



2007 marks the centenary of Scouting.  
In celebration of this we are publishing  
a series of articles about The Scout movement  
for Magna readers.

### World Scout Jamboree

The founder of Scouting, Lord Robert Baden-Powell planned to hold a special event in 1917 to bring together Scouts of all nationalities, and to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the camp on Brownsea Island. Due to the First World War, when many Scouts were killed, the first international gathering of Scouts was held in 1920. This, the first Jamboree, was held at London's Olympia.

The word 'jamboree' already existed as American slang for a 'noisy revel, a carousel or a spree' When asked why he chose it, B-P said 'What else could you call it?'

Jamboree is now an international term used to describe a large gathering of Scouts. Since 1920, World Scout Jamborees have been held almost every four years, except during the Second World War. They have been hosted all over the world including Denmark, Hungary, The Netherlands, France, Austria, Canada, The Philippines, Greece, U.S.A, Japan, Norway, Australia, Korea, Chile, and Thailand.

#### 1st World Scout Jamboree – 1920

Olympia, London, England. 8,000 Scouts from 34 countries were represented at the roll call. The location was a huge glass-roofed building covering six acres. The concrete floor had to be covered with earth for competitions. Some non-Scout participants included an alligator from Florida, a baby crocodile from Jamaica, a lioness cub from Rhodesia, monkeys from South Africa, a baby elephant and a camel. Baden-Powell was acclaimed the Chief Scout of the World. He said, "If it be your will, let us go forth from here fully determined that we will develop, among ourselves and our boys, a comradeship through the worldwide spirit of the Scout brotherhood, so that we may help to develop peace and happiness in the world and goodwill among men."

#### 21st World Scout Jamboree – 2007

On the Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> July several of the Leaders from 9<sup>th</sup> Greenford (Holy Cross) Scout Group took some younger members of the group on a trip to the 21<sup>st</sup> World Scout Jamboree. A great day was had by all, meeting Scouts from all over the World with a taste of world cultures and traditions.

The 21st World Scout Jamboree was held in July/August at Hylands Park in Chelmsford to help mark the Centenary of Scouting. The event was attended by over 40,000 Scouts from almost every country in the world. Activities at this year's Jamboree included:

World Scouting: National Scout organisations displaying Scouting from their countries.

World Food and Drink: Traditional food and drinks from around the world were on offer.

World Cultures: A variety of activities from around the world from traditional sports and board games to dances and traditional dress.

World Issues: Displays to explore and activities to try out to discover more about issues that affect the world today and that will affect the young people of today as they mature.

World Performance: A showcase of dance and music from around the world.

World Faiths and Beliefs: An opportunity to explore what faith means to people of different religions as well as cultural activities associated with faith, including crafts, games and meditations.

The aim of the World Scout Jamboree was to help Scouts find out more about the issues and challenges facing our world and each other today, and how together they can begin to solve them and build a better world.

Quotes from Scouts who attended this year's Jamboree:

*"For me the Jamboree has been such an experience, it's been absolutely amazing. I've been so glad I was able to come and experience everyone's different cultures."*

*"The Jamboree just goes to show that peace is possible in the world... it goes to show that people can live in harmony if they put their minds to it."*

*"A Jamboree is so much more special than a normal camp - you meet so many people from different countries - it's just like the whole world being in one village"*

The next World Scout Jamboree, the 22nd, will be held in 2011 in Sweden.

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The Jamboree brought together different cultures, backgrounds, religious beliefs, life experiences, worries, problems, wants, needs and aspirations. Different is the key word. If we were all the same it would be a very boring world. Being different can only enrich our lives. Being different is not the problem today, being intolerant is.

These prayers have been taken from resource material from the Jamboree.

**The Prayer of St Francis**

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love. Where there is injury . . . pardon. Where there is doubt, faith. Where there is despair, hope. Where there is darkness, light. Where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek To be consoled, as to console, To be understood . . .as to understand, To be loved, as to love, For it is in giving . . .that we receive. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned. It is in dying . . .that we are born to eternal life.

**Baha'i Prayer for Peace**

Be generous in prosperity, and thankful in adversity. Be fair in judgment, and guarded in thy speech, Be a lamp unto those who walk in darkness and a home to the stranger. Be eyes to the blind, and a guiding light unto the feet of the erring. Be a breath of life to the body of humankind, a dew to the soil of the human heart, and a fruit upon the tree of humility.

**Buddhist Prayer for Peace**

May all beings everywhere plagued with sufferings of body and mind quickly be freed from their illnesses. May those frightened cease to be afraid, and may those bound be free. May the powerless find power, and may people think of befriending one another. May those who find themselves in trackless, fearful wilderness--- the children, the aged, the unprotected-- be guarded by beneficial celestials, and may they swiftly attain Buddhahood

**Jewish Prayer for Peace**

Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, that we may walk the paths of the Most High. And we shall beat our swords into ploughshares, and our spears into pruning hooks. Nation shall not lift up sword against nation- neither shall they learn war any more. And none shall be afraid, for the mouth of the Lord of Hosts has spoken.

**Hindu Prayer for Peace**

Oh God, lead us from the unreal to the Real. Oh God, lead us from darkness to light. Oh God, lead us from death to immortality. Shanti, Shanti, Shanti unto all. Oh Lord God almighty, may there be peace in celestial regions. May there be peace on Earth. May the waters be appeasing. May herbs be wholesome, and may trees plants bring peace to all. May all beneficent beings bring peace to us. May thy Vedic Law propagate peace all through the world. May all things be a source of peace to us. And may thy peace itself, bestow peace on all and may that peace come to me also. - The Peace Seeds

**Muslim Prayer for Peace**

In the name of Allah, the beneficent, the merciful. Praise be to the Lord of the Universe who has created us and made us into tribes and nations. That we may know each other, not that we may despise each other. If the enemy incline towards peace, do thou also incline towards peace, and trust God, for the Lord is the one that heareth and knoweth all things. And the servants of God, Most gracious are those who walk on the Earth in humility, and when we address them, we say "PEACE."

We may all be different but the majority of the World, those who don't make the press, those who don't make the news all want the same thing.

Nev Carney