



The 13th International Youth Gathering for Cultural Exchange

(14-25/7/2010), Egypt

Introduction

In the light of the highly concern of the Arab Scout Region to deep rooted brotherhood and friendship ties among Youth who are involved in Scouting, which will help in strengthening Youth abilities spiritually, physically, socially, mentally and psychologically; the region cooperated with UNESCO in the organization of the previous **TWELVE** IYG from 1998 to 2008 attended by some of 600 participants 18-22 years old representing 110 National Scout Associations from the six World Scout Regions.

Persistency to the success of the previous Gatherings, it was agreed to hold the Gathering of the year 2009 during the period 14-25/7/2010 in partnership with ISESCO in the following governorates (Cairo, Giza, Marsa Matrouh, Siwa oases & Alexandria...etc) which are very famous for their historical, cultural, religious, archeological and natural sites.

In this regard, I would like to seize this opportunity to invite representatives from your national scout association to participate in this unforgettable and important event according to regulations & eligibilities mentioned in the brochure.

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Objectives:

The main objectives of the Gathering are as follows:

- Increasing awareness of the participants on the human values and principles including tolerance and peace.
- Developing ties of friendship and brotherhood among the participants from the different countries.
- Encouraging dialogue on the issues and challenges facing youth in the temporary world and youth role in dealing with these challenges.
- Spreading peace culture and mutual understanding among all the peoples of the world.
- Studying the nature and cultural heritage of the selected governorates.
- Introducing the participants to a different Environmental atmosphere to develop their awareness with the importance of environmental preservation.

Date: from 14-25/ 7 /2010

Venue: Cairo International Scout Center, Cairo, Giza, south Sinai.

Axes of the Gathering:

1. Cultural axis:

This axis includes a visit to the following governorates:

- ◇ Cairo Governorate {old Cairo [old churches, old mosques...etc.], museums [Egyptian museum, Islamic museum, Coptic museum], Saladin Citadel, Fatemic Cairo [khan al Khalili ...Etc.]}
- ◇ Giza Governorate {Pyramids & Sphinx}
- ◇ Alexandria Governorate (Alex. Library, Qayetbai citadel, aquatic activities ...)
- ◇ Marsa Matrouh Governorate (Ramses II Museum, Cleopatra's Bath, Commonwealth Tombs ...etc.)

2. Cultural Exchange axis:

- ◇ Holding 4 cultural Exchange sessions where each contingent speaks or makes a presentation about his own country {culture, geographical venue, relations with its neighbors, traditions, customs ...etc}.
- ◇ An International Evening where all the participants are invited to present different types of their traditional dishes, folklore. Coins, scouting souvenirs, gifts...etc}.

3. General Activities axis:

- ◇ Different sports, adventure activities.
- ◇ Free tours.

The Participants:

The participation in this event is open for all Rovers all over the world as far as they meet the eligibilities.

Eligibilities:

All National Scout Organizations are invited to send 2 rovers (**males only**) without any registration fees according to the following conditions:

- ◆ Age between 18-22 years old.
- ◆ Good command of English.
- ◆ Registered as members in his national scout organization..
- ◆ Their applications must be approved by their National Scout Organizations.
- ◆ Participation is recommended for those who participate for the first time.
- ◆ Deadline is 10/6/2010
- ◆ Complete registration should be submitted by fax to Arab Scout Office (Fax No. 00202 24014495), or by email (Email: **arab@scout.org**) with the approval letter of the Scout Organization.
- ◆ Preference for scouts having been involved in cultural projects (protection of historical and natural heritage) in their countries.

Costs & Visa:

- Tickets to/from Egypt will be covered by the participant or his National Scout Association.
- The organizers will cover all accommodation from 14/6/010 **afternoon - Lunch** to 25/6/010 **Breakfast**, internal transportation during the program activities for **a maximum of 2 rovers** from each National Scout Association.
- Each participant should cover – by himself - any extra expenses that do not mentioned in the accommodation (private telephone calls, Landry, coffee, tea. .etc).
- Participants have to contact the nearest Egyptian Embassy or Consulate for obtaining an Entry Visa.
- Each extra participant should pay **\$150** for his participation in the event.

What is to bring?

- 2 photos for the application form 4×6 cm.
- Traditional costume or shirt which is unique to the country as part of the International Evening.
- Scout Uniform for the official activities.
- 2 flags of the participant's Country 80×120 cm.
- Elements (documents, publications, handouts, posters, video taps, and traditional dishes. .etc) for exhibition and for any audiovisual presentation on scout project.
- Swimming suite, suitable cloths for water and beach games.
- Comfortable shoes for long distance walking in the desert, compass and personal equipments.

The Climate

The climate is most temperate; the maximum temperature in Cairo in August is 35 degrees.

For more information please do not hesitate to write to the Arab Scout Regional Office

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