



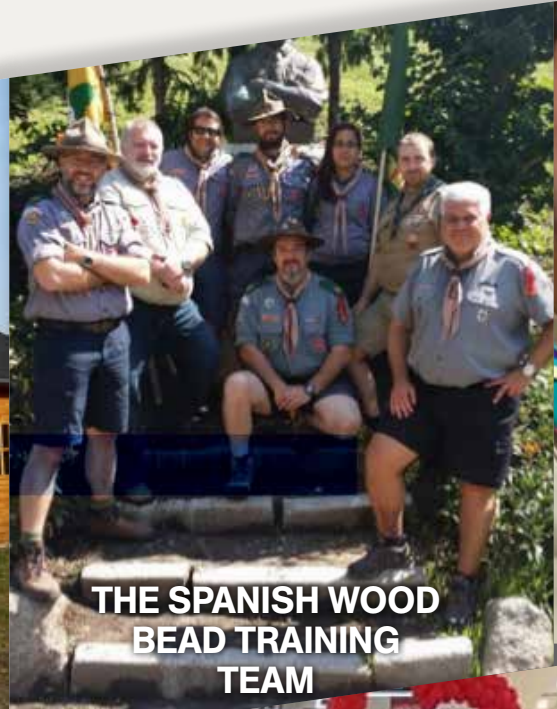
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SCOUTS - EUROPE

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# THE SPANISH WOOD BEAD TRAINING TEAM

**T**he trainers' team is composed of 10 Scouters from 4 different associations, five of them having passed TTT1.

The team started working in 2014, and since then 3 complete Wood Badge courses have already been carried out according to the standards regulated by WFIS, and we are waiting to start the fourth course as soon as the pandemic allows us to do so. But as the trainer's work never ends, we continue to work from our homes following up on the work assigned to the participants.

It is a great satisfaction for us when a participant we have trained is invested with the Wood Badge.

"Tradition is the past that drives us to serve better, to better ourselves, to update ourselves" (John Thurman - Former Camp Chief of Gilwell Park).



**St. George**, the Patron Saint of Scouts, is celebrated in many parts of the world on 23rd April and we would like to know how you, if at all, will celebrate this important occasion this year.

We would like to publish photos and articles on this topic in the next issue. **SO...SEND US ARTICLES!**

In 2020, because of the pandemic and during the lock down, the Italian scouts of the Assoraider, celebrated St. George like this:



**ITALY**



▼ **Salvatore Roggero**

**ST. GEORGE'S DAY  
2020**

**S**t. George 2020 was celebrated by our association Assoraider in an anomalous way, due to the Covid-19 situation, but not with less meaning, nor less importance. The association decided to organize the flag raising ceremony and broadcast it online inviting all members to meet potentially at a set time on April 23rd, in order to celebrate together our patron Saint of Scouting. For the occasion, members were asked to immortalize the moment of the ceremony by taking a picture of their participation. The pictures were collected in a book that was subsequently sent to all the local groups. The message of the whole event was that, especially this year, we need to remember that St. George taught how to defeat the dragon and how to face any adversity.

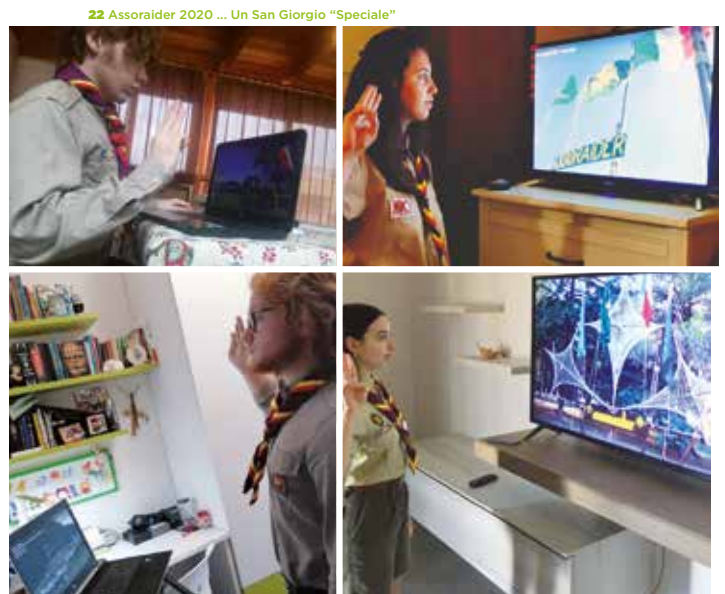


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GERMANY



Henry Seelig



# SCOUTING IN BRANDENBURG IN PANDEMIC TIMES

**W**hen we met at the GA in Oxford, the virus in China seemed infinitely far away. It should be the calm before the storm that has ruled our lives for a year. During the Easter holidays 2020 I originally wanted to go on a trip across Trieste, Udine, Abano, Venice and Verona with 14 boy scouts and rovers. Instead, at home we heard the terrible news of the triage in overcrowded hospitals and about coffins that were driven away in military trucks because the morgues are overcrowded as well in northern Italy.

In Brandenburg after the first lockdown, public life and with

it scouting began again just before the summer vacation. Then there was a six-week break because camp trips with larger groups still appeared to be a risk for which no one was willing to take responsibility. 6 rovers and girl scouts spontaneously decided to go on a 4-day tour through Saxon Switzerland. They spent the night under rocky outcrops, the so-called Boofen. This has a long tradition in Saxon Switzerland.



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At the beginning of August school started again and with it the regular group lessons. But the number of infections rose again in October and we





canceled our autumn camp as a precaution. At that time, Berlin became a focus of infection and most of the parents - our beavers, wolves, scouts and rovers - work in Berlin. For Halloween on October 31. the last group lessons took place and in November it went into lockdown again. During the first and second lockdown, only individuals could work on the clubhouse (painting the facade) and the site (building a wooden shed and two stairs to the trailer and a flagpole with an electrical connection). In October and January we helped the DRK (German Red Cross) again with the blood donation in

Schildow and we were able to replenish our club coffers by selling Christmas trees. Christmas party, New Year's hike and Biikebrennen were canceled due to the corona. Group lessons via video conference took place a few times. But it's just not the same. On March 12th we will discuss in a video conference how and when to continue. Germany is definitely not the fastest country when it comes to vaccination and so our euphoria that public life will pick up speed again with spring is a little restrained. Nevertheless "A Scout smiles and whistles under all difficulties".



**TURKISH REPUBLIC  
OF NORTHERN CYPRUS**



▼ **Esen Bahadır**



# THE PRESENTATION OF TRNC GIRL SCOUT ASSOCIATION

**F**or TRNC Girl Scout Association, the year 2020 has a very important place for us, although the Covid-19 outbreak has started. The year 2020 is a year in which we have been accepted as a prospect member of WFIS. This is an important year in which we are proud to lead a step towards becoming part of an international federation, not only as scouts, but also as a country that has been ignored by the world for years. This year, before Covid-19 started, we held important activities together with our routine works.



## Essay Contest January 2020

An essay contest titled “Tell Me What You Want to Do for a Better and More Liveable World” was organized in order to encourage scouts to think while increasing their skills. In the competition, which was held with the participation of all the little scouts across the island, the top 10 compositions were awarded with a ceremony attended by scout parents and leaders.



**TURKISH REPUBLIC OF NORTHERN  
CYPRUS GIRL SCOUT ASSOCIATION**

## 50th Year Photographic Exhibition February 2020

It is a photography exhibition that we have prepared for the 50th anniversary of the foundation of our association, which was opened by the wife of our President, our honorary president, and Mr. Klaus Tegeder. Our 50-year history was shown with photographs at the exhibition



## Love Flowers Distribution Thinking Day 2020

It is the traditional Thinking Day event of our association's Famagusta Group. Our Girl Scouts and Scout Leaders were happy to distribute the flowers they prepared with their own hands and the messages they attached to the flowers to the people of Famagusta, as every year, is to spread both love and loyalty, with priceless smiles on their faces.



### 26<sup>th</sup> February 2020

WFIS President Klaus Tegeder worked with our scouts, their work has been very useful. The Girl scouts learned the intricacies of lighting a fire and, in addition, what kind of material is needed. They also learned how to prepare and preserve a fire.



### 4 Beads Wood Badge Training July 2020

At the beginning of the July we started the 4 beads wood badge training session which was organized in cooperation with the association KAPİF. Our leaders who attended the training where assigned a thesis and they have been working at it ever since then. We though that we could use the lock down situation at our advantage since we have to stay at our homes.



We were locked down in the middle of March and started to normalize in the middle of June. Then for the second time, from the beginning of September till middle of November and then, for the third time, from the beginning of January till now. We reopen our scouting activities when our schools reopen.

We organized all our activities according to the pandemic situation and tried to find out answer to the question

“how can we help our girl scouts to feel at ease and creative in this process? Then, we organized three workshops: Cooking, Macrame and terrarium workshops. Besides that we do our routine group meetings but we work with smaller groups, with masks and by protecting everybody with safety distances. Within a few days we will be planting trees. We will create our own little forest by planting 200 trees. During our meeting we didn't have any problem indeed.



### Cooking Workshop 14<sup>th</sup> July 2020

It was a whole day workshop where we as scout leaders thought how to cook and bake to our girl scouts.

It was both an enjoyable and worthwhile day for all of us.







We as leaders thought that especially in lock down situations because of the Covid -19, it can be really nice and beneficial for our girl scouts to know how to cook. At their homes they can improve their cooking ability while they are helping their mothers and share nice moments with their families.



**Knotted Macrame Workshop**

It was another worthwhile workshop which taught the girl scouts how to keep busy while they have to stay at their homes because of Covid-19.

Our scout leaders taught them how to do macramé by using knots. They did very nice hand bags.

**Terrarium Workshops with out butterflies**

We had a very nice workshop with our little girl scouts whom we call “butterflies”. We organized this for the girls who loves nature and can’t go out because of the pandemic situa:on. We teach them how to create a little nature with small amount of soil, a piece of a plant and a little jar. They learnt that they can create their own mini garden into a jar and can be happy in every situation.



We keep trying to find out how we can go on doing scouting during this pandemic situation. We applied for the EU Project to make our Association more stronger and more visible and to make sustainable web connection to be able to do distance education with our girl scouts. We were accepted for the first step and if we can achieve to get funded by EU than next year we will do more.



ITALY



▼ Totò Vitale

## SERVICE DURING PANDEMIC

**W**ith the advent of the Covid19 pandemic, a great emergency has arisen for all those families who have lost their jobs and income. The Mayor of Gela, while waiting for the government to activate ways of helping these families, called our Scout Group to see if it was possible to organize food collections to be delivered to the families in need, we immediately organized teams, formed by our Group Leaders and Rovers (about 40 members), who in turn proceeded to organize the food collection. The supermarkets gave us tons of food, also the food bank and the families. With our databases we sent the information to the town hall and they came to pick everything up from our offices. Now that the emergency is mitigated we are continuing the service by organizing the food and medicine delivery service to the people that are in quarantine, isolated because they are ill with COVID-19 and who cannot go out, who have no relatives nor somebody to rely on for this service.

Yours in traditional scouting.



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# NEW PROJECT

## HANDICRAFT 2021

- > **It's a project for everybody!**
- > **each work will be carefully evaluated considering the age of each participant**
- > **each participant will receive a participation certificate.**
- > **the activity will have only one phases (ends June 30, 2021 )**

### HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

Each participant must send a maximum of 4 photos of his/her handicraft by e-mail to [handcraft@wfis-europe.org](mailto:handcraft@wfis-europe.org) indicating: name, surname, association, group and, most important of all, the age



## PIONET... 2021

- > **It's for all European Patrols**
- > **2 phases in which the Patrols will be evaluated (June 30, 2021 - December 31, 2021)**
- > **the Patrols will have to work very hard to win!**

### HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

An e-mail must be sent to: [pionet@wfis-europe.org](mailto:pionet@wfis-europe.org) that says: "We are the XXX Patrol (and the name of the Association and Nation) and we want to participate at PIONET...!!!!"

