How To Promote International Scouting In Your Unit

Here are some of the things that individual Scouting units -- Packs, Troops, Crews, Posts, Team, and Ships -- can do to participate in Scouting on the global level. Using the following as a guide, team-up with the AAC International Scouting Committee to develop unique ideas where your Pack, Troop, Crew, Post, Team, or Ship can make an international impact.

1. Make sure all Scouts and Scouters in your unit wear the World Crest patch (illustrated above) centered above the left pocket of the uniform, 3" below the shoulder seam, as a symbol of their membership in a world Scouting family.

2. Encourage Scouts and Scouters to participate in the World Scout Jamboree On The Internet the third full weekend of October each year.

3. Encourage Scouts and Scouters to participate in an International Camporee. In the US, there are 2 possibilities: (1) in May of each year, alternating hosting between Scouts of Mexico (Asociacion De Scouts De Mexico) held at Rancho Tekate, Tecate, Baja California, Mexico and San Diego-Imperial Council BSA and held at Mataguay Scout Ranch, Santa Ysabel, California. There is also the Michigan International camporee held every 4 years with the next in 2020.

4. Locate a local high school or college foreign exchange student who has been a Scout in his/her own country and have him/her share his/her scouting experiences with your unit members. Check with your local ROTARY Club.

5. Earn the World Conservation Award and encourage others in your unit to do so. Research Cub Scout, Boy Scout, and Venturing Scout Requirements.

6. Seek out a joint conservation project with a unit in an undeveloped country and help those Scouts in their own country! Many opportunities for this through a church mission trip.
7. Hold an international night in your unit -- learn about Baden Powell and the history of world Scouting or about Scouting in Mexico, Canada, or elsewhere.

8. Establish a Scout-pal relationship with international Scouts.

9. Get one or more unit members to participate in the 2019 World Jamboree at The Summit, USA. Hold a "Join in Jamboree" gathering.

10. Take up a unit collection for the World Friendship Fund of the Boy Scouts of America (use World Friendship Brochure No. 22-159). Have members of your unit earn the World Friendship Fund patch.

11. Encourage your unit to organize a patrol exchange with a unit in another country, and provide the opportunity for the participants to earn the BSA International Youth Exchange Emblem (Requirements No. 22-263).

12. Get a patrol from your unit to participate in one of the Pan American or Central American Camporees, or Pimaree.

13. Join the Atlanta Area Council International Scouting Committee
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14. Every year there are a dozen or more international encampments in Europe, Asia, Australia, Central/South America - go for one!