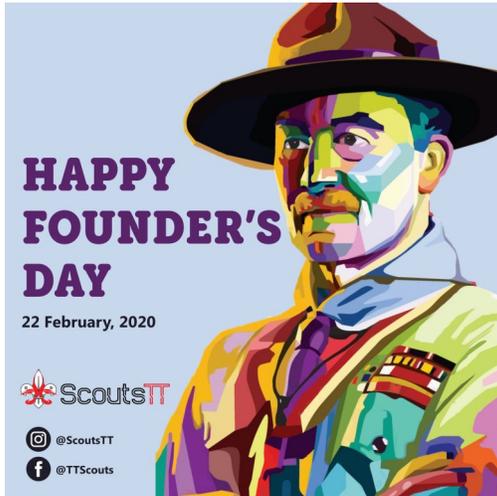


SCOUTING AROUND

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decade, it is important for us to recognise the need to stay true to the values of Scouting, while continuing to adapt to the current times.

BP wrote: "Let us, therefore, in training our Scouts, keep the higher aims in the forefront, not let ourselves get too absorbed in the steps. Don't let the technical outweigh the moral. Field efficiency, backwoodsmanship, camping, hiking, good turns, jamboree comradeship are all means, not the end. The end is character with a purpose. And that purpose, that the next generation may be sane in an insane world, and develop the higher realization of service, active service of love, and duty to God and neighbour."



The following is the message of the National Scout Commissioner, Mr. Roger Berkeley, on the occasion of Founder's Day:

February 22nd is the birthday of our founder, Lord Robert Baden-Powell, and a day Scouts around the world celebrate by gathering with our Scouting brothers and sisters and reminiscing on our adventures, creating new adventures at camps or other activities, and wearing our uniforms with pride to ceremonies and parades in BP's honour.



Photographed: Celebrations in South West Zone, hosted by Cedros Scout District; Sangre Grande and San Fernando Scout District Celebrations.



It is also a day for us to renew our Scout Promise and our dedication to fulfilling the vision of Baden-Powell. As we enter a new

Fulfilling the vision also means that, as a National Scout Organisation, we continue to work towards two significant facets of our programme as guided by WOSM: the Sustainable Development Goals and its aim to ensure that all people enjoy peace and prosperity by 2030; and as we enter its last triennium, Vision 2023, for Scouting to be the world's leading educational youth movement, enabling 100 million young people to be active citizens creating positive change in their communities and in the world based on shared values.





Scouting Around the World

World Scout Jamboree 2019

By: Nikoli Mohammed of 5th Naparima Scout Group

I got to see Bear Grylls, which was a really cool experience and I also met the Assistant Adjutant General-Air and Commander "Mookie" Walker. Throughout the jamboree, I met up with Mookie a couple more times and he was kind enough to introduce me to many army personnel because I told him I was interested in that line of work. Another day, I had the really cool and once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to speak to an astronaut while he was on the space station. I asked him how he passed time and he said that they usually read books.

One night, my troop created a little rhythm section using steel pans, guitars and anything we could use to hit and hear a tune. This attracted a lot of attention from the other campers around us including members from the Dutch contingent. That was an amazing, random jam session, we were happy to showcase some of our Trini talents. That night I understood the reason why people say music is a universal language.

Later on in the week, sub-camps from all over the jamboree site welcomed different contingents into their campsites for the cultural day. For food, we made jerk chicken and bread; we also shared out some Indian delicacies such as kurma and gulab jamoon.

We got to experience so many new and awesome activities at WSJ 2019. I was a little hesitant about going white water rafting because of the danger involved, but it turned out to be a really fun experience that allowed me to challenge my limits. I loved it and hope I get to do it again someday.

The Mt. Jack experience was one of the most enjoyable hikes I have ever been on. When we got to the top of the 45 minute trail, my friends and I participated in 'The

Spartan Race.' This was a 1 mile obstacle course. To challenge myself, I did the bonus 2 miles. I had to go over, under, crawl and climb in the course and when I completed it I received a cool Spartan medal.

I also got to use a shotgun for the first time and I loved it. I shot 7 out of the 10 clay pigeons, which I thought was really good for a beginner. We spent the entire day on the range where I also got to do clay ball shooting on moving targets and I also got to participate in archery.



Talking to the astronaut on the space station

One of the last things I did was with Mr. Mark John, a Deputy National Scout Commissioner who I am very appreciative of for supporting me in the different activities I did during the jamboree. He went with me to do the small activities in the Global Development Village and we learned a lot of new things. We even tried fried crickets. Mark was a great asset to me for the jamboree since he helped to keep me focused on the various activities and always reminded to have fun.

The last night, we attended a bash (party), which was a great ending to my first jamboree experience. The next morning we packed up really early and said goodbye to all the friends we made in our sub-camp. This was an amazing experience and I hope that I can make it to the next world scout jamboree.

On July 22nd, 2019, we set off on our journey to "Unlock a New World" at the 24th World Scout Jamboree. We flew from Piarco to Orlando, Florida; Orlando to Charlotte, North Carolina; then we were taken on a four-hour bus ride from Charlotte to our final destination, The Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve in the heart of West Virginia.

When we arrived at the campsite, we were taken to our sub-camp and given equipment to set up. We were placed in sub-camp B, about ten minutes away from the other half of the T&T contingent in sub-camp A.

I was appointed as the Global Ambassador for our contingent, which meant I had to represent T&T in a lot of activities and meetings, some of which started between 6:45am and 8:00am and was about 45-minute's walk away at sub-camp D.

Being a Global Ambassador also meant I received a phone with which I had to take videos and blog about my experience to share with other scouts around the world, in an attempt to encourage more scouts from different countries to attend future World Scout Jamborees.

On the first evening was the opening ceremony, which was a grand welcoming party for all of the 45,000 scouts in attendance. As the global ambassador I was given the honour of bearing my country's flag at the ceremony on live television.



jotajoti Jamboree

ON THE AIR - ON THE INTERNET

JOTA-JOTI (Jamboree on the Air, Jamboree on the Internet), the world's largest digital Scout event promoting friendship and global citizenship took place between 18-20 October, 2019!

The annual educational event, which has become one of the most highly anticipated events on the ScoutsTT calendar, was exciting as usual.



Over 500 young people, assisted by volunteers, participated at the nine host sites for 2019 and got the opportunity to learn about communications technology and connect with some of the over 2 million fellow Scouts from over 170 countries.

National Youth Forum 2019

By: Daly Baboolal of 1st Naparima Sea Scout Group

The 2019 National Youth Forum took place at the San Fernando District Scout Headquarters in San Fernando. This being my very first youth forum, I was both excited by the prospect of learning new things and enthused over the idea that we, the youth of the nation, can voice our problems and opinions about matters pertaining to our society, welfare, scouting and much more.

Not only was this an informative session based on statistics presented to us by our facilitators but an interactive session in which all the participants of the camp had the ability to voice all their opinions and concerns. After attending this forum, I feel more confident that I can make a change and I am motivated to do so, starting with my community and my very own scout troop.

What attracted my attention the most was the Marketing session done by Siddeeq Shakoor. In this session we were introduced to the "Golden Circles". In a time where being on a social media platform is the norm and potential customers are easily convinced to join or partake in activities by simple advertisements, businesses and groups must adopt ways to keep the interest of viewers. A very effective way of doing so is through the adoption of the "Golden Circle". This is a principle based on the idea of firstly covering why you are doing what you are doing, how you intend on doing it and what you currently do. Abiding by these principles can result in a successful advertisement or campaign.

We were also exposed to the "Messengers of Peace" project, which is an activity designed to render assistance to persons in

need and the less privileged. This was presented to us by Krishan Punilal, who enlightened us on one of his most recent projects for which he worked alongside Siddeeq Shakoor. Their "Food for Tomorrow" project collected and distributed food hampers to those in need. He encouraged us to come up with our own Messengers of Peace project and to make it a reality.

At the end, I felt encouraged to have others join and be a part of the future youth forums and to aid in the betterment of our society. The final words of the forum were: "To help and make the world a better place." It was most enjoyable, interactive and informative and with the ideas and knowledge gained through this camp I along with the friends gained will like to aid in both the growth of the scouting movement and bettering of society.

Gilwell Park Wood Badge Turns 100

September 2019 marked 100 years since the first Wood Badge was first awarded by the Founder of Scouting, Lord Baden-Powell. The Wood Badge is awarded after the completion of a training programme for leaders taking on the role of Scouts. The training course was organised to give the adult participants a sense of what it was like to be a member of a Scout Troop. They took on the role of Scouts, they were formed into patrols and rotated the role of Patrol Leader and Second.

The course syllabus included a range of practical skills such as pioneering, camp crafts, games, fieldwork and pathfinding. Following their successful training or project, adult leaders were given wooden beads, from which the name of the course was developed. The first Wood Badge programme was designed to help Scout volunteers learn the skills they needed to run a useful and enjoyable activity programme for Scouts aged 10 to 18 years.



It was designed and delivered by the first Chief Scout, Lord Robert Baden-Powell at Gilwell Park in the UK in September 1919.

“Being one of the oldest youth work training frameworks in the world, the Wood Badge is a motivational element for more adults to join Scouting,” said Director for Adults Resources and Volunteer Development, Tadej Pugelj. “The Wood Badge demonstrates our commitment to high-quality youth work and our commitment to adult participation as it is essential for the Movement,” he continued.

The award of a Wood Badge is a Scout tradition and recognition of excellence for 100 years. This week celebrating its centenary, the Wood Badge remains as an important mechanism for shaping the leaders of the Scout Movement. To grow our movement and empower more young people through Scouting, more adult volunteers are needed to commit to Scouting and support the implementation of its vision.

Scouting in the Community

Brent Ramchan -
3rd Trinidad Sea Scouts

As a scout, I enjoy community service projects, helping out others by any means possible and being able to come together with my fellow scouting brothers and strangers.

These activities foster creating bonds and making scouting fun an enjoyable. Scouting is a once in a lifetime experience, it makes you feel good to know that you are making a difference in this world and becoming a



better person in the long run and having a productive future where we can feel as if we accomplished something in our lives. Some of our scouts went to Bamboo Primary School where we painted "be your own hero" and decorated the cafeteria. It

was an experience where we could bond with each other as scouts and help to make the school look more brighter and child friendly. We had a lot of fun making jokes, laughing and just generally enjoying ourselves.