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WORLD ROVER SCOUT MOOT
DENMARK

Rovers and Rangers from every corner of the globe gathered in Denmark, bringing with them not only backpacks and neckerchiefs, but the richness of their cultures and the values of their own ways of experiencing Scouting. The WFIS World Rover Scout Moot transformed into a single, grand celebration of universal brotherhood: a crossroads of stories, songs, and smiles.

The following gallery of images speaks for itself, capturing far better than words ever could the harmony, energy, and spontaneity that brought every moment of the camp to life. An intense and unforgettable experience, proving once again how Scouting can tear down every border.
















Flakkari









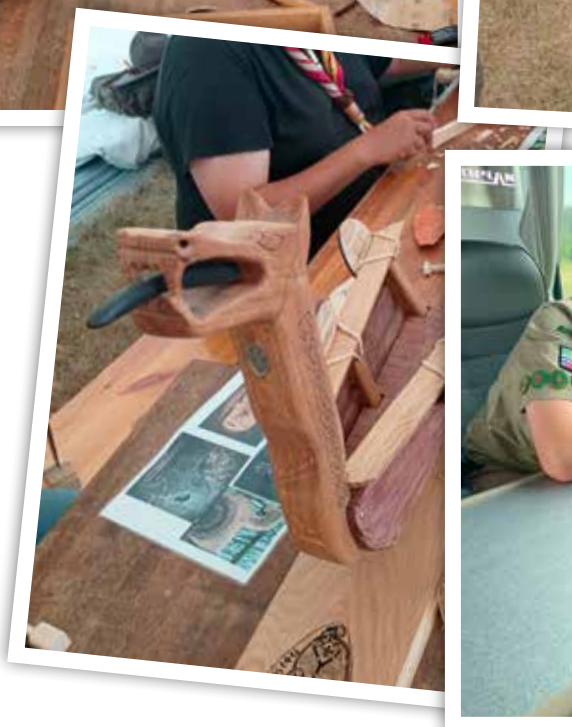
My first international Rover Moot was an absolutely brilliant experience that I'll never forget. I loved meeting so many new people and making friends with Rovers from all around the world. The Viking theme made the whole camp feel really special, and I loved getting involved in all the different workshops. We made boat masts and sails, learned rope making and even had a blacksmithing workshop, which was definitely my favourite. I had never tried blacksmithing before and was so happy with the knife that I made. The whole Moot was incredibly well organised, the food was amazing, and the hike through the beautiful Danish scenery was another highlight. I had such a fantastic time and came away with loads of great memories, new skills and friends from all over the world. I really hope this is the first of many international Scout camps for me

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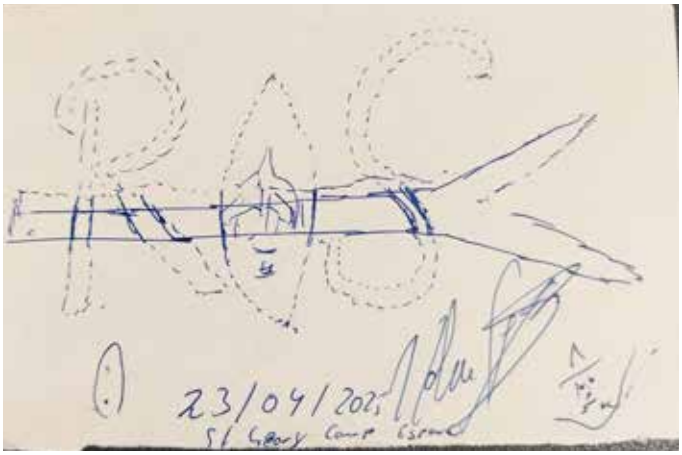


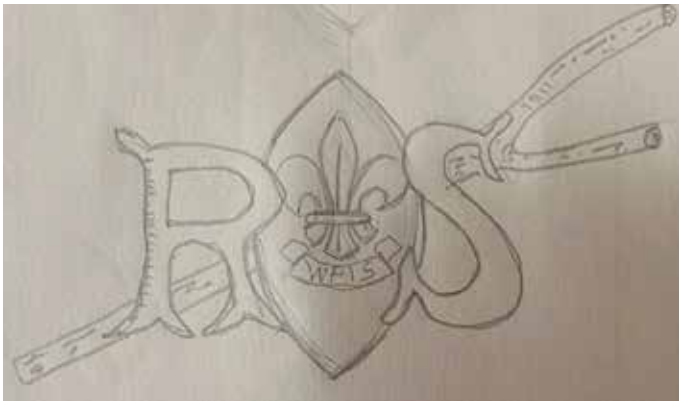
IDEAS COME TO LIFE WHEN YOU ARE WITH FRIENDS

David Serrano Revuelta
- GS Aereos Torrejon Spain

During the 2025 St George's Day event, organised by Grupo Scout Aéreos Torrejón in Alcalá de Henares, we were joined not only by groups such as Pangea, Dawria and Cicónidas, but also by Carlos 'Lince', Klaus, Judith and Marco. That was where the magic of new ideas began. While we were having a coffee, Klaus asked us about our RS pin with Rokiski wings, and the idea of designing a pin for WFIS came up. We talked about how difficult it was to find an RS pin in Spain. Lince mentioned that the last ones had been produced with ASIM and ACS many years ago and, thanks to everyone's input and Klaus's great drawing skills, the first idea began to take shape. Now came the most difficult part: turning that idea into reality. Thanks to 3D printing, I was able to produce several resin prototypes and compare different finishes and options, so that we could discuss which design looked best.

There were three options: the first had the fleur-de-lis below the letters RS; the second had the fleur-de-lis at the same height; and the third had the fleur-de-lis standing slightly above them. Lince then had a great idea: he suggested turning the fork slightly. In this way, the RS letters would resemble a Zulu warrior with his shield, while the fork would represent his spear.





Three different finishes were produced: antique bronze, silver and gold. The antique bronze version is the pin intended for WFIS, while the silver and gold versions were produced exclusively for the Rovermoot. The silver version was intended for helpers and camp service staff, while the gold version was reserved for subcamp leaders and activity leaders.

When organising a camp of this scale, even the smallest details have to be planned well in advance so that everything is ready for the big day.

And this, for me, is the magic of camps shared with other groups. It is not only about sharing moments with groups and experiencing realities different from those of our own group, bu t also about the new ideas, projects and adventures that can arise, almost when we least expect them.


Projects


Pins

SCOUT HOUSE – SEIXAL (PORTUGAL)

The Scout House is associated with the UEP - Portuguese Scouts Union

On June 13, 2026, the official opening of the "Scout Training Center" and the "Scout Overnight Center" for Scouts took place at the "Scout House Seixal" in Fernão Ferro.
At the same time, and to attract more people from the Municipality and from various Scout Associations in the region, an exhibition of several collectors of scouting items was held.
We had several Scout booths, as well as an author of books about the history of the Movement, books on scouting techniques, and fiction books featuring various adventures of Scout patrols during activities.
There was also a collector from a Mexican Association.
We would like to thank in advance all (about 100) exhibitors, Scouts, the Seixal Civil Protection Service, and the general public who came to visit us to see our facilities, and if you enjoyed it, please share within your organizations.
A big thank you and a strong handshake to everyone.









NEOS 2026
WOOD LEADERS COURSE

Matej Mosler – Imnu
Association of Scouts and Guides of The Czech Republic
4th Scout Troop "Mohawk" Pribram



Seventeen days, three different places, 23 participants and countless experiences – that was my NEOS 2026.
In summer 2025, scouts from across our Association SSSCR who are active in the leadership of the troop had the opportunity to apply for the NEOS Wood Leaders Course. It was divided into three parts.
We first met for a weekend in February 2026 in a scout hut in the wild nature near the city Olomouc. Some of us already knew each other but there was time to meet our whole group, which had 23 members and our supervisors, to dye our scarves in our team colours and to listen first few lectures – about communication in a troop and about children's groups.
Second part took part in May in a small city in the southern Moravia of the Czech Republic. We spent four days together and, thanks to the good weather, most of our programme could take place outdoors. Twice we sang by the fire, we tried some new games and also had a few lectures – about leadership, international scouting, camping or culture – and workshops.



Last time we met in August on the ten days long camp in nature. Each day was full of sometimes hard but usually interesting topics with scouts from our Association SSSCR but also people outside the scout movement. We explored all the areas a good Scout leader needs to master – communication, safety, leadership,

management, psychology, first aid and many more.
Each of us also prepared and led a Scout expedition and during the summer part presented it to the others, giving everyone a chance to share ideas and inspire each other.
Due to many activities, time ran really fast and it was nearly the end. Penultimate day, we had a few exams (some tests were also during the week) and in the evening the finishing fire. Those of us (2/3) who successfully completed all tasks, have received the certificate of a scout leader and these moments were full of emotions, joy and moving speeches.
Although the program was sometimes demanding, I can be pretty sure it all was enriching for everyone. We went home not only with a certificate, but also as stronger people and leaders, with new experiences, inspiration, and friendships we can spread to our communities.
And whenever we think back to those seventeen days, one word comes to mind: the name of the course was NEOS – it means something new is coming.







OUR SCOUT SUMMER

Hanka Končická
Vel Paratus, Czech Republic

In Czech Republic children have school holidays two months, from 1st July to 30th August. Part of this time is devoted to scout activities.

This year, the summer camp was organized by 3 groups:
- scout group Gatagewa Praha
- scout unit Vel Paratus Neslovice.
- scout group Isidleke Syrovice

The weather was kind to all camps this year and everyone enjoyed them. The program was dedicated to games and scout skills. At our camps, it is established habit to have a long-term camp game on a certain theme. Individual stages always mean completing tasks for the group and individuals.
We give children the opportunity to use many scout skills in practice – knotting, pioneering, working with a map and compass, making a fire and safety principles for this activity, cooking, working with a knife, saw, axe and many others.
For example, the Gatagewa´s camp was motivated by the story of a white boy who was adopted by an Indian family and he got name Blue Bird. When circumstances forced him to return home, he ran back to the Indians.
This theme brought the opportunity for activities in the field of nature knowledge and camping, to play many interesting





Indian games - lacrosse, papasekawai, muh-mohva - duel with knives (of course rubber ones). Also dream catchers were made. Everyone tried to pass as best as possible. After all, the youngest wolf cubs reach first place in the entire camp evaluation, starting with cleaning the teepee, through service in the kitchen, service in the camp and ending with the camp game.

This year's camp of the unit Vel Paratus from Neslovice was again held at the rented Loděnice scout base near Ivančice on the Jihlavka River. We camped in tents that we had built ourselves at the beginning of the camp. The facilities of the base allowed us to take even the youngest group of beavers to camp.













The entire camp life was intertwined with the game Pirates and the mysterious island, which of course hid a treasure at the end of the game. Most of the stages were connected in various ways with scout skills, the river, fighting pirates and using ships. Everyone expected to find a chest with coins after the arduous journey for the treasure. However, they found a Shaman on the island, who made everyone find the treasure "in themselves" and wrote a secret contract with him - a wish for what they wanted to improve in. They took this home with magic herbs . The camps of the Isidleke group used pirate stories too as a motivation, because they had facilities with ships at their disposal, so in addition to scout practice and games, training on the water also took place.

At the beginning of August, a small group of Rovers and leaders went to Denmark for the Rovermoot. It was a great event in every way.

Working on a Viking ship combined with trips and meeting Scouts from all over the world created a good friendly atmosphere and the event was great.

Hats off to the father of the idea and to all the collaborators and helpers who made the whole event a success. The Flakkari ship now waits its destiny.

Shortly after returning from Denmark, another group of rovers traveled to Slovakia, where they successfully completed a challenging via ferrata near the city of Kremnice. Ferrata tested their physical fitness.

INTER-ASSOCIATION WFIS LEADER TRAINING COURSE

Klaus Karnetzky
Germany

On the weekend September 11th to 13th, 2026, an inter-association WFIS leader training course took place on the ground of the PML scouts in Summt (near Berlin) The event was primarily aimed at young people interested in becoming leaders or those who had only recently taken on the role, though some older participants also attended for a refresher. The program covered a vast amount of material—ranging from general camp planning, plenty of networking, practical activities, fun and games, all the way to the grueling topic of legal regulations. Members took part of the following Associations: FP Asgard, Pfadfindereibund Weltenbummler, Bund unabhängiger Pfadfinder (BUP), FPG – Ritter der Tafelrunde, Pfadfinder im Mühlenbecker Land. A big Thank you to Loretta (BUP), who lead through the weekend. We look forward to the next one!





MOBILE CAMP IN CZECH REPUBLIC

Emma, Assoraider Roma 4
Italy



"*Buona strada*" everyone, I'm Emma from *Compagnia Viandanti dell'Alba* ("Dawn Travellers" Crew), Roma 4, Assoraider. This summer we flew to Prague to walk along the pathways of Bohemian Switzerland, and I can confidently say that it was one of the best experiences of my life.
We landed in the Czech capital where we spent the night in a hostel, to take the next day both a train and a small boat that brought us to the German border, and that's where our mobile camp began. With backpacks on and equipment in hand we





started our journey; most of the trails and paths were immersed in the forest and every once in a while, we encountered some small towns that looked straight out of a book like Jet?ichovice or Doubice. We hiked to reach the iconic stone arch called Prav?ická brána, a beautiful route during which we got really











soaked! The weather was often adverse but as they say, "there is no such thing as good or bad weather but only good or bad equipment" and we were very prepared, more or less. So even in the rain we enjoyed beautiful walks in magnificent places. Every evening of the mobile camp we arrived at different campsites and of which I have a beautiful memory because they were always surrounded by vegetation and full of people, as well as very well equipped! After a day of arduous walking, we all gathered by the fire to eat, talk and look at the new sky and stars, together. The most significant thing about this trip was not so much the places as the sense of belonging from which I felt deeply absorbed, not to a place but to a Crew.
Once the mobile camp was over, we returned to Prague, where we wandered around for two days. I found the city stunning and unique, from the architecture to the food. We also went up to the lookout from which you could admire all of Prague: a beautiful expanse of red roofs, towers and colourful houses, interrupted only by the path of the great green river. We also slept the last two nights, like the first, in a hostel downtown, but this time it was a small apartment all to ourselves, where in the evening, at the end of the day, we all had a cup of tea together, gathered in the kitchen. The most beautiful and exciting part of this experience, however, was waking up in the dark to observe an empty and silent city, gradually kissed by the sun that dyed the sky with pink and red embroidery, like true "Viandanti dell'Alba".

THIRTY YEARS OF WFIS

Klaus Tegeder
WFIS World President



Dear Scout brothers and sisters,
Thirty years ago, we met here in Laubach and accepted Rüdiger Funk's invitation to embark on a shared Scouting journey. Some of those who attended that first meeting are here with us today to celebrate three decades of WFIS together. This workshop here in Laubach rounds off the activities marking our 30th anniversary, which began with the WFIS European General Assembly here in Laubach in January, a virtual collectors' meeting organised by collectors from America and Europe, a World Rover Moot in Denmark, and the General Assembly of the WFIS America Region in Brazil, which included the 25th-anniversary celebrations of the American WFIS members. A specially designed 30th-anniversary badge has been created, and we have successfully completed a documentary chronic 30 years of WFIS.
30 years of WFIS means 30 years of continuous, traditional and independent Scouting, beginning here in Europe, then spreading across America, Asia and Africa to the whole world – offering Scouts of all ages the opportunity to be guided purely and authentically by the values of the founder of Scouting, Lord Baden-Powell.
These Scout values have been and remain our guiding principle in continuing to offer traditional Scouting activities worldwide. Each of our members across the globe plays a part in ensuring that the dream of independent Scouting remains an option for children and young people in the future.
Commitment and voluntary work are the very lifeblood of the WFIS; without the countless troop leaders, Akelas, patrol leaders and groups leaders, our organisation could not exist. It is these people at the grassroots level who, with their enthusiasm, are the driving force behind the WFIS. I would therefore like to thank all these fellow campaigners for their extraordinary work.
Many friends around the world now volunteer for our joint federation; countless hours of work are put in to ensure the WFIS is successfully represented in the various regions, and all the regional executive committees are doing their utmost to ensure the WFIS remains attractive to new members in the future.



None of the founding members back then would ever have imagined that our federation would develop into what it is today. All our members now have access to a comprehensive range of camps, workshops, documentation, badges, books and training courses that leave little to be desired. Here, too, the needs of individual members have always been and remain our focus, and we have always tailored our activities to the wishes and requirements of each member.

Over the course of these 30 years, many Scouts have joined us and are walking this path of traditional Scouting alongside us. Some found their home at WFIS, some sought a new home in other organisations, and sadly we have had to say goodbye for ever to many of our friends, who are now sitting round the last great campfire together with Baden-Powell. I would like to express my gratitude to all these people; every single one of them has shaped the destiny of our organisation and left their mark.

It is also time to look ahead: where will we, as a federation, be heading, and how can we continue to introduce children and young people to genuine Scouting in the future?

From time to time, it is worth taking a critical look at our own work and assessing whether it is still geared towards our members.

A different spirit of the times has influenced our society in recent years and, with all its diversity, is shaping the lives of children and young people today. Here, we must determine how we can continue to position our offering of traditional and independent Scouting in a way that is appropriate.

Fortunately, we still have many members in our ranks who are fully committed to the ideals of the WFIS and its member associations. It will be important for the future to find enough young adults who share our ideals and will then pass them on to future generations.

Well Trained Scouts embody democracy; the ideal that each and every one of us should live our lives in accordance with the Scout Law and the Scout Promise sets us apart from all other youth organisations.

As Traditional Scouts, we stand for peaceful coexistence, without questioning religious beliefs or other ways of thinking; for us, women and men are equal – we are brothers and sisters in spirit.

We at WFIS, too, continue to uphold the principles of Scouting as introduced by Baden-Powell, and these are steadfastly practised within our member associations.

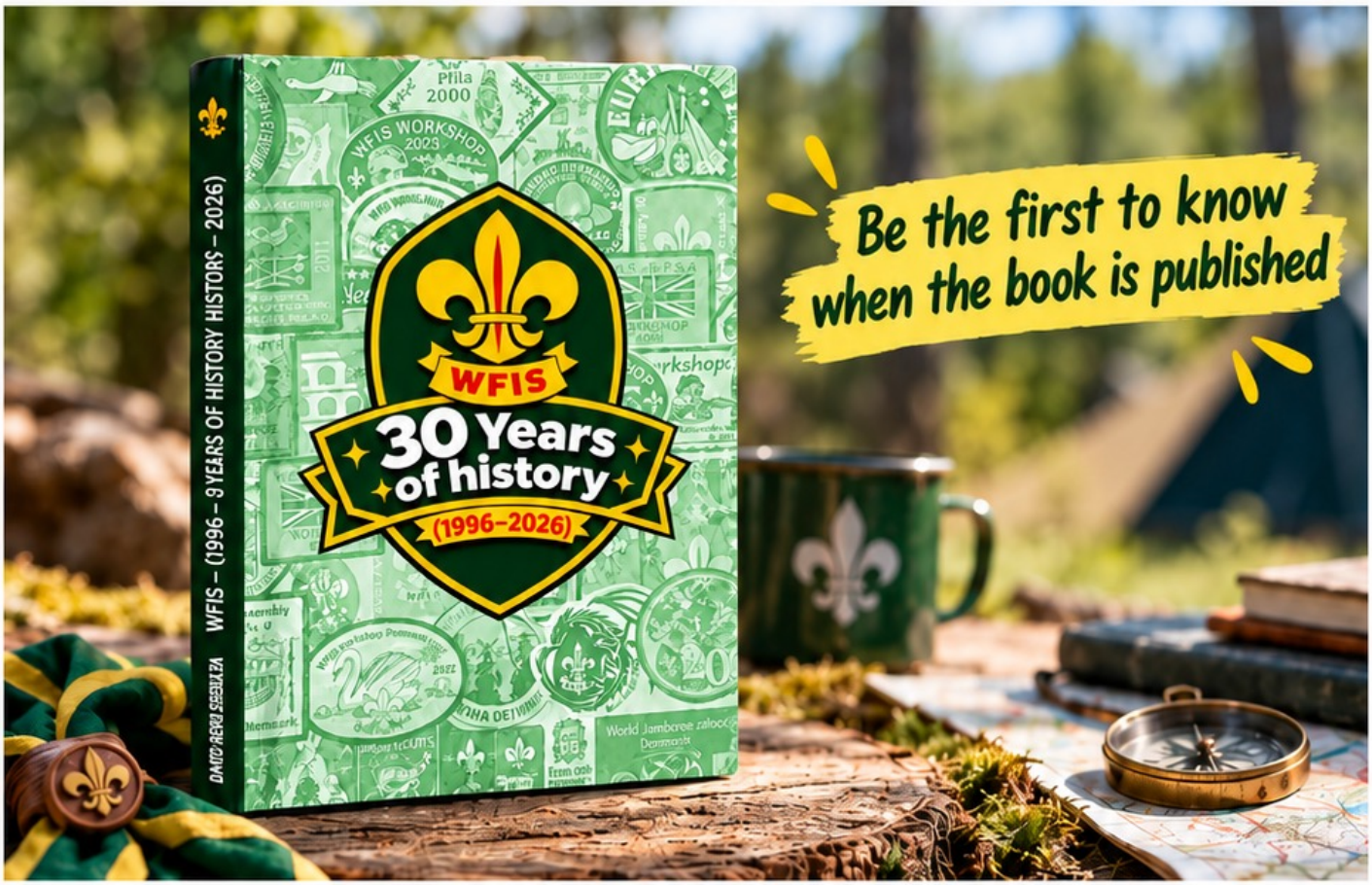
Thirty years ago, we came together with a single aim: to preserve Traditional Scouting.

We can continue to achieve this if we stand together and work together, and if we shape our future path within the WFIS for the next 30 years in line with the WFIS motto:

'Together we are strongest'.







WFIS – 30 YEARS OF HISTORY

David Serrano Revuelta - Spain

30 years of WFIS history, brought together in one book. After years of research and collecting documents, photographs, and badges, *WFIS – 30 Years of History* will soon be available.

With more than 200 pages, the book traces the history of WFIS from its founding in 1996 through its early years, Jamborees, Rover Moots, Eurocamps, Pan-American Jamborees, European and American General Assemblies, and many other events that have shaped these 30 years.

The book will be available in both English and Spanish. The paperback edition is expected to cost approximately €25 on Amazon and €20 through WFIS Supplies. A hardcover edition will also be available, featuring high-quality printed images, although its final price has not yet been determined.

More than 200 pages filled with history, photographs, documents, and many, many badges to discover.

The book is expected to be available for purchase in approximately six weeks. Readers who would like to be among the first to know when it becomes available can scan the QR code or complete the online form using the link provided on this page.

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LALALAAAA CONTEST



Managed by Federica

It can be individual, or Group
(obviously not professionals).
The song that the jury will consider the best
(and most catchy)
will be chosen as the song to be used for "Eurocamp 2027".

Description: participants must submit a song on the theme of **"peace, brotherhood and scouting"**.

It could be an existing scout song with new lyrics and the same melody, or a completely new song.

The best song will be awarded a prize: a free place at the Eurocamp for the single winner or for a maximum of 8 vouchers for the winning group, to pay for the basic camp.

All that has to be done is get the song ready, then send a download link at this email address: **lalalaaaa@wfis-europe.org** so that it can be saved to the cloud, and the jury will just have to download it.

Expiring date: by the latest at the next GA, January 2027.



Postcards for Eurocamp 27!

This is a contest open to all sections and all age groups

On the occasion of Eurocamp 27, we would like to create a collection of postcards to be sent directly from the camp. Our idea is for these postcards to be designed by scouts of all section.

Out of all the submissions we receive, we will select and print 10 designs.
The remaining entries will be featured in the Euroletter.

A postcard doesn't just capture a place—it preserves a moment.
It holds the gentle sound of backpacks being hoisted onto shoulders, the scent of the forest, and the laughter around a campfire.

Through these postcards, with their vibrant colors, drawings, photographs, and other creative expressions, we hope to find fragments of this grand adventure—a reflection of the journey.

Because Eurocamp isn't just a place to visit or another camp to attend; it's a memory that stays with you over time.

Expiring date: by the latest at the next GA, January 2027.

Mail your picture to:
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