



Marie-Louise correa, chairman of the World Scout committee

# You are Chairman of the World Scout Committee; how important is your responsibility?

M.L.C.: Scouting envisages a global approach to education, in other words it aims at shaping the personality of young people so that they can be good, fully responsible citizens. The fact that I have served twice as minister in the Senegal government, by request of the President of the Republic, was not at all for political reasons, because I am not a member of any party, but my scouting background could be very useful to solve many problems of society. Nowadays, World Scouting has important challenges to overcome in order to answer the educational needs of our young people and to allow them to participate fully in the global development. The Jamboree experience offers a unique opportunity to make the youths aware of the difficulties our world faces today. All scouts are involved in finding solutions to the global problems of our planet. Trust me, the World Committee takes its responsibilities for the unity of the Scout Movement very seriously.

### Is it a challenge to be a woman as Chairman of the World Scout Committee?

M.L.C.: I have been a scout for 42 years. Ever since I was a scout and then a Den Leader until today I always realized that women play an important role in society, because they are particularly sensitive in their way

### Scoufing is a way of life Le scoufisme est une facon d'efre

By Guillaume Legaut, France and Jerome Koziura, France

to approach problems and avoid conflict situations. The membership of girls and women is an essential enrichment for the Scout Movement and their presence demonstrates the open mindedness of the Movement throughout the world.

## What are the main challenges for the future of World Scouting?

M.L.C.: I have chosen as objectives for my mandate both, to be open and accessible and also brotherhood to promote unity and maintain the scouting spirit through adherence to the Scouting principles, the Laws and the Scout Promise. After the Thessaloniki Conference in Greece in July 2002, we have established a strategy based on 7 priorities among which the 3 main ones are: responsibility of the youths, the role of adults in the Movement, the profile of Scouting with development of a partnership with the NGO and the agencies of the United Nations. We must send strong messages to restore the image of Scouting, which is in fact the aim of the communications campaign, the production of the film... which also serves for the re-balancing of inequalities between North and South based on our own values.

### What did scouting give to you on a personal level?

M.L.C: What I am today I owe mostly to Scouting. Scouting means being able to handle difficult situations and to be well organized. Scouting is a mood, a state of being, it is a feeling of openness towards others, towards the one who looks at us, of brotherhood. As we say in Guinea: "on t'ose" (We come to you –ndt). Here at the Jamboree, it is clear that the scout leader serves the young people and that he, in his role as leader, gives them a direction for life.

#### Présidente du comité mondial du scoutisme, c'est une responsabilité importante?

M.L.C: Le scoutisme propose une approche globale de l'éducation, c'est à dire qui vise à former la personnalité des jeunes pour en faire des citoyens à part entière. Lorsque je suis devenue ministre à deux reprises au Sénégal, à la demande du Président de la République, ce n'était en aucun cas pour des raisons politiques car je ne suis membre d'aucun parti mais parce que ma formation scoute pouvait être d'une grande utilité pour gérer les problèmes de la société. Aujourd'hui, le Scoutisme mondial a de grands défis à relever pour répondre aux besoins éducatifs des jeunes, pour leur permettre de participer au développement dans un monde global... L'expérience du Jamborée constitue une occasion unique de sensibiliser les jeunes aux problèmes de notre monde. Tous les scouts ont un rôle à jouer pour répondre aux problèmes globaux de notre planète. Faites-moi confiance, le Comité mondial tiendra les responsabilités qui sont les siennes pour réaliser l'unité du Mouvement.

### Etre femme et présidente du comité mondial du scoutisme, est-ce un défi?

M.L.C : Je suis scoute depuis 42 ans. Depuis que j'ai été scoute et cheftaine de meute jusqu'à aujourd'hui, j'ai toujours remarqué que les femmes ont un rôle important à jouer dans la société car elles ont une sensibilité particulière dans la façon d' aborder les problèmes et pour éviter les situations conflictuelles. Les filles et les femmes sont une richesse essentielle pour le Scoutisme mondial car leur présence illustre l'esprit d' ouverture du mouvement à travers le Monde.

#### Quels sont les grands enjeux pour l'avenir du Scoutisme Mondial?

M.L.C: J'ai placé mon mandat sous le sceau de la transparence et de la fraternité pour promou voir l'unité et maintenir l'esprit scout en ayant comme support les principes, la loi et la promesse scoutes. Depuis le Conférence de Thessalonique en Grèce en juillet 2002, nous avons mis en place une stratégie de 7 priorités dont les 3 principales sont la responsabilité des jeunes, le rôle des adultes dans le Mouvement, le profil du scoutisme avec la mise en place de partenariat avec les ONG et les agences des Nations Unies. Il s'agit de restaurer l'image du scoutisme en laissant passer des messages forts, c'est d'ailleurs l'objet de la campagne de communication, de la réalisation du film... cela passe aussi par un rééquilibrage des inégalités nord-sud tout en nous basant sur nos propres valeurs.

#### Qu'est-ce que le scoutisme vous a apporté sur un plan personnel?

M.L.C: Ce que je suis aujourd'hui, je le dois avant tout au scoutisme. Le scoutisme, c'est l'esprit de débrouillardise et le sens de l'organisation. Le scoutisme, c'est une atmosphère, un état qui se vit, l'élan vers les autres, vers la fraternité, vers celui qui nous regarde. Comme on dit en Guinée, « on t'ose ». Ici au Jamboree, on se rend compte que le chef scout est au service des jeunes et qu'à travers son rôle de leader, il donne pleinement leur raison de vivre aux jeunes.

# Leaving on a jef plane!

Ready for the flight? The party is over, and everyone is flying home or somewhere else before going home as well.

Airsickness, a kind of motion sickness, is one thing that may make long flight longer! Thus, travelers susceptible to motion sickness or airsickness should get a seat over the wing or a window. Dramamine, available at pharmacies, can also prevent airsickness.

Travelers may also experience immobility and circulatory problems as well. These problems result from blood clots, which lead to swelling, stiffness and discomfort.

However, all these can be reduced by in-flight exercise, which stimulates circulation and will ease your discomfort, fatigue and stiffness. Wearing comfortable clothing and graduated-compression stockings specially designed for air travel may be helpful as well.

After you land and are back in your warm bed at home, you may feel jet lag, caused by crossing several time zones in short period of time. Jet lag may lead to indigestion, general malaise, insomnia, and reduced physical and mental performance.

The best way to treat jet lag is to be well-rested before departure and sleep during the flight.

Drink plenty of juice or water during the flight; eat light meals; and limit alcohol consumption before and during a flight. Short-acting sleeping pills may be helpful, but should only be used as directed.

compiled by Kruakae Pothong

### Weather Watch Sky condition Mostly fair occasionally Partly cloudy in afternoon Relative Humidity **50 - 85%** I emperature **MAX: 33°C MIN: 23°C** Winds Northeast 12-22 km/hr, Southerly in afternoon 10-20 km./hr. Sea Slight sea 0.5 m Courtesy of Meteorological Division, Hydrographic Department (Royal Thai Nevy

The first international gathering of disable dscouts and scout leaders was planned by Princess Srinagarindra Scout Club



(granted by Queen Silvia of Sweden). A committee was formed by selected representatives from each country headed by Prof. Dr. Yongyudh Vajaradul. More information, please contact Tel +66 (0) 2419 7524-5, or email: srinagarindra\_scout@hotmail.com

### Today's Action Schedule

6.00 a.m. - 7.30 a.m. Morning Routine 8.00 a.m. - 11.30 a.m. Free time - 1.30 p.m. Lunch (supermarket) Noon 2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m. Dismantle campsite 4.00 p.m. - 5.00 p.m. Subcamp closing 5.30 p.m. - 6.00 p.m. Dinner (boxes) 6.30 p.m. - 7.00 p.m. Move to central areana 7.30 p.m. - 9.30 p.m. Jamboree closing ceremony 10.00 p.m. - 10.30 p.m. End of activities, back to subcamp 11.00 p.m. Silence

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| Time          | Program                  | Language            | DJ.            |
|---------------|--------------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| 6.00 - 6.45   | Wake up time             | Eng                 | Want, Teya     |
| 6.45 - 7.00   | Jam morning talk         | Thai, Eng, French   | IST team       |
| 7.00 - 7.15   | JAM NEWS                 | Eng                 | IST team       |
| 7.15 - 9.10   | The full Irish breakfast | Eng                 | Rey            |
| 9.10 - 9.30   | News broadcast           | Thai                | Radio Thailand |
| 11.00 - noon  | News broadcast           | Thai                | Radio Thailand |
| Noon - 12.15  | JAM news                 | Eng                 | IST team       |
| 12.15 - 1.35  | Rice'n' noodles          | Eng                 | Marshall       |
| 1.35 - 2.00   | Talk about               | Eng                 | IST team       |
| 4.30 - 5.00   | News broadcast           | Thai                | Radio Thailand |
| 5.00 - 5.15   | JAM NEWS                 | Eng                 | IST team       |
| 5.15 - 5.30   | Sawasdee be my guests    | Eng                 | Want, Muk      |
| 5.30 - 6.30   | Focus camp               | Eng                 | Poon, Beer     |
| 6.30 - 8.30   | Songs for you            | Eng, Thai, Spanish, | IST team       |
|               |                          | Italian, Japanese   |                |
| 9.00 - 10.30  | International top chart  | Eng, French         | Nicky, Carol,  |
|               | music                    |                     | Dianella       |
| 10.30 - 11.00 | What in the world        | Eng                 | IST team       |
|               |                          |                     |                |

# Scouts Say What do you like about being a Scout? By Natthaya Padungwattanaroj, Thailand



**Jose Carlos Age: 16** Country: San Jose, Costa

"It's the most important part of my life. I'm honored to have earned the Guaria Morada (the highest rank in the Boy Scouts of Costa Rica and similar to the Eagle Scout rank in the United States). A Scout's life is very interesting and it is a benefit. There are a lot of Scouts in my country. We learn Scouting on Saturday in the afternoon. I'm glad to be here, and this is a good way to meet people from every part of the world. It's amazing!"

**Lisa Maudry** Age: 14 ans Pays: Suisse

"Je suis éclaireuse genevoise. J' aime bien ici. J'ai déja fait beaucoup d'activités; par exemple, la boxe thaïe, le casse-tête chinois et la planche à voile. C'est amusant. La mer ici est magnifique. Il fait chaud mais je crois que j'y suis habituée. C'est totalement différent de chez nous; en suisse il fait froid, il pleut, et il neige en ce moment. En un mot, c'est génial!"

วรวัฒน์ ไชยวงศ์ อายุ **15** ปี จังห<sup>ุ</sup>วัด ลำปาง ประเทศไทย

ผมเป็นตัวแทนมาจากโรงเรียน เขลางค์ นครครับ โดยปกติแล้วผมเรียนวิชา ลูกเสือทุกวันพุธ สัปดาห์ละ 1 ชั่วโมง ซึ่ง ค่อนข้างน่าเบื้อ ผมได้ออกไปค้างแรม นอกโรงเรียนบ้างปีละ 1 ครั้งเป็นเวลา 2 คืน 3 วัน เพื่อฝึกทักษะลูกเสือ เราได้ ฝึกการกางเต็นท์ การอ<sup>้</sup>ยู่กลางแจ้ง สำหรับที่นี่ผมรู้สึกสนุกสนานดีครับ มี ประสบการณ์หลายอย่าง ได้รู้จัก ชาวต่างชาติและแลกเปลี่ยนวัฒนธรรม ผมได้เดินทางไกลที่เขาเนินกะหลอก ที่จังหวัดระยอง ผมอยากเล่นกิจกรรม ทางน้ำครับ ผมดีใจและภูมิใจครับ ที่ได้เป็นตัวแทนของจังหวัดลำ้ปาง

K. Gouthami **Age: 13 Country: India** 

"I'm from Andhra Pradesh. The life of girl guides is joyful. And this let me join this jamboree where we meet other people from all over the world. We can make friends anywhere and exchange the badges with others from different countries. It is also a great opportunity to present our unique culture to others. For example, our 'Kuchipudi' dance that I prepared to show

ข้อความใต้ภาพที่สามจากซ้ายของ Scouts Say ในฉบับที่ 9 วันจันทร์ ที่ 6/1/03 ต้องมีข้อความดังต่อไปนี้



พุทธิดา โรยมณี อายุ 15 ปี โรงเรียนสาธิตสถาบันราชภัฏ มหาสารคาม จังหวัดมหาสารคาม

"อยากให้เพื่อนๆได้รู้จักกับ วัฒนธรรมไทย ตัวอย่างเช่น การ ไหว้และการยิ้มให้กัน เป็นนิสัย คนไทยที่ปฏิบัติกันมาช้านาน และ แสดงถึงความเป็นกันเอง และ มิตรภาพที่ให้กัน ถึงแม้ว่าเรา ไม่รู้จักกัน เราก็ยังกล้ายิ้มและ ทักทายกัน นอกจากนี้ เพื่อนๆ ต่างชาติน่าจะได้รู้จักอาหารไทยด้วย ถ้าเพื่อนๆได้ชิ้มแล้ว จะรู้ว่า เอกลักษณ์ของอาหารไทยเป็น อย่างไร"

### operation Sattahip

# Making dreams come frue

Diversity is an important part of the jamboree experience. A point is to try and get Scouts from as many countries as possible to gather in one place. Unfortunately, cost usually prevents some developing countries from being able to send Scouts.

Jamboree costs range from travel expenses to registration fees, uniforms and equipment. Luckily, there is a program in place that attempts to solve these diffi-

Operation Sattahip is a fund that helps Scouts from developing countries take part in the jamboree. This is the third world jamboree where the host country has organized a program to help less privile2ged Scouts attend.

Here it is called Operation Sattahip, since that is the name of the town where the jamboree is held. The tributed 15 million Baht

eration.

Also 2.5 percent of registration fees paid by participants helped set up the fund. Other countries that have contributed directly or indirectly: United States of America, Canada, Norway, Sweden, Japan, Belgium and the United Kingdom (UK).

These contributions have enabled at least 60 countries to send at least one Scout.

A prime example of the spirit of Operation Sattahip would be Project Sabir. In the United Kingdom a few months ago, Daniel Metcalfe and Jeremy Foreman discovered they had been chosen to attend the jamboree. They contacted their headmaster at Gordon's School to request financial aid.

Gordon's School, and the Gordon Foundation, which supports the school, decided they could do more. In the spirit of Thai government has con- Scouting, they decided to support a Sudanese Scout and

(nearly US\$360,000) to the ophelp make an impossible dream come true.

> But why Sudan? Gordon's School was set up at the request of Queen Victoria in 1885. It was created as a National Memorial to Gen. Charles Gordon, who was killed in Khartoum, Sudan, in 1885. A fundamental part of Project Sabir is to establish a relationship between the UK and Sudan. So, to promote peace and goodwill, the school thought that providing for a Sudanese Scout to attend the symbolic gesture.

> Metcalfe and Foreman, along with their school, contacted the chief commissioner of the Boy Scouts Association of Sudan (Atif Abdelmageed Abdelrahman) and offered to pay for another Sudanese Scout. Sabir Arbab Ramadan, 15, was chosen to attend, and Project Sabir was named for him. Sabir was a refugee suffering from drought and famine, and lived in a poor area of Khartoum. He attends

jamboree would be a positive school and to feed his family Said Sabir, "I have had a would sell water by cart and donkey.

> And the impossible happened: Sabir made it to the jamboree. In fact, on Jan. 2, Dan and Jeremy met Sabir for the first time at his subcamp.

> Said Metcalfe, "The tension and excitement was certainly building as we traveled to the subcamp . . . when we first set eyes on Sabir, we were told his nickname was 'Smile,' and we could see why."

fabulous experience making new friends, seeing the world outside my hometown and having lots of fun. This experience has encouraged me to work towards my dream of being a doctor to help patients with leprosy."

Added Atif, "This relationship will influence more youth to join Scouts and make a difference in more lives. It will also serve as an example for other Scouts to follow."

By Martin Conrad - United States





# carrefour des cultures

Mieux que Jules Verne, qui l'italienne, de v<mark>isi</mark>ter une imagina un tour du monde en 80 jours, le carrefour des cultures vous propose de le réaliser en une demi journée. Art, artisanat, musique, habits traditionnels, nourritures, sports, religions et langues du monde entier, tels sont les différents thèmes proposés lors de ce module. Chaque participant a le loisir de préparer et de déguster sa

propre pizza à

maison typique du sud de la Thailande, de se frotter à des instruments traditionnels en compagnie de Paul-Emile, mélomane averti, ou encore de s'amuser à scander sur des beats de hip-hop... la liste est longue et le journal n'aurait pas assez de pages pour l'exposer au complet!

> Lucie, Martine et Laetitia, venues de France, relève l'aspect complémentaire de ce lieu par rapport

au Jamboree. En effet, si pour elles, le site en général est un lieu de découverte de l'autre en tant que personne, le carrefour des cultures est un lieu idéal pour rencontrer, même pour apprendre, un aspect plus abstrait de cet autre : sa culture. Entre savoir « comment fait l'autre » et faire comme lui et avec lui. la différence est grande! Pouvoir créer, façonner un objet de ses propres mains et surtout d'une facon différente de la sienne, remplace toutes les théories. Amélie, Catherine, Roxanne et Cécile, de Belgique, regrettent le fait que souvent les gens restent trop attachés à leur culture personnelle, ce qui leur ferme les portes de la découverte. Elles nous ont

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également assuré préférer le discussion personnelle plutôt que d'apprendre à travers un

Jerome Koziura, France Fabien Lafarge, IST 4 Suisse

La découverte de soi passe à travers celle des autres. Que ce soit à travers une discussion. un jeu, un atelier, ce que l'autre peut apporter est inestimable car il contribue à agrandir un peu plus votre expérience, à élargir et ouvrir votre esprit, bref à construire votre personne. N'oubliez pas, cependant, que vous avez tout autant à donner que vos voisins du monde, tout autant à recevoir qu'eux. Discutez, donnez, recevez! Echangez votre monde, échangez vos

ช่อโลกทั้งใบไฉ้ใน จัดรัสฉัฒนธรรม

กว่า 10 วันแล้วที่เหล่าลูกเสือจากทุก ประเทศทั่วโลกได้มาร่วมแบ่งปัน ประสบการณ์และวัฒนธรรม ณ ค่ายลูก เสือโลกที่หาดยาวแห่งนี้ ลูกเสือหลาย คนเข้าร่วมกิจกรรมที่จัตุรัสวัฒนธรรม (Crossroads of Cultures) เพื่อโอกาส ในการเรียนรู้และสัมผัสกับวัฒนธรรม อันหลายหลากจากนานาประเทศ

จัตรัสวัฒนธรรม มีการแบ่งกิจกรรม ต่างๆ ออกเป็น 9 หัวข้อใหญ่ อันได้แก่ ศิลปหัตถกรรม ดนตรี ศิลปการแสดง <del>ภาษา อาห</del>าร เครื่องแต่งกาย กีฬา พื้น<mark>บ้าน ศ</mark>าสนา และกิจกรรมของ หมู่บ้า<mark>นไทย</mark> ในแต่ละกิจกรรมย่อย ของป<mark>ระเทศไท</mark>ย มีการประสาน งานกับ<mark>กรมต่า</mark>งๆ ที่ชำนาญใน เรื่อ<mark>งเนื้อหา</mark>ทั้งภาคทฤษฎีและ <mark>ภาคปฏิบัติ เ</mark>ช่น กรมอาชีวศึกษา <mark>กรมศิลปา</mark>กร สำนักงานคณะ กรร<mark>มการ</mark>ส่งเสริมวัฒนธรรม แห่<mark>งชาติ</mark>

กิจกรรมในจัตุรัสวัฒนธรรมมีทั้งรอบเช้า และรอบบ่<mark>าย โด</mark>ยใช้เวลาปฏิบัติกิจกรรม ฐานละ 4<mark>5 นาที เป็นกิจกรรมที่จัดขึ้น</mark> เพื่อให้<mark>เหล่าลู</mark>กเสือได้เรียนรู้ทักษะใหม่ๆ

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# Traveling around the World Scout center

Pereira - Portugal

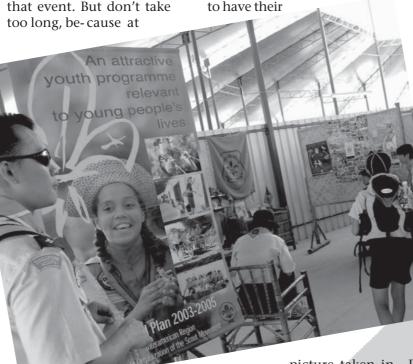
An amazing opportunity stand and watch a video about Mexico offers Scouts a chance Scouts have at the jamboree is that event. But don't take to go around the world in a too long, be-cause at single place.

The World Scout Center is a place where cultures meet and 60 countries display their cultures to everyone willing to hear stories and secrets about their homelands. One can literally jump from one continent to another, then share exotic tastes and local color.

Portugal is just a step away from Brazil, and Curacao Island is just around the corner.

Imagine visiting Iceland during the winter wearing just a T-shirt and taking self-made aluminum medals as a souvenir! Just by walking around for a few minutes, Scouts can absorb the richness of this place.

18th World Scout Jamboree in The Netherlands, stop by their



the United Kingdom stand, you'll see a typical English taxi waiting to drive you to where games, For those who remember the candies and crafts come together. Visitors take pictures all around and beg for souvenirs.

picture taken in traditional hats and garb next to pretty faces with Latin smiles.

Want to know how your information about other counname is written in Arabic or Egyptian? What a great gift to offer someone special!

Tine de Bock, 17, and Charlotte Wallez, 17, of Belgium said the World Scout Center is like a jungle "because there are lots of visitors who wants to take pictures with us."

> They said the World Scout Center is an interesting place to visit because they can experience different cultures and get inform ation about countries they would like to visit.

> > De Bock and Wallez said they like the Australian, Argentine and Hong Kong stands because they don't just stamp their books. They had time to talk with

them about their costumes. Ravikant Verma, 18, Shashank Behera, 17, and Gadamsetty Krishna, 16, of India also made the rounds of the World Scout Center. "It was very nice to gather tries," Verma said. "We liked the northern European countries stands, like Norway, Sweden

and Iceland, because we played some games to learn about them, and we would like to visit them someday. "The other stand very important to us is the one from USA." Krishna said, "because we can use a computer. In India there are many Scouts who don't have access to computers."

Eivind Hagen, 16, of Norway, found the World Scout Center interesting "because I can learn many things from other countries while collecting stamps."

"I prefer the African and Asian stands because I don't know much about those countries." "We think this is wonderful to learn about other countries and cultures," said Myriam Camenzind, 15, of Switzerland, visiting with Laura Buchi, 14. "Also, this is nice to meet people because everybody came to the World Scout Center," Buchi said. "We like the Mexico stand because it is very colorful, and the New Zealand (stand) has great pictures."

# Bus accident Creates unity

Young correspondent Ryato Kato - Japan

27, my fellow Scouts and I traveled from Bangkok by bus to Chonburi to join the jamboree. That day, the road was not so smooth, and the driver had to drive at a restricted speed. There were a lot of cars and trucks on the road. Many of my companions slept. So did I. After about an hour, the big sound of a crash suddenly woke us up. I have never heard this loud of a sound before. Later, we realized our bus hit a truck!

We were jolted! If we hadn't woken up, we would have hit the front chairs. People who were sitting in the first chairs could also have been hurt by flying glass. Fortunately, this didn't happen.

Our bus stopped, and I got down. I looked at the bus from outside. All the front glass was broken with a large crack.

Mr. Miyazaki explained to us: "I didn't sleep since the bus departed. So I knew how the accident happened. It was simple. One truck bumped

I am a Japanese Scout. On Dec. into our bus by the side. It was a sudden hit. So our bus couldn't stop and hit the truck in front. The truck that caused us to hit the other truck continued to move forward without stopping to apologize. That's too bad."

> He continued, "When that truck hit us, I knew our bus would hit the truck in front. But when it came true, I was surprised."

> We had to move our baggage and everything else to a new bus. It could have been tough. But we had no difficulty moving it because we had been trained to do hard work before. We then exhibited our unity. This is very good, indeed!

> Accidents are not always bad. If this one had not happened, we couldn't have exercised unity among us. This accident was not that bad. An accident can happen to Scouts anytime. So Scouts should be prepared. Without a problem or an accident, our Scout activities may not have been exciting.

# The odd, peculiar and unaccustomed Antje Schroeder - Germany

Some say Scouts are different. They sleep in tents, hike many kilometers daily and form friendships. People that don't expect to know one other end up spending half of their lives together.

But some things are strange even from a Scout's point of view.

For example, there is a German troop in subcamp D4 that built a below-ground bathtub cooled by ice cubes. A troop from the United Kingdom in subcamp C4 wanted to create something bigger and built a swimming pool about 3 by 4.5 meters, including borders and towel racks.

One of the strangest things at this jamboree is that while the average daily temperature has been about 35 degrees Celsius, the Finnish contingent decided to stick to its tradition of building a sauna.

Saunas are popular in Finland and everyone who can afford it owns one. Finns try to build a sauna at many jamborees.



This not only introduces their culture, but allows them to enjoy the hot room. Isn't it hot enough outside?

As Guido Wesselmann of Germany experienced, you feel clean and don't sweat afterwards.

No wonder: the sauna is about

80 to 90 degrees Celsius, so there's no sweat left.

Conversely, at the Crossroads Of Cultures Norway offered skiing and snowball fights (using white wet sponges) in a desert-like landscape.



Blair Davis - United States of America and Narisara Tangjerdjaras - Thailand

The merging of cultures between the conservative Thai and other more assertive cultures, Chadchan said.

Differences are melding though, he said, as younger Thai people adopt modern attitudes.

To help IST members enjoy the jamboree, IST has provided activities for its members, and an IST farewell party was planned.

Chadchan said he believes in the value of Scouting and even espoused Scout values from the oath and promise when he worked in business, since he experienced the values of Scouting by himself.

"I used the Scouting way to propagate a management style that is friendly, flexible, fair and firm," he said. "If people would recognize the significance of Scouting, you would have a world living harmoniously, brotherly and peacefully."

Chadchan engineer, having served

Bunnag has to keep a lot of people happy — more than 6,000 of them in fact.

Chadchan, a veteran Scouter with 43 years experience, is a director of human resources for the International Service Team (IST) at the jamboree.

He is a retired Mobil Oil Co. executive and engineer, having served as Mobil's second in command in Thailand.

Chadchan has been responsible for preparing the jamboree site, recruiting and training IST members, and maintaining their morale. He said he had two months to prepare the jamboree site.

"This is my sweat, blood, tears and agony," he said, "but the thing went well."

By Dec. 20, IST members began arriving for the jamboree. Challenges so far?

# Des jeunes scouts en politique

Partout dans le monde il y a des jeunes qui s'intéressent à la vie publique et à la politique. Il est assez normal que certains de ces jeunes sont des scouts. Alexander Van Rie de Belgique est depuis deux ans membre du conseil municipal des jeunes dans sa ville. Cette responsabilité a un lien direct avec le scoutisme puisqu'il est répresentant de la fédération du scoutisme située dans sa ville. Une fois par mois, ils se rencontrent avec les autres jeunes du conseil pour

discuter des problèmes communautaires sur lesquels ils veulent s'engager. Ils discutent par exemple des services dans la ville et de la façon de mieux les utiliser. Mais il n' y a pas seulement des choses sérieuses qui interesse le conseil municipal des jeunes. Les jeunes élus participent aussi à l'organisation des fêtes et des autres festivités.

Un autre scout qui est tres engagé dans le monde de la politique pour la jeunesse est Gerardo Canales, du Chili.

Depuis deux ans il travaille pour l'Institut National de Jeunesse en Chili. C'est un institut qui travaille en direct avec le gouvernement de Chili. Leur idéal est d'élever la qualite de vie. Ils essaient de faire face aux differents problèmes de la vie, comme la santé, le participation sociale, la culture... Cette organisation a une bonne relation avec les Scouts de Chili,

le plus grand mouvement de jeunesse. Le rôle de Gerardo dans son travail est d'assurer une concertation avec le gouvernement. Auparavant le gouvernement pouvaient créer des lois et des règles sans prendre en compte l' opinion des jeunes. Un des principaux problemes que Gerardo est en train d'attaquer concerne le fait que beaucoup de jeunes ne vont pas voter. Il veut aussi éliminer l' utilisation de la drogue notamment parmi les

gens les plus pauvres. Pour Gerardo, le jamboree c' est un plus parce qu'il peut parler avec des gens du monde entier et comme ça il acquiert une vision globale. Quand on lui demande ce que chaque personne peut faire pour la communauté jeunesse, il répond simplement : être engager et s'interesser à la collectivité.

Niels Wagabaza, Belgium



# Thailand in focus

Songkran festival

berant of Thai celebrations, Sonkran is a time to douse thoroughly anything or anyone within reach. Coinciding with the old Thai New Year in mid-April, this three-day national holiday prompts nationwide celebrations. It is a time of merrymaking, beauty competitions and goodnatured water throwing.

The tradition began, however, as a far more polite and respectful affair. Scented water was gently tipped on to the shoulder of passers-by as a new year greeting. Later it "developed" into its present form, especially in Chiang Mai, where bowls of water are tossed on everyone, and multicolored plastic water guns abound. It's a time for wearing casual, quick-drying clothes because you are guaranteed to get wet if you venture out, and indeed, it is considered an honor to be soaked.

Definitely the wettest, most exu- Buddha images get their fair share Pattaya Festival Procession Conof drenching, too. Mounted high on flower-adorned floats, the images are paraded outside their temple homes for their annual dousing. Jasmine-scented water is gently thrown from small cups over the images in a display of respect and reverence. This takes place on the second day of Songkran, and it is accompanied by joyful dancing and drumming.

> In Bangkok, festivities begin with the parading of the Phra Buddha Sihing on the grounds outside the Grand Palace. In the Wisutkasat area, once the merrymaking rituals have been completed, it is followed by a Miss Songkran beauty contest and entertainment. The Khao San Road Bang Lumphu area is also one of the hot spots in the city to experience watersplashing activities.

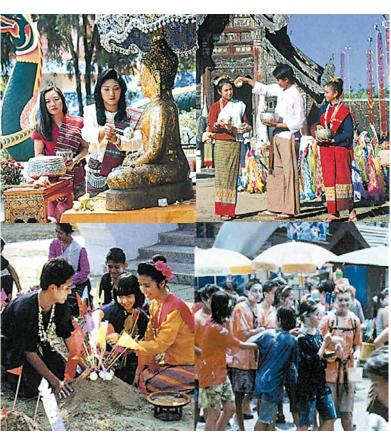
At the city resort of Pattaya, Songkran is celebrated with the generations.

test featuring fun activities along the beachfront, including the Miss Pattava Jumbo Queen contest. At the ancient capital of Ayutthaya, Thai New Year festivities feature ancient customs and traditions of Songkran that have been observed through the centuries. Khon Kaen is another interesting place to be at this time with floral float processions and northeastern folk entertainment.

Songkran is also a time for the lovely ceremony called Rot Nam Dam Nua, in which younger people bathe the hands of their elders in scented water and ask forgiveness for any misdeeds. Elders respond with blessings and advice to their juniors, and delicious sweets are then shared. This is much in keeping with the Thai tradition of respect for age and position, and it strengthens the bond between

### Lost and found

Items can be claimed at the Risk Management headquarters (near the national contingents area).



Songkran Festival

Light up the closing ceremony with colors! Go to the official scout shop











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