EARN SCOUTING'S INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES PATCH

The International Scouting Committee of the Greater Pittsburgh Council wants to make you aware of how you can earn the International Activities Patch. The patch (pictured to the left) can be earned by Cub Scouts, Scouts, Venturers, and Adult Leaders. To earn the award, all a registered youth or adult needs to do is to earn 100 points from among the 3 categories below. You can complete three items in Category I, five in Category II, or any combination that you wish. You just need to earn 100 points! You do not need to participate in a World Jamboree to earn this patch – It would be fun though!

- Category I (40 points each)
  - Earn the interpreter Strip
  - Earn the Citizenship in the World Merit Badge
  - Conduct an international project such as UNICEF, United Nations Day, etc.
  - Participate in a BSA event with a World Brotherhood theme such as Expo, Day Camp, Summer Camp or Camporee.
  - Visit a Cub Scout group or a Boy Scout group in another country.
  - Host a Scout or Scouter from another country.
- Category II (20 points each)
  - Attend an event where Scouts from another country are present. This can be at Summer Camp, or any event that is sponsored by the Scouts or another organization.
  - Participate in an international theme program at a troop or pack meeting.
  - Participate in Jamboree-On-The-Air, or similar Scouting program.
  - Visit an international organization, embassy or World Bank and learn more about what they do.
  - Visit an international civic club and learn about their international activities.
  - Assist at an IVIS (International Visitors Information Service) booth at a train or bus station or at an airport.
  - Participate in the Cub Scouting or Boy Scouts Pen Pal Program.
  - Collect international Scout badges, pins or Scouts on Stamps and display at a troop, pack, or other Scout meeting.
  - Participate in a collection for Scouting's World Friendship Fund.
  - Earn the Cub Scout or Boy Scout World Conservation Award.
- Category III (60 points each)
  - Attend/participate in a World Jamboree in another country or a BSA sponsored Scouting Tour in another country.
  - Cub Scouts only: be able to converse in a foreign language.

Please note that the unit leader, or his designee, determines eligibility for completing the above requirements. There is no time limit. The International Activity Patch is worn as a temporary patch centered on the right uniform pocket.

Once the Scout or Scouter earns the 100 points, please send an e-mail indicating the Scout's Name, Address, and a short description of the items completed to InternationalScouting@gpc-bsa.org so that we can keep you informed of future International Scouting Activities -- You may then purchase the patch at the Scout Shop.

INTERPRETER STRIP CHALLENGE

Earn an Interpreter's Strip and get a chance to win an International Patch Collection including patches from the 2011 International Jamboree, England, Israel, and Sri Lanka.

Every time you earn an Interpreter's Strip (from July 1, 2010 and September 30, 2011), your name will be entered into a drawing to win an International Patch collection. All you need to do is to check www.GPC-BSA.org/International for instructions on how to enter. There are many Interpreter's Strips. A full listing and requirements may be found by visiting http://www.usscouts.org/advance/interpreters.asp