated August 8th, 1955 while he was visiting KISC.

Fifty year's later ...



Fifty years after he wrote that note in his diary, I met David who returned with his wife to Kandersteg, to stand in the same spot, frozen in time as it has been in his photograph, and share with her that life-changing experience back in 1955.

His joins the photographs and life-changing memories of more than a million other Scouts who likewise stood on that terrace, in front of a clicking camera, since the KISC opened in 1923. It is not just those who come who are infected. The impact of having been here and the realization that there is no barrier between people, between religions, between cultures is so powerful, so life-long, that David, and the others,

share their amazing stories with their friends on the return home.

"It is really special to come to Kandersteg with David", says Irene, David's wife "Because, now that I have seen all the Scouts, from so many countries mixing seamlessly and facing challenges together in this serenely beautiful place, I can understand why it has had such an enduring impact on him."

Eighty-eight years on, and Baden-Powell's dream - of a "permanent mini jamboree" endures, stronger than ever. Through his foresight, the Kandersteg International Scout Centre (KISC) has become, not only a haven for adventure, self-development and fun, but

also a cauldron into which alien, self-conscious, strangers, young men and women, arrive from all over the world. Mixed together and challenged by an innovative programme and an inspired and inspiring team of mainly volunteer staff, they emerge as better Scouts, better people, bereft of borders, with poise and assurance and with everlasting, trans-national relationships.

So, David, and all those million other faces on that terrace in numerous grainy photos over the years - and all their friends and family back home - have become "Messengers of Peace."

Thijs Stoffer is an active international Scout volunteer who serves as Chairman of the Kandersteg International Scout Centre Committee (KISC).

Conspiring ... to declare peace



Some years ago I was given the wonderful opportunity - to attend the World Jamboree in Australia. What a powerful and emotional experience. It opened my eyes to a whole new realm of Scouting that I never knew existed.

I watched as thousands of Scouts from every corner of the globe came together to demonstrate to the world that they could get along. Century-old distrusts simply evaporated into the dry air as bus after bus of Scouts poured into the campground. Tents were set up, gateways erected and the busy life of a city began to unfold before my very eyes. Scouts were helping Scouts without regard to the differences of uniform,

culture or even language. They were Scouts. This is what they do.

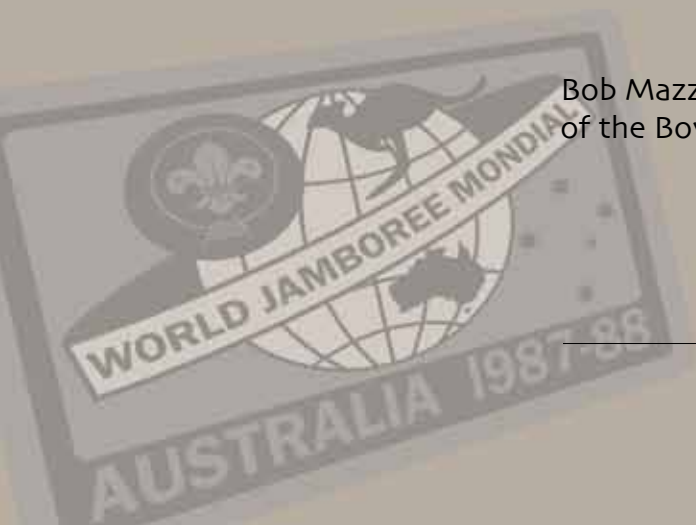
As the heat of the day began to dissipate, shadows grew longer, the bottoms of the clouds began to turn pink and the dust began to settle, neighbours met neighbours and I became fully aware that there was no place on earth that I would rather be than right there at that very moment in time. Kids were going to be kids and show the world how we can all get along. The Scouts around me were conspiring to declare peace.

This experience was uplifting. I had a whole new outlook on Scouting ... on World Scouting. The

Australian World Jamboree is fully and completely responsible for the support I give world Scouting today. The feeling of brotherhood and compassion I experienced in those days have inspired my work every day since then.

For those that have seen what I saw, know in their heart of hearts, that when world leaders finally sit down to show mankind that peace is possible ... those world leaders will first have met as Scouts at a World Jamboree.

Bob Mazzuca joined Scouting as a youth and is currently the Chief Scout Executive (CEO) of the Boy Scouts of America.





And when I got home ...



I'm Malinda Senanayake. I'm 19 years old and I am a Sri Lankan Scout involved in the Ticket To Life (TTL) project that was established to help "Street Children". Mostly, these kids come from struggling, rural, families who need them to work, usually for long hours, often in deplorable conditions doing menial tasks, like having to sell trinkets on behalf of less than generous vendors. There is little opportunity to attend school. Not everyone lives on the street but whatever their circumstance there isn't much protection, care or guidance, from adults, for these kids. In poor communities, everyone struggles to survive.

Scouting helped me and I thought what more can I do? So I became involved in TTL. I also took the initiative to establish Scout troops in two orphanages. Getting those started was a challenge. However, I was able to persuade the authorities about the benefits of TTL and, perhaps, because I am a Scout, I have gained their trust. Although parades are on different days the orphans are still part of my troop. So when it comes to outings we all participate as one group. There are fifteen regulars and thirty from the orphanages. I turn no one away and I am happy to include everyone in my activities.

My program is based on the Scouting syllabus but I have also adapted it to meet local realities. I try to encourage my kids by being positive. I try to raise their awareness of the many options they have in life by arranging vocational training. For example, we recently participated in a small workshop that was conducted by a fire fighter, with all the real equipment. Now my whole troop wants to become firemen... including me!

Malinda, on his first overseas trip, attended the Philmont Scout Ranch in the USA in 2005. With eight other strangers, he endured a tough challenge in the mountains. That adventure, combined with his own experience, not only impacted on Malinda's life but emboldened him to better the lives of 45 other people. Imagine the impact if we could all replicate his example. Malinda, like so many other Scouts, is inspirational. He has changed his corner of the world!



The ultimate challenge



I have been a Scout all my life and since I started out, Scout life has often helped me fulfill my duties. Scouting is a great training ground for leadership and also for social services. I can see the impact of work these young people do to help their communities through Scouting. I am still a convinced supporter of Scouting today.

One of the most significant learning experiences for any Scout is when he or she is on camp - away from home and the "normal" society. A Scout learns to deal with new situations, to take responsibility and to think for him - or herself. The experience is enriched when camps involve Scouts from different countries, nationalities and different cultures. The experience can last a lifetime.

In summer this year, we will host the World Scout Jamboree in Sweden. This camp is planned as a mosaic of small, personal, learning activities. Scouts from 161 countries will attend and the biggest issue for the organizers is not necessarily what the participants do during their 10 days in camp. The most important is, what kind of values they bring back home, and how they use the Scout values in their daily lives.

The ultimate challenge which we will set in Sweden, is to go home and put into action what they have learned during the jamboree. The 38,000 will live in "small camps" together with Scouts from many other countries staying together for a couple of days in the Swedish countryside. We hope this learning will open their minds to the beauty

of nature, and help them appreciate each other's culture. The youngsters will also spend a day in the global development village following a tailor-made program which will help them learn about health, environment or peace activities - depending on what their future plans are. But above all, around the campfire, at the workshops, in their small groups, we want them all to hear and understand this "ultimate challenge" - return home inspired and change the world!

Come to Sweden this year and see for yourselves. I believe that Scouting works. I am confident that those youngsters will accept the challenge and be inspired to become messengers of peace around the world.

Carl XVI Gustaf - a Cub Scout who became a King, today inspires Scouts around the world while encouraging world leaders to support them.



How your money is spent



The lights dimmed and the 1,000 delegates hushed. The massive screens at the World Scout Conference in Brazil sprang to life ... and the story of the heroic Scouts of Haiti unfurled ... forget your Hollywood block-buster "127 hours" ... here was a real-life teenage Scout having to saw the arm off a police sergeant trapped in the rubble - it was life or death ...

The business of our conference was interspersed with stories like this - from Sierra Leone, Burundi, Philippines or Slovakia - heroes one and all - young Scouts changing their world ... But the business of the conference was not something different ... we were there to talk about how we can inspire more of these young leaders to change their world ... and the results have implications for you, the donors of the World Scout Foundation.

When the earthquake hit a year ago in Haiti, 42,000 Scouts sprang into action. Their discipline, their skills and above all their energy and enthusiasm surprised even the most hardened of relief workers, medics or military personnel who arrived from other countries. These young men and women were there, in Haiti, one of the world's poorest countries, because of years of dedication of Haitian Scout leaders, and sustained support over many years from partners within the world Scout Movement.

So, our plans, agreed in Brazil, set a challenge for us:

- To increase the capacity-building support to Scouts in countries like Haiti, so that they are there to help when *their* "earthquake" comes ...

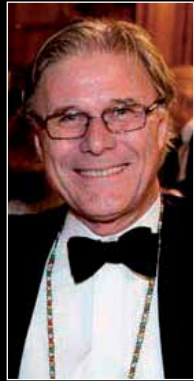
- To increase our support for community-based projects - like work with street kids - and help to bring these projects to scale in the communities which need them most, and
- To increase the impact of our training programmes, so that when needed, our Scouts can take the leadership that's needed, and stand up when their community needs them most.

But our plans set a challenge for you, too. We are deeply grateful to the Foundation and its donors for the support you have given, towards World Scouting ... but, our ambitions are strong. We hope you will be with us all the way. Those young people in Haiti, Sierra Leone or Slovakia are relying on you!

Luc Panissod, Secretary General, World Organization of the Scout Movement - To see the videos Luc showed at the World Scout Conference, visit YouTube:
www.YouTube.com/user/worldscoutfoundation



Raising funds



"The exceptional level of donations in 2009 (USD 8 million) made my task as Treasurer this year very challenging", reports Fredrik Gottlieb, WSF Treasurer. "It charged the atmosphere and pressured all the Board Members to find ways to improve on that result, though this was not to be. However, the USD 3.8 million that our donors did generate in 2010 has nevertheless been a great achievement, and well in-line with historical levels. And, together with favourable market conditions, it has increased our global fund to almost USD 62 million! - the highest we have ever achieved!"

In 2010 the Baden-Powell Fellowship grew by a staggering 168, the biggest single annual increase so far, and we are now 1990 members! Much of this is due to the inspiring leadership and

dedication of David & Fay Huestis who hosted us in Ottawa.

All the events were well attended and memorable, beginning with the beautiful backdrop of the historic setting of Monaco. The impediment of the volcanic eruption in Iceland was largely overcome by the resourcefulness of our Fellows who went to extraordinary lengths to attend. His Majesty welcomed HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco and another 11 new B-P Fellows living locally into the Fellowship. The help of the Swedish Consul General in Monaco, Mrs Patricia Husson and the Guides & Scouts of Monaco ensured the success of the event.

Bern, Switzerland was the venue for the inauguration of the Swiss B-P Fellowship Chapter. It already has 119 members. The Board organised a Value Based Leadership seminar led by His Majesty and finishing with a splendid dinner.

The 60th B-P Fellowship Event in Ottawa was spectacular and stylish and showed what inspirational leadership can achieve! The 121 new B-P Fellows wowed His Majesty who had challenged David to recruit at least the same number of B-P Fellows as the number of the Event.

Meanwhile, Scouting Netherlands has been busy preparing the 62nd B-P Fellowship, while the Swedish Chapter - on the personal request of His Majesty - is busy organizing a great and very "Scouty" 63rd B-P Fellowship to coincide with the 22nd World Scout Jamboree in Sweden.

So to everyone who has worked so hard in these efforts and to all our kind supporters this year, I say "Thank you, on behalf of over 30 million great young people and great Scouts!"

Fredrik Gottlieb, Treasurer, World Scout Foundation



Governance



The World Scout Foundation Board met in April, in Monaco and in October, in Ottawa. The Foundation's Investment Committee met four times and the WSF Audit Committee met once. Regular communications and important decisions between these formal meetings have been ensured by the WSF Board's on-line forum which shares news and views among Board Members, and ensures the ongoing work of governance can continue, between meetings.

Important discussions took place in Ottawa between the WSF Honorary Chairman and HH Prince Faisal Al-Saud concerning the future funding to Scout programmes managed by WOSM.

A contingent of the Board, led by the Honorary Chairman, visited Oman to discuss with HM the Sultan about support for WOSM environment programmes in the Africa region.

Key decisions of the Board during the year include:

- Luc Panissod, WOSM Secretary General presented an important initiative of the World Scout Movement - assuring the Movement's ambitions for Capacity-building; programme support; and leadership development, in the poorer countries of the world. The Board approved the development of a management system for an important support fund for this purpose;
- The Foundation's investments were regularly reviewed both by the Investment Committee and the Board. The Investment policy was reviewed with some adjustment to the asset-allocation policy;
- Lars Kolind handed over the Chairmanship of the Board to

Mike Bosman. Siegfried Weiser was elected as "Chairman Elect". Neil Westaway handed over chairmanship of the Audit Committee to David Huestis. John Leece from Australia was elected to the Board. A re-vamped nominations committee was formed, comprising the Honorary Chairman, the Chairman and immediate Past Chairman of the Board.

- All members of the Board signed the Foundation's Conflict of Interest Policy.
- In November, we welcomed Mark Knippenberg as the WSF Deputy Director and Carol Cheneval-Pallud was appointed as Executive Assistant. Anna-Maria Vignuda retired in 2011 after 27 years of dedicated and enthusiastic service. Good luck Anna-Maria!

Neil Westaway is a member of the WSF Board and has just stepped down as Chairman of the Audit Committee.

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While this figure represents quite a success - the highest value reached in the history of the Foundation - the Board and the Investment Committee remain cautious - closely monitoring developments in the world markets.

The considerable workload of the Foundation is assured by the

significant voluntary efforts of the Members of the Board and key volunteers and staff from National Scout Organisations - all of whom carry out fundraising or organize events at zero cost to the Foundation. The Foundation's administration and staff costs are paid from a special fund established by a small group of donors, ensuring that all *new* gifts to the Foundation are fully dedicated to the benefit of Scouts throughout the world, and free of any administration charges of the Foundation.

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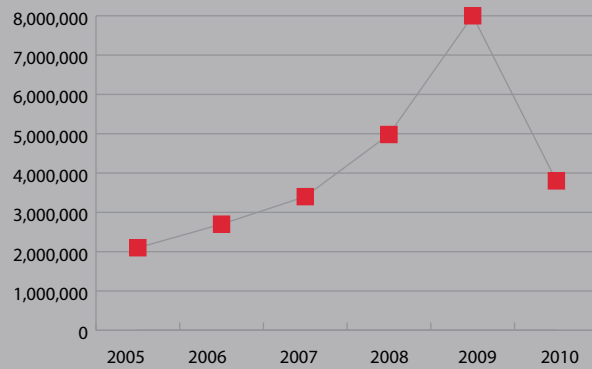
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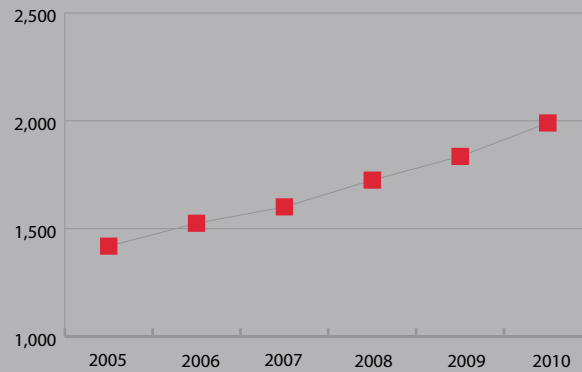
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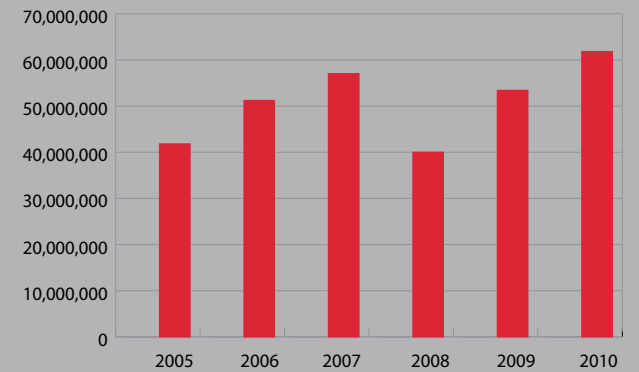
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Our guest editor and writer, this year, is Scott Teare, Director of International Division in the Boy Scouts of America. Few people, in the world of Scouting, share Scott's unique perspective. A life-long career in BSA has infused him with a belief in the power of Scouting as a movement that excels in leadership and character development. His work, internationally has brought him into contact with Scouts and their leaders in every corner of the world. And, his warm heart and open smile break barriers and have built friendship and trust, wherever he goes. Above all, he sees the FUN in Scouting! He is a great ambassador for everything BSA stands for! Scott, and so many members of BSA, have been among the greatest supporters of the World Scout Foundation, through the years.

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