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Well... I Guess This is Goodbye



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Every goddamn single jamboree, moot and international camp! The moment when you are starting to feel like you've really got to know your fellow tribe members or your IST partners who have been toiling over the canteen sink with you, the event suddenly comes to a halt and it is time to say goodbyes.

For me personally, I feel disheartened that this is the last magazine I get to edit at the camp. Especially since I

got to know so many great people, who worked tirelessly and enthusiastically to make this magazine a reality. My gratitude goes to them and their utmost dedication to this project. I am sure that other participants, IST and planning team members feel the same way about their new friends and associates.

But there is no reason to despair in departure. It just so happens that international scouting friends have this peculiar habit of attending the

same international events as you do.

There are so many things to look forward to. The next World Scout Moot is in Ireland in four years. Roverway is in the Netherlands next year and the World Scout Jamboree in 2019 in North America.

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Real Ideas for Real Change

By Inga Auðbjörg Straumland

Young people today are not the disinterested couch potatoes the media claims them to be. They care and are ready to share their ideas in order to change the world.

An incredible number of 1100 participants applied to take part in the Youth Forum during the moot, which totally blew the organizers away. It is evident that young people do not just join scout camps, such as the moot, for the program, the flies and the Dutch parties, but are eager to make their voices heard and to make an impact. The focus of the Youth Forum is on the Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations;

17 goals that serve as a call to action, to end poverty, to protect the planet and to ensure that all people enjoy peace and prosperity. The 220 participants selected, spent 10 hours each on forming a policy on these 17 goals, which will be brought to the World Scout Youth Forum, taking place in Azerbaijan later this month.

"It was truly amazing to see all these young people being so enthusiastic," says Guðrún Häsler, one of the organizers. "They are so passionate about making an impact and contributing to society. Something that the media rarely picks up on, as they'd

rather tell stories about how young people of today are apathetic towards the world, only caring about how many likes their new profile picture got." Guðrún says that today's hard work proves that this is not the case. "The participants came up with so many ideas on how to tackle today's

challenges," she adds and describes how the young people developed an idea for an app, that limits the ecological footprint of scouting and traveling, describes methods to cut down food waste, and other projects that work towards the Sustainable Development Goals.



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The Giant Playground

By Dominique Lysser

The Giant Village doesn't look like the other villages. There are no tents, but still, you'd be able to spot it from miles away, not just because of the climbing tower.

Coordination, concentration and courage are required from the participants at the Giant Village, which resembles a giant playground both in atmosphere and build.

Even though Brayden Pack didn't manage to put Canada on the honorary list of countries that successfully completed the table challenge (at least while I was there), he was in a good mood. Before he tried to crawl around a table moving hand over hand, Brayden ran through the playground obstacle course and climbed the tower. Barefoot, I might add. But according to him, it was "very fun!" (And Brayden, if you haven't completed the table challenge yet, **JUST DO IT!**)

We believe in you!) A little less out of breath and very relaxed was Rachel from Ireland, when I interrupted her juggling attempts to get a quick word. For her, the Giant Village was all about racing against each other, learning new skills and having fun. So has Rachel already learnt how to slackline? "Yeah, no. But I was trying to do it anyway!" she laughed. That's the right attitude! And if working as a professional slackliner doesn't work out for her, she still might have a promising career racing against opponents through inflatable hoops and slides. We wish her all the best!

So what's the essence of the Giant Village? Let Andres from Panama explain it to you: "Scouts are the kind of people that keep their inner child active, always happy and that's the core of the movement." What better place to let your inner child run free, than at the Giant Village?



Change Inspired by Iceland

After the adventures and experiences we've lived in the past week, we all go back home with hopes of changing ourselves, the world.

By Mayra Sanchez



"It inspired me to change the way I look at the world, how I can improve the world around us, whether with environmental stewardship, or building lasting relationships with other countries, other cultures."

Peter Corbasson III, Canada



"I want to do more stuff with rovers and I want to change myself a bit more, because usually I'm traveling alone, but I'd like to get more in a group."

Esther Sophia Fetting,
Germany



"Before the moot, I was afraid of speaking English and now I feel I can speak more freely to my patrol, my tribe and anyone. I feel very happy."

Ming-Wen-Lee, Taiwan



"Iceland has made me greatly appreciative of Kenya and African culture." "I will recommend reforestation and proper utilization for our natural resources, so Kenya stays green and clean like Iceland."

Mary and Mary, Kenya

Beat the Drums in Dragon Style

By Sara Bonetti

The drums echoed from the central tent in Dragon Village. Deep tones floated across the area, inviting participants to join the creative activities.

A peaceful and slightly spiritual picture formed, painted by the Icelandic culture and an invitation to become creative. In front of the tents, IST were demonstrating how to juggle with different tools.

A tent nearby was filled with a cacophony of spiritual noises, evoking a special atmosphere. Little mats were lying on the floor. "I was sitting in the tent for hours and totally forgot the time," tells Brecht from the Belgian contingent. "I got totally lost in the mood

and had time to think about what is happening here at the moot surrounded by these amazing people and nature." He was sitting with some friends, relaxing and enjoying,

when another friend dropped by with one of the attractions from the Dragon Village. "This is a culinary speciality from Iceland, called Leaf-bread. We cut some patterns

into the dough and deep fried it afterwards," explained the participant from the Mexican contingent and offered some to try.



What a Load of Bull!

By Gemma Mears

Walking past a man-made volcano with rovers chilling inside, opposite a rolling car (yes, that's right. A full-sized rolling car), you could get confused about what was in store for the participants in the Bull Village!

Environment and sustainability was the name of the game - with an upcycling station, where participants discussed how their own respective country upcycles, and a chance to do some of their own; crafting with driftwood, making woggles, jewellery and ornaments; and using fruit as keys on a piano!

"Being in the rolling car made us realise how important it is to wear our seatbelts at all times, and to take care when driving," stated rovers from Brazil and Austria.

'Make your own cosmetics' gave rovers the opportunity to make and keep their own dry shampoo and deodorant. "All rovers have been intrigued about making their own cosmetics. Everyone is leaving inspired and extremely grateful. Many have asked for a copy of the instructions!" shared Marion Heron (IST, UK).

There was so much more to see and do at Bull, including finding out how the moot community service projects have supported the local areas, how we have recycled waste, and what the natural environment in Iceland is like... And a chance to leave with your very own volcanic pin badge!

What change will you make when you get home to live more sustainably, and protect the environment?



Iceland from the Eagle's Perspective

By Sara Bonetti

Eagle Village puts focus on history; how we change with time, and how society, nature and civilization is also influenced by the sands of time. The program village thus offered all sorts of activities focusing on the history of Iceland and the world. Leather was knitted into bracelets and metal melted to handcraft jewellery. "People love it here, because they can make something and take it home," explains Klaus, who was responsible for the station. 18 different stations explained everything from the day when the vikings settled in Iceland to today. "We wanted to show how Iceland has changed since the vikings sailed to shore on the island,

many years ago," explained Jóhanna Aradóttir, the village chief. "They are invited to get a deeper understanding of why we are who we are and how we are."

Only a few meters away, a breeze blew the smell of oil over from a circle of white tents, as well as the noises of an axe, chopping firewood into tiny pieces of wood. The wood was meant for a station where oil was boiled to make popcorn in empty soft drink cans. The other tents challenged the patrols to make fire using only hay with stones, or a bow and a piece of wood: A fire ignited by nothing more than manpower and basic rules of physics.



Yggdrasill - The Tree of Life

By Dominique Lysser, Kirsty Minnis and Mayra Sanchez

"All of us are like water in different rivers, and all rivers end up in one ocean. So we all take different journeys, different routes. Ultimately, our destination is the same, and when water from different rivers mix, you can't tell which river it came from." - Daljit Aubby

When you walk into the circus tent on the edge of the lake, the first thing that you see is Yggdrasill. The leaves are hopes and dreams for change in the world. The wishes are as diverse as the writers who put them there: "My leaf says سلام (salam) which means 'peace' in Arabic," shares Nadim from Lebanon with us.

The activities are varied and thoughtful - from adding beautiful golden beads to a shared piece of artwork, to henna and learning what a turban means. Under the

branches, groups are huddled in discussion, discovering differences and similarities, "Our countries are so diverse... Putting yourself in another person's shoes, will be useful for thinking more positively,

and do better." reflects Christine, Luxembourg.

Jón Grétar Sigurjónsson, Village Chief, hopes that everyone's time under the tree "helps everyone understand

what spirituality is, and how you can be spiritual, both religiously and non-religiously, and help you understand other people."



Hrönn accompanies Icelandic Minister of Health, Óttarr Proppé, around the campsite



"I'm never going to wear orange again"

By Ger Hennessy

Hrönn Pétursdóttir reflects on her moot experience and the event's legacy for Scouting in Iceland.

It's possible that Hrönn's alarm clock doesn't work. "I set it every morning, but I'm already awake before it's needed," she tells me. Her days at the moot have a skeleton schedule, with 3 meetings a day. The rest of the time she is free to roam the campsite, talking with passers by, and answering phone calls and emails. "It takes me about an hour to visit somewhere on site, with people stopping me to ask questions," she says, "because people see that I'm wearing orange, so they ask questions about buses, or toilets or food."

There are times, when the subject of the questions come as a surprise to her. "I was stopped the other day by a guy who had swimming pool tickets and wanted to know where the bus would leave from," she says, "but my reaction was - 'swimming tickets?"

Bus?' There is so much going on, that of course I cannot, and should not know everything."

Hrönn became a scout at age 8, when she joined her local group in a fishing village in northern Iceland. There weren't many activities for her to try at the time. "There was scouts, or there was sports," she reveals, "but I've never been that competitive. I focus on being competitive with myself, challenging myself to do better."

When Iceland hosted Roverway in 2009, Hrönn wasn't very active in scouting at that time, but she was asked to become a tribe-advisor on short notice. Assisting with small projects from time to time, she was given the big job as moot camp chief in late 2013. Her first decision was devising a management struc-

ture, her most recent decision was to give a TED style talk on Tuesday afternoon.

As for her legacy, Hrönn hopes that the way in which scouting is perceived in Iceland will have been fundamentally changed by this moot. "Army shirts and Ging Gang Goolie bare no resemblance to modern scouting," she says, "I just hope the image of scouting has been changed."

When asked what inspires her, Hrönn immediately made reference to the volunteer spirit. "We have so many IST, who have acted so professionally, though they are volunteers" she exclaims "and to think that they have paid so much money to be here and have given up 2 weeks of their holidays as well. That's the inspiration."

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*Hrönn Pétursdóttir
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Scout Love is *InTents*

Scoutlove as a part of moot's campculture

By Sara Bonetti

"But what if?," asked a girl from Switzerland and turned her head to spot him, the one with the Brazilian scarf. And she smiled. Because scouting is love and scouts love the love. And when 5000 people from so many countries, with similar values and beliefs get together in one place, it is inevitable that love is in the air.

Because somehow you are safe when you share time, toilets, showers, queues and complaints with each other. "It's so much easier here to get in touch. And you and your feelings are so much safer,

because the other person is a scout as well," explains Scott from Scotland. "And girls in hiking boots are way hotter than the ones in high heels."

But is love always good love and is it true that "what happens on moot, always stays on moot?" Nope it isn't.

And it's also not true that the Swiss girl's "But what if?" is impossible. Her belief, against every rational intention, that she has met the one and only everlasting love. With him, the one with the Brazilian scarf.



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