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OF INDEPENDENT
SCOUTS - EUROPE

WFIS-Europe is a Scout organization for independent scouts. We meet in camps, leadertraining and jamborees. WFIS-Europe was created in 1999 and is an organisation under WFIS World-Wide. Every scout organisation can join WFIS-Europe if they are not member of another world organisation. If you want to know more about WFIS-Europe, please contact one of the members of the committee.

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▼ Anezka Zednikova and Jitka Jezova

MEDICAL COURSE IN BRNO

At the end of April, a medical course was held for scouts from our Scout association SSSCR after the successful completion of which the participants can become camp medics for recovery events. This forty-hour course is accredited by the Ministry of Health of the Czech Republic. The course took place from April 28th to May 1st at the medical college (in Brno). The participants learned the duties of a camp medic, how to provide first aid in various situations, how to take care of the sick or how to create or maintain medical documents and much more. However, there were also practical lessons. The participants

tried out how to save a drowning person in the Kurim pool. And thanks to the equipment, they also learned resuscitation, treatment, and handling of injured people. First aid kit equipment and epidemiology were the other topics of prepared lectures. Those were the days packed with lectures and practical teaching. Now all the participants must do is pass the test, which will be written in the fall. But with our knowledge gained from the course we think we all can pass the test easily.



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▼ Mgr. Petr Votroubek

PILGRIMAGE OF JEVICKO SCOUTS TO IVANCENA ON 21ST-23RD APRIL 2023

This year too, girl scouts and boy scouts from Jevicko went on a pilgrimage to the mound on Ivančena. This time, a total of 22 participants from Jevicko went to Ivancena. We traditionally had our facilities in the Sokol gymnasium in Frydlant nad Ostravici, where we arrived on Friday evening. Until nightfall, other expeditions of scouts from different cities gradually arrived at the Sokol gymnasium, increasing the number of overnight guests to a respectable 160 participants.

The wake-up call at seven o'clock, which was very difficult for some participants, was followed by breakfast and preparation for the ascent. The ceremonial starts at 9:30 started everything and the patrols set off towards

160 girl scouts and boy scouts from the SSSCR and Skaut ABS associations went on a joint pilgrimage to the mound on Ivancena. At this stone mound near Lysa hora in the Beskydy mountains, every year around the feast of St. George Day gathers hundreds of scouts and tramps from all over the Czech Republic and abroad. For 77 years, Ivancena has been a symbol of resistance to totalitarian regimes, a legacy of the past that must be remembered so that the hardships suffered are not forgotten. In support of war-torn Ukraine, Skaut ABS association carried the Ukrainian flag this year.

Lysa hora. Each patrol was given several tasks, during which the participants thought about the message of Ivancena, which is a symbol of freedom. This year's main theme was the heroes of today. Everyone gradually reached the mound around two o'clock, when the ceremonial entry took place. The fallen scouts were remembered together, and then the scouts placed their stones brought from home. The greater part of the pilgrims then left for the return journey. However, there were quite a few persistent ones who continued on and after a while stood on the top of Lysa hora, extending their pilgrimage to 27

km. Overall, the climb was successful, and everything turned out great.

The return trip was without major complications. Only the spring sun wreaked a little mischief on unprotected skin. After a hearty dinner, the adults

rested their sore feet, and the younger and indestructible scouts played the popular game of Blind Knight. Sleeping bags came into play relatively early, as fatigue was already starting to show.

Sunday morning was marked by the cleaning of the Sokol gymnasium. Those interested could still visit the Mass, and after it all the participants went to their homes.



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**TURKISH REPUBLIC
OF NORTHERN CYPRUS**



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FRIENDSHIP CAMP

Within the scope of our project, a Friendship Camp was held in Trikomo/Iskele between 12-14 May to train new scouts in our association.

As part of the project, the association leaders attended the Annual World Federation of Independent Scouting (WFIS) Workshop organized by De Gule Spejedere i Danmark in Denmark on 23-25 September 2022.

In this workshop, the leaders of the association took part in informative activities and gained a lot of experience. The knowledge and experiences gained in this workshop were transferred to the Boy Scouts at the Friendship Camp and the capacity of the association was further increased.

In the Friendship Camp held on 12-14 May, Girl Scouts learned from their leaders about handicrafts, making fire, building facilities, cooking on fire and many other subjects. In addition, our scouts had the chance to learn about rock climbing thanks to our volunteer instructors İnan Taşçı and Tüner Arifoğlu from Sharpa Climb Inn. While gaining this information, they had a lot of fun, mingled with their peers, and spent a weekend in nature.



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

Esen Bahadır, President of the Girl Scout Organisation Association, emphasized the importance of being a scout at a young age and said: "Scouting was born from the idea that children and young people can be trained better and more quickly in matters such as character, skill, health, strength and courage by being trained in a group and in the lap of nature itself. For

this reason, people who are involved in scouting from a young age grow up to be much more self-confident, resourceful, good, positive, helpful, and self-sufficient individuals who are useful to society." and stated that such camps will continue.

Thanks to everyone who participated.



PORTUGAL



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▼ José Manuel Ribeiro

TRAINING

The Companies of Encosta do Sol and Mina de Água, both from Amadora, met to carry out the FormaTribos 2023 (theoretical part) in a friendly training action that the Trainers of the UEP Training Academy did with joy and spirit of knowledge sharing what the scout requested.

- Pitch tents
- Hoisting flags
- Orientation
- Graduations
- Use of stoves
- Field tools (use and care)
- Personal progress
- Organization of the UEP
- Divisions of the UEP
- Trust games and sharing
- Ceremonies





Article on FB

BRAVIOS SCOUT CAMP

Today the Baden-Powell Forum took place in the auditorium of the multi-sport pavilion of Odivelas an event to commemorate April 23 - St. George's Day, patron of the Boy Scouts! The National Head of UEP, José Manuel Ribeiro had house honours at the speakers' table and always very well supported by the Companies of Odivelas, Encosta do Sol and Mina de Água - Amadora and Fernão Ferro - Seixal. The icing on the cake was the announcement of the Hon. Mr. Mayor of Odivelas about the project of the Scout camp "Bravios Scout Camp" to open until 2024. The village game was also a happy opportunity to bring together the younger divisions of the associations represented. Well done and good hunt to all and thank you so much for coming... It was worth it.





GREAT BRITAIN



▼ Article in the Wigton Newsletter about family fun day on Sunday

1ST WIGTON BADEN-POWELL SCOUTS CELEBRATE 25TH BIRTHDAY

1st Wigton B-P Scouts celebrated their 25th birthday with a family fun day on Scout Land on Sunday.

The event featured craft activities, a scavenger hunt, and a special flag-raising ceremony with a new flagpole that was used during a recent European jamboree.

The group received badges and an affiliation certificate from Mr. John Daly, Chairman of the Wigton Branch of the British Legion. The day included games, food and the presentation of special 25th-anniversary t-shirts

and bags. The celebration concluded with a birthday cake in the shape of the group's German black tent, highlighting their efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Group leader Julie Bryceson said: "There couldn't have been a more appropriate cake, we have spent so much time over the last 3 years, holding meetings in our Jurte in an attempt to lessen the spread of COVID and the children loved the green and yellow sponge inside, which really matched the Group's neckers."



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GERMANY



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

In life there are always ups and downs. The tribe celebrates its 17th birthday today. Many have come to know us and are/were a part of it. Some have been members for one year, some for 10 years and some for 17 years. Every single one has contributed to what the tribe has become. There have been many adventures, great camps, special highlights, international and national friendships, but also problems and difficulties. I wish all members

continued joy, fun, fellowship, adventures, friendships, special experiences and many more years together. I especially wish the Rovers / Leaders a lot of patience, motivation, fun and joy, because this honorary office is much more than 1 hour a week!

Thank you all for your commitment, because only those people who were or are scouts understand what scouting is all about.

Good Path!



**BUND EUROPÄISCHER ST. GEORGS-
PFADFINDERINNEN UND - PFADFINDER**
Scout Tribe "Noah" - Nettetal in BESP





GERMANY



▼ **Constantin Hoppe**

A ROLE MODEL FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Laubach (con). Josephine Vellenzer was honoured at the Laubach town council meeting: the 24-year-old, who is a volunteer with the Solms Scouts, had already been awarded the Central Hesse Volunteer Award in March. The city parliament now wanted to highlight this award once again. Josephine has been a member of the scouts for 16 years. She has been a member of the troop leadership since 2016 and leads nine groups. In addition, she



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is active as a trainer for group leaders and is also involved at international level: through the umbrella organisation WFIS (World Federation of Independent Scouts), she is active in a team that represents youths at the UN, where she works on youth projects. “In her work, she is a role model for young people,” said Mayor Matthias Meyer. “She has made a great contribution to the success of our scouts.” By the way, she has also been nominated for the German Commitment Award.

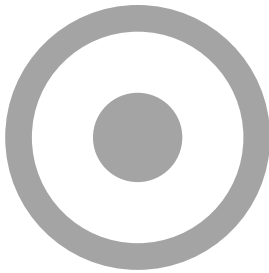
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Eurocamp 2023 will
be published shortly.**



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David Michael Baden-Powell,
4th Baron Baden-Powell (11 December 1940 – 3 July 2023) was British, an AMP insurance sales agent and an active supporter of the Scout Movement. Baden-Powell was the second son of Peter Baden-Powell, 2nd Baron Baden-Powell, and Carine Boardman, inheriting the barony following the death of his elder brother Robert in 2019, and was the grandson of the founder of World Scouting, Robert Baden-Powell, and Olave Baden-Powell.



**Lord Michael
Baden-Powell of Gilwell**

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