Scouts... connecting youth with nature for over a century

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What is Scouting?

- Scouting is a world wide movement that began over 100 years ago in the United Kingdom.
- Since then it has spread to 216 countries and has over 40 million members.
- It is a semi-formal educational movement that aims to ‘Create a Better World’ through the education of young people.
Scouting and the Environment

• The ‘Scout Method’ of education has nature playing a key role.
• Scouts do activities in nature whenever possible.
Global Programs

Thinking Global. Acting Local.

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The World Scout Environment Programme offers tools, resources and initiatives to help Scouts all around the world work together for the good of the local and global environment. Wherever possible the programme is presented outdoors, allowing the Scouts to explore for themselves and discover the natural world.
World Scout Environment Badge

- Explore & Reflect – five key aims:
  - Clean Air & Water
  - Sufficient natural habitat for native Species
  - Minimise risk of harmful substances
  - Sustainable environmental practices
  - Natural disaster preparedness
- Take Action – undertake an environmental project
• A natural area sufficient to support native species
• Environmental Education programs
• Environmental Management Plan
Kandersteg
International Scout Centre
(Switzerland)
Messengers of Peace

• Launched in 2011, it is an initiative for Scouts and non-scouts alike.
• Encouraging projects that bring about positive change in a community – health, environment, social circumstance, safety or address conflict.
• Online platform to share ideas, outcomes, expertise, resources – tell & inspire others to do more.
Scouts of the World Award

• Discovery
  – Explore – What are the issues or problems?
  – Respond – What does it mean for me?
  – Take Action – What can I do?
• Taking Action
  – A voluntary project to contribute to solving a problem related to the MDGs
• Sharing
  – Reporting and evaluating

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