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JOTA-JOTI

Passport to International Spirit

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INTRODUCTION

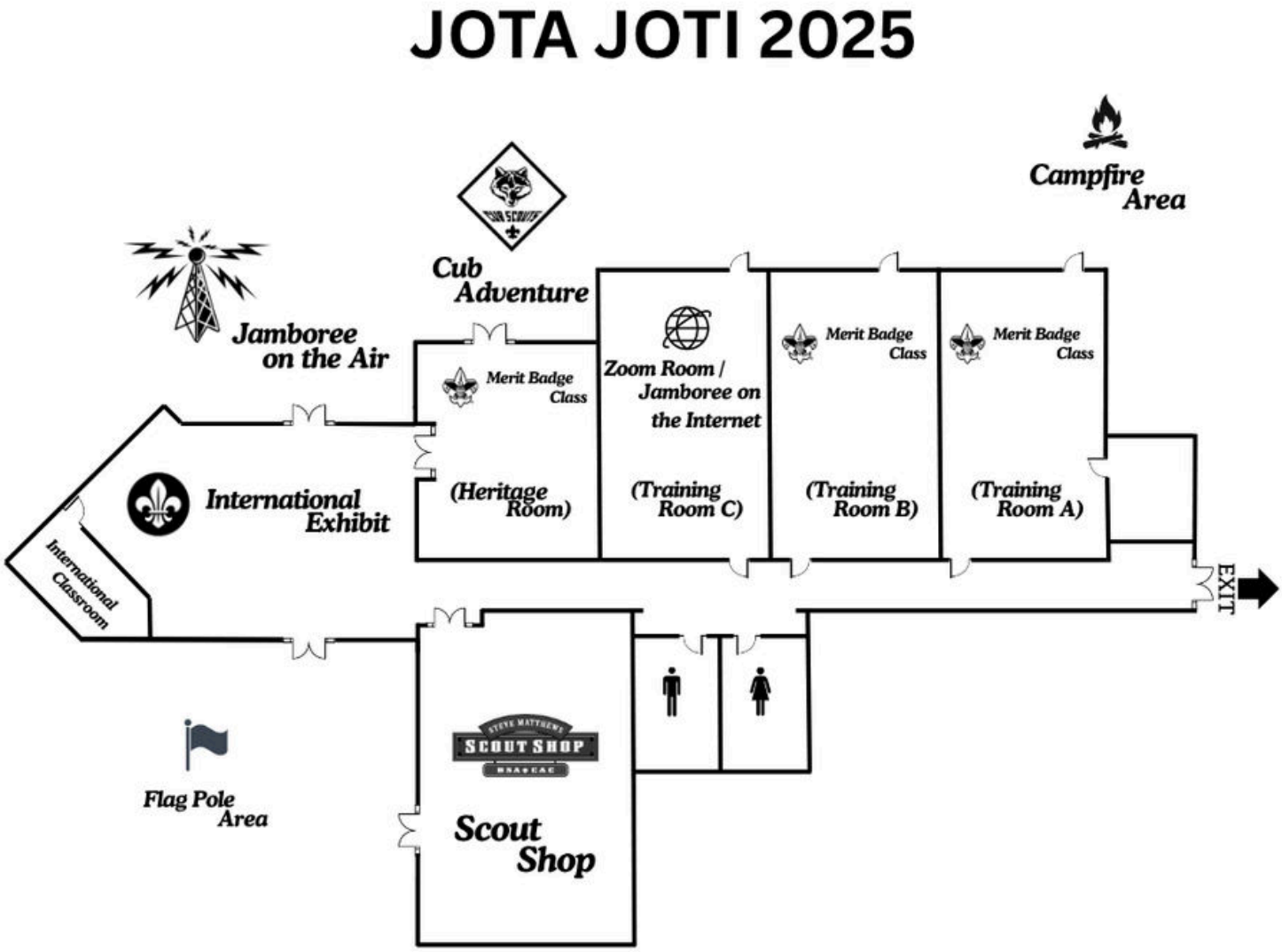
Our council's International Committee invites you to take part in our special in-person celebration of the worldwide JOTA-JOTI event. By attending our activities at the Fickett Center, you can get your JOTA-JOTI Passport to International Spirit and open up a world of international Scouting!
At the Fickett Center, you'll be able to talk with Scouts around the world by Zoom and Ham Radio, learn about Scouting in Kenya and Mexico from in-person representatives, complete requirements for multiple international-themed awards, and much more.

What is JOTA-JOTI?
Jamboree-on-the-Air (JOTA) – Jamboree-on-the-Internet (JOTI) is an annual global Scouting event held on the third weekend of October. Typically, JOTA-JOTI attracts close to two million Scouts and leaders from more than 160 countries! Participation in JOTA-JOTI is a requirement of the International Spirit Award.

Jamboree On The Air (JOTA)
Jamboree-on-the-Air (JOTA) uses amateur radio to link Scouts around the world, around the nation, and in your community.

Jamboree On The Internet (JOTI)
JOTI utilizes the internet to connect Scouts from around the world. Through the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) online platform, registered Scouts "meet" other Scouts from around the world in a "travel-free jamboree." JOTI participation can be used to help fulfill some of the Citizenship in the World or Digital Technology merit badge requirements.

EVENT MAP


JOTA JOTI 2025
Campfire Area
Cub Adventure
Jamboree on the Air
Merit Badge Class
Zoom Room / Jamboree on the Internet
Merit Badge Class
Merit Badge Class
International Exhibit
International Classroom
(Heritage Room)
(Training Room C)
(Training Room B)
(Training Room A)
EXIT
Flag Pole Area
Scout Shop
Scout Shop

INTERNATIONAL SPIRIT AWARD

The International Spirit Award opens the door for Scouts and Scout leaders to experience the global dimension of International Scouting. Its requirements encourage participants to expand their knowledge, deepen their appreciation of world cultures, and strengthen their understanding of Scouting as a worldwide movement that unites people across borders.

The Passport to International Spirit event, organized by the Capitol Area Council International Committee, embodies these ideals. Designed around the award's themes, it offers Scouts and leaders a welcoming and dynamic environment to begin their international Scouting journey. Through interactive activities and meaningful global connections, participants gain firsthand experience of Scouting's shared values and worldwide brotherhood.

SCAN THE QR CODE FOR THE REQUIREMENTS APPROPRIATE TO YOUR LEVEL IN SCOUTING.

Cub Scout

Scout BSA, Sea Scouts, and Venturing

Adult Leader

YOUNG PHILANTHROPIST AWARD

The Capitol Area Council International Committee wishes to foster the international Scouting philanthropy of young adults ages 18-26 years old from our Scouting community. We also seek to promote engagement of these members with youth from around the world. In response, we have established the Capitol Area Council Young Philanthropist Awards which provide memberships to the World Scout Foundation and Interamerican Scout Foundation.

The Young Baden-Powell Fellowship is to recognize young adult Scouts/Scouters who demonstrate a spirit of philanthropy in the World Scouting Community. The Capitol Area Council International Committee will honor up to one recipient each year by covering the $1000 membership fee to the Young Baden-Powell Fellowship with the World Scout Foundation. Learn more at https://worldscoutfoundation.org/

The Youth Order of the Condor Fellowship is to recognize young adult Scouts/Scouters who demonstrate a spirit of philanthropy in the World Scouting community, specifically in the InterAmerican region communities. The Capitol Area Council International Committee will honor up to three recipients each year by covering the $150 membership fee to the Youth Order of the Condor Fellowship with the Interamerican Scout Foundation. Learn more at https://iscoutfoundation.org

Addison “Addie” Huff 2025 Young Philanthropist Award Recipient

CAPITOL AREA COUNCIL INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

The International Committee relies on a dynamic, dedicated, and diverse group of volunteers to bring an international experience to Scouts in our council. Everyone has something to contribute to the group's diversity. The International Committee is always looking for people interested in expanding their knowledge about a culture other than their own. Whether you have an international experience to share, or simply want to learn more about international Scouting, we could use your participation. The focus of the international committee is to raise awareness for the worldwide movement of Scouting through:

- Unit activities
- Presentations and displays at council and district events
- Facilitating contacts with foreign Scouts and Scouters
- Broadcasting information on international Scouting happenings
- Offering support and resources for CAC Scouts and Scouters who are interested in participating in International Scouting.

International Midway

BHARAT SCOUTS AND GUIDES (SCOUTS OF INDIA)

The Bharat Scouts & Guides is a voluntary, non-political educational Movement for young people, open to all without distinction of origin, race, or creed, in accordance with the purpose, principles, and method conceived by the Founder Lord Baden- Powell in 1907.

COLORADO RIVER ALLIANCE

The Colorado River Alliance is an Austin, Texas-based non-profit organization dedicated to protecting and conserving the Texas Colorado River. Since its founding in 1994, the alliance has promoted responsible stewardship of the river by educating the public, engaging with communities, and advocating for its long-term health.

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EARTH TRIBE

The Earth Tribe project draws on the content of the Earth Tribe Global Initiative, to propose a journey starting from reflection and training, data collection and critical thinking, dialogue and action. To transform youth organizations into forward-looking structures that support the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals and empower young people to be active citizens creating positive change in their communities.

INTERAMERICAN SCOUTING FOUNDATION

The Interamerican Scout Foundation has supported scouting in Latin America and the Caribbean for more than 35 years. With the Interamerican Scout Committee participating in projects and activities of the Region, detecting its needs and providing opportunities for its strengthening.

INTERFAITH SCOUTING

A Scout is Reverent; Scouting America is centered on the principle of "Duty to God," emphasizing that each Scout should be reverent and faithful in their religious duties, while remaining nonsectarian in attitude and respectful of all faiths.

INTERNATIONAL SPIRIT AWARD AND INTERPRETER STRIP

The International Spirit Award is a gateway for scouts and scout leaders to the International Scouting. The requirements encourage all to learn, gain knowledge, and have a greater appreciation of International Scouting, awareness of different cultures and countries around the globe.

THE KENYA SCOUTS ASSOCIATION

The Kenya Scouts Association's robust youth program addresses areas such as character development, life skills, leadership, environmental conservation, peace, and health, with a focus on nurturing physical, mental, social, and spiritual well-being to empower young people as active and responsible citizens in their communities.

MESSENGER OF PEACE

Messengers of Peace empowers Scouts around the world to create positive change, directly supporting the Sustainable Development Goals. Through service projects that promote community service, leadership, and safeguarding, Scouts are tackling some of the biggest global challenges facing our world today.

PEACE LIGHT NORTH AMERICA

The Peace Light is a continuous flame originating in the grotto of Jesus' birth in Bethlehem. It is shared person to person throughout the world with a message of peace and friendship.

SCOUT UNIFORM AROUND THE WORLD (NATIONAL SCOUTING MUSEUM)

Scout uniforms worldwide blend traditional elements, like the neckerchief and World Crest, with local national dress or modern designs, reflecting each country's cultural identity and the Scout movement's global brotherhood.

SCOUTS DE MEXICO (SCOUTS OF MEXICO)

Scouts of Mexico , promotes the development of character in the youth of Mexico, complementing the education of its members by approaching nature as a source of orientation in the world around us and through active participation in society, in the expressions of culture and transcendental values.

SCOUTING AMERICA INTERNATIONAL

The Scouting America International Department works to help Scouts and Leaders from Scouting America to experience the bigger picture of Scouting and connect with it through our involvement in the World Organization of the Scout Movement.

SCOUTING FOR CLEAN WATERWAYS

In celebration of the 70th anniversary of the Conservation Good Turn for America, Scouting America is joining the nationwide initiative aimed at addressing the critical issue of waterway and marine debris, “aquatic trash”, offering Scouts the opportunity to make a meaningful impact on the health of our waterways and ecosystems.

SCOUTS TRASH THE TRASH DAY

Scouts Trash the Trash Day is an international Messengers of Peace project for Scouts around the world, where each Scout is challenged to bring a friend or family member along and pick up at least one Kilo (2.2 pounds) of trash each on the first Saturday in May.

SCOUTURDAY SPEEDFEST

SCOUTURDAY SPEEDFEST is the celebration of our "Race into Scouting" membership campaign. This special event is FREE open to the public. From Pinewood Derby to pro-level race cars, there's fun for the whole family!

WOOD BADGE

Wood Badge is an advanced national leadership training course open to all Scouting America adult volunteers and professionals. Every adult in Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing, Sea Scouts, and Exploring is welcome to attend, whether you are new to your adult role or have been Scouting for decades. Everyone is welcome to learn and to sharpen your leadership tools to enable our youth to enjoy and deliver the best Scouting program.

WORLD FRIENDSHIP FUND

Through the World Friendship Fund, voluntary contributions of Scouts and leaders are transformed into cooperative projects that help Scouting associations in other countries to strengthen and extend their Scouting programs. The World Friendship Fund gives members of Scouting America an good turn opportunity to help fellow Scouts who are in need of their support. It teaches Scouts that Scouting is global.

WORLD ORGAINZATION OF THE SCOUTING MOVEMENT

Scouting's mission is to contribute to the education of young people through a value system based on the Scout Promise and Law. Through Scouting, we are building a better world where people are self-fulfilled as individuals and play a constructive role in society.

WORLD SCOUT FOUNDATION

The World Scout Foundation strives to develop and strengthen World Scouting through the provision of financial support and other support through the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM).

26TH WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE POLAND

The 26th World Scout Jamboree is an upcoming World Scout Jamboree that is scheduled to be held in 2027 in Gdańsk, Pomeranian Voivodeship, Northern Poland. It is one of the largest outdoor educational events for youth on the planet! Scouts from all over the world come together to join in fun activities where they make new friends, learn about other cultures, and develop leadership skills that will last a lifetime.

17TH WORLD SCOUT MOOT TAIWAN

The World Scout Moot is a special event held every four years for Scouts aged 18-25. Up to 5,000 young people come together to experience the unique spirit of Scouting, make new friends, and develop new skills and understanding on how to be better global citizens.

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JOTA-JOTI IS THE WORLD'S LARGEST DIGITAL AND RADIO SCOUT EVENT, PROMOTING FRIENDSHIP AND GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP

How to prepare for JOTA-JOTI 2025

Start getting ready now to join the world's largest digital and radio Scout event:

1. Connect with Your Scout Group: Start conversations and plan your participation for next year's event!
2. Stay Informed: Create or log in to your scout.org account to stay updated on registration and new activities.
3. Explore What's Coming: Get excited for new challenges in 2025—more details coming soon!
4. Share Your Experience: Capture your journey, from preparations to event day, and tag @jota_joti with #JOTAJOTI to be featured!

POWERED BY WORLD SCOUTING

MERIT BADGE CLASSES

This is the list of Merit Badge classes offered this year. Below, you'll find a brief description of each Merit Badge, the time it's offered, a QR code linking to the most up-to-date requirements, and a link to download the free Merit Badge pamphlets.

CITIZENSHIP IN THE NATION
HERITAGE ROOM, 9:00AM

As Scouts fulfill the requirements for this merit badge, they will learn how to become active citizens are aware of and grateful for their liberties and rights, to participate in their governments and protect their freedom, helping to defend their country and standing up for individual rights on behalf of all its citizens.

CITIZENSHIP IN THE WORLD
HERITAGE ROOM, 1:00PM, 4:15PM

Scouts who earn the Citizenship in the World merit badge will discover that they are already a citizen of the world. How good a citizen each person is depends on his willingness to understand and appreciate the values, traditions, and concerns of people in other countries.

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE
TRAINING ROOM A, 1:00PM

While earning the Environmental Science merit badge, Scouts will get a taste of what it is like to be an environmental scientist, making observations and carrying out experiments to investigate the natural world.

RADIO
TRAINING ROOM B, 1:00PM

Radio is a way to send information or communications from one place to another. Broadcasting includes both one-way radio (a person hears the information but can't reply) as well as two-way radio (where the same person can both receive and send messages).

MERIT BADGE CLASSES

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION
TRAINING ROOM A, 4:15PM

Conservation isn't just the responsibility of soil and plant scientists, hydrologists, wildlife managers, landowners, and the forest or mine owner alone. It is the duty of every person to learn more about the natural resources on which our lives depend so that we can help make sure that these resources are used intelligently and cared for properly.

SUSTAINABILITY
TRAINING ROOM B, 9:00AM

Learn to reduce waste and teach sustainable practices to others so you can help conserve Earth's resources with the Sustainability Merit Badge. Scouts will develop and implement a plan to reduce their water usage, household food waste, and learn about the sustainability of different energy sources, including fossil fuels, solar, wind, nuclear, hydropower, and geothermal.

GET TO KNOW THE MESSENGERS OF PEACE PROGRAM

The Messengers of Peace program (MoP) encourages Scouts to contribute to the construction of a culture of peace through community service actions, in collaboration with community members and an international network of scouts and supports the SDGs.

Scouts then tell the story of their experience to others in order to inspire them to take action in their communities. When they share what they are doing as scouts to create a culture a peace, they join a global network of scouts also creating positive change.

Projects inspired by MoP contribute to Sustainable Development Goals.

SCOUTS for SDGs

Scouting America

A WORLD OF OPPORTUNITIES INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING

HOW DOES IT WORK?

- Which of the **FIVE LEARNING PATH**(s) are you interested in exploring?
- Your project can be related to **ONE**, **MORE** or **ALL** of the paths.
- Each path represents an area that helps foster peace in the world

WHAT SHOULD MY PROJECT FOCUS ON?

1 CHOOSE YOUR LEARNING PATH(S)

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT
Advocate for solutions to issues you are passionate about

CULTURE & HERITAGE
Create a sense of belonging, persevering cultural heritage, and respecting other cultures

DIVERSITY & INCLUSION
Appreciate diversity and standing for inclusion for all

PEACEBUILDING
Take action to contribute to a more peaceful society

HUMANITARIAN ACTION
Support others during times of need and crisis

2 CHOOSE AN AWARD LEVEL

MOP ADVOCATE
PERSONAL
starts with me

MOP CHAMPION
COMMUNITY BASED
in my community

MOP AMBASSADOR
COLLECTIVE RESULT
when working together

MOP DISTINGUISHED PROJECT OF THE YEAR

3 FOLLOW THE FOUR STEP PROCESS:

LISTEN
ACKNOWLEDGE
RESPOND
COLLABORATE

Get the full Program Guide for the Messengers of Peace Program here:

Messengers of Peace

WORLD SCOUTING

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE
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Learn more about the MoP Program:

SCOUTING AMERICA MoP FACEBOOK Page

A WORLD OF OPPORTUNITIES
INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING

LEARN MORE ABOUT
OUR INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

Scouting is happening all around the world – there are National Scout Organizations representing their home countries and delivering the promise of Scouting in virtually all areas and regions globally. The Scouting America International Committee works to help Scouts and Leaders from Scouting America to experience the bigger picture of Scouting and connect with it through our involvement in the World Organization of the Scout Movement.

POLAND 2027
World Scout
26th Jamboree
Scout Mondial

World Friendship Fund

World Friendship Fund

Gillwell Park

Gilwell Fellow

United States Fund for International Scouting

Kandersteg International Scout Center

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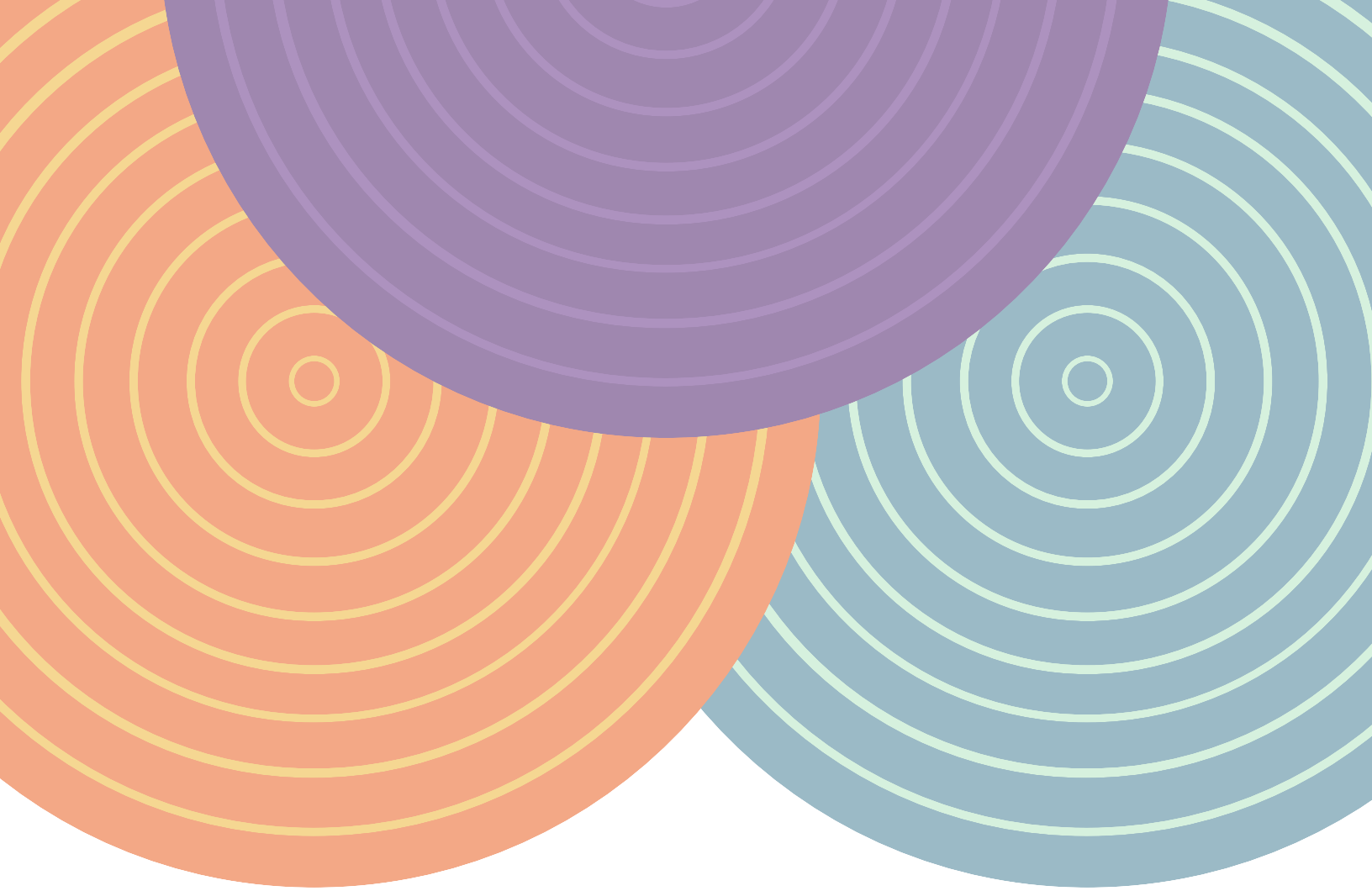
WORLD SCOUTING

SCOUTS for SDGs

IN 2017, AT THE 41ST WORLD SCOUT CONFERENCE IN BAKU, AZERBAIJAN, MORE THAN 1,500 LEADERS FROM ACROSS THE SCOUT MOVEMENT WELCOMED THE 2030 GLOBAL PLAN OF ACTION FOR PEOPLE, PLANET, AND PROSPERITY WITH THE 17 SDGS.

WITH RESOLUTION 2017-08 (2030 AGENDA FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT), THE WORLD SCOUT CONFERENCE STRONGLY URGED MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS TO "PLAY AN ACTIVE ROLE IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS" AND INVITED "THE WORLD SCOUT COMMITTEE TO INTEGRATE THE 2030 AGENDA AND THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS AS A TRANSVERSAL AND CROSS-CUTTING FRAMEWORK, THROUGHOUT ALL STRATEGIC PRIORITIES AND DECISIONS."

SCOUTS FOR SDGS IS WOSM'S RESPONSE TO THE WORLD SCOUT CONFERENCE RESOLUTION REQUESTING A STRONGER, MORE COORDINATED CONTRIBUTION TO THE SDGS AT ALL LEVELS. THIS RESOLUTION HAS FORMED THE FOUNDATION OF CONVERSATIONS TO DEFINE SCOUTING'S ONGOING CONTRIBUTION TO THE SDGS. THE CREATION OF RESOURCES TO SUPPORT NATIONAL SCOUT ORGANIZATIONS, AND THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF SCOUT INITIATIVES UNDER THE BETTER WORLD FRAMEWORK TO CONTRIBUTE TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IS ALL PART OF THE SCOUTS FOR SDGS INITIATIVE.



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INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE