#### Introduction to Messengers of Peace



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If we apply love in place of fear we at once gain the diminution of poverty, crime, and disease in our individual countries, and we gain peace between the nations through mutual trust, honor, and goodwill.

> Sir Robert Baden Powell 3<sup>rd</sup> International Congress of Moral Education Geneva, 1<sup>st</sup> of August 1922



"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader."

-- John Quincy Adams



Messengers of Peace is a global initiative designed to inspire millions of young people in more than 220 countries and territories to work toward peace.

Scouts from around the world share what they've done and inspire fellow Scouts to undertake similar efforts in their own communities.



#### **VISION:**

In the coming 10 years, at least two thirds of the world's 30 million Scouts will become effective "Messengers for Peace", change their world for the better, and send a message of peace to at least 200 million people.



In 2001 Messengers for Peace was launched by the Crown Prince Abdullah bin Abdulaziz al Saud and King Carl XVI Gustav of Sweden.









By 2007, 10 million Scouts in 110 countries had worked on the program "Gifts for Peace".

Messengers of Peace is the second phase and strives to have 20 million Scouts become Messengers of Peace.



# Peace in the Messengers of Peace program has three dimensions:

- $\Rightarrow$ Personal
- $\Rightarrow$ Community
- $\Rightarrow$ Environmental



### **Personal Dimension**

- Any project conducted that impacts a single person or small groups of people.
- Relatively easy to accomplish and conduct as an individual or as a unit.
- Examples are:
- $\Rightarrow$ Conducting a book drive
- $\Rightarrow$ Making and donating boxes to feed the hungry
- ⇒Assisting home maintenance for needy members of the community
- ⇒Helping or conducting a holiday party for less fortunate families



### Community

Work on a project that provides help to a community as a whole and reduces need and conflict

Examples include:

- $\Rightarrow$ Building a common accessible area like a park
- $\Rightarrow$ Cleaning up vandalism
- ⇒Sponsoring conflict resolution workshops in a school
- $\Rightarrow$ Helping in an effort to provide help to countries in need
- ⇒Help in a first aid training event/emergency drill



#### Environmental

Work on a project that has an environmental impact

Examples are:

- $\Rightarrow$ Shoreline restoration
- $\Rightarrow$  Invasive species remediation
- $\Rightarrow$ Creating Fire Breaks
- $\Rightarrow$ Any Hornaday project







### Ok? So ....

Messenger of Peace is an international initiative to build excitement for service projects and for a betterment of oneself, the community we live in, and the world overall.

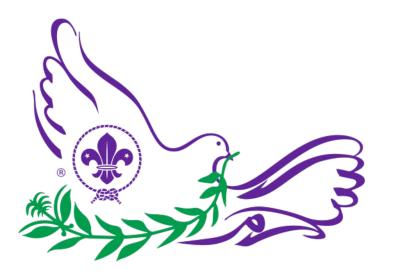
It is easy, fun, and teaches Scouts to be aware of how their service to others helps not only themselves but any number of others.





# Scouts Give Service.

# You Already Are



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> Join In and Make a Difference

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### Really?

Most council-sponsored events your unit participates in like

⇒Scout Sunday or Sabbath (Personal Dimension)
⇒Superbowl of Caring (Community Dimension)
⇒Trash Bash (Environmental Dimension)

already qualify for the MoP designation on some level.



#### So... wait... WHAT??

Here is the awesome news. If you can qualify your project as being a part of the Messengers of Peace program, you can add them as beneficiary when you enter it into JTE.

#### You do enter your service hours into JTE don't you?



#### Tree Planting

To report information about a project, fill out the following information and press the Submit Report button.

Date of service project	
Number of youth members participating in the project	
Number of youth who are not members participating in the project	0
Number of adult leaders participating in the project	
Number of other adults participating in the project	0
Total unit hours - including members and non-members (example: 10 people worked 2 hours = 20 total unit hours)	
Number of trees planted	
Which of the following organizations did you partner with on the project?	Hold down the Ctrl key to select multiple entries.
	Messengers of Peace BSAdopt-a-School US Military Families Order of the Arrow Lodge
Please tell us briefly where the trees are planted (Do not use special characters in text)	
	.:: Characters available: 2000
Submit Report Cancel	

- Start entering your Project into the Service Hours reporting website.
   https://servicehours.scouting.org/UI/Security/Login.aspx
- 2) Select Messengers of Peace, and while holding the Ctrl key down, select another entity that benefitted.
- 3) Select Messengers of Peace, and while holding the Ctrl key down, select another entity that benefitted.
- 4) MoP does not take away the group, organization, or beneficiary you did the project for! It adds a beneficiary, and has no other impact.
- 5) Your project will get added to the MoP page as hours only, and you can submit it to the WOSM page and add pictures or video if you want to showcase yourself. However, it is not required.



#### What's In It For My Unit?



Besides the fact that you rendered service, got a good feeling for doing so and helped someone or something, you will be able to sport the üebercool Messengers of Peace ring patch that can be worn around the WOSM emblem on the uniform of the Scouts and Scouters that participated.

.... And all this for one click while holding down the Ctrl key! It can't get any easier than that.



#### What's In It For My Unit?



The certificate is available through the Messengers of Peace site and is suitable for framing and proudly displaying it.



#### What we ask you to do:



Please discuss the Messengers of Peace program when you distribute your patches. It will reinforce the reasons you are receiving the patch and the impact of the project.

It is not a requirement but should help to explain and promote the program, and you can use it to build good will for those Scouts or parents that missed participation this time and use it for an incentive for the next project.



#### Making a difference?



In December 2013, 68 Scouts from the Inter-American Region attended a training course called Inter-American Leadership Training. During this course, the Scouts were assigned teams and were challenged to come up with a Messengers of Peace project.





#### Making a difference?



Since the training course and the initial date of April 26, September 27 was added to accommodate the differing planting seasons. What started as an idea of 11 Scouts that had never met before at Camp Strake just north of Houston, Texas turned into 15,000 Scouts in 33 Countries on six continents planting more than 66,000 trees.





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# The WOSM website tracks submitted projects from all over the world.



#### Scouts across the World

Scouting is a global force of action. Each good deed and service action contributes to creating a better world. One by one, we can change the world, inspire others, and build lasting peace.

This map illustrates the number of service projects reported since October 2012. Big or small, they all make a difference. Join us and add your project now!

Every day, Scouts contribute to their communities through service projects. Since October 2012 Scouts have logged 583,218,927 service hours Add your project now!



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...and if you want to share a story about your Messengers of Peace project with other Scouts throughout the world, submit it to the site. You can upload a write up, photos, and even videos if available.



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This may seem to many to be an utopian dream too visionary for practical politics, and the question would naturally be asked: "Could it ever be brought about in practice"?

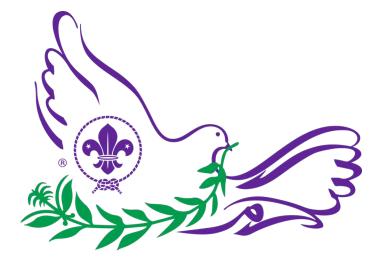
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#### Resources

- <u>http://scout.org/</u>
  - Click on the Messengers of Peace emblem
- <u>http://www.scouting.org/messengersofpeace.aspx</u>
  - BSA Website
- <u>https://www.facebook.com/groups/180625558672923/</u>
  - Messengers Of Peace Facebook Page
- <u>http://worldscoutfoundation.org/messengers-peace /</u>



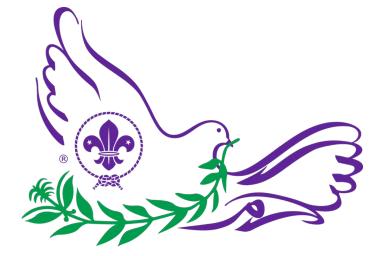


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If you have questions or comments regarding the Messengers of Peace projects and would like to talk about a project eligibility please contact:



## We are Scouts! **THANK YOU!** Messengers of Peace We are Messengers of Peace!

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