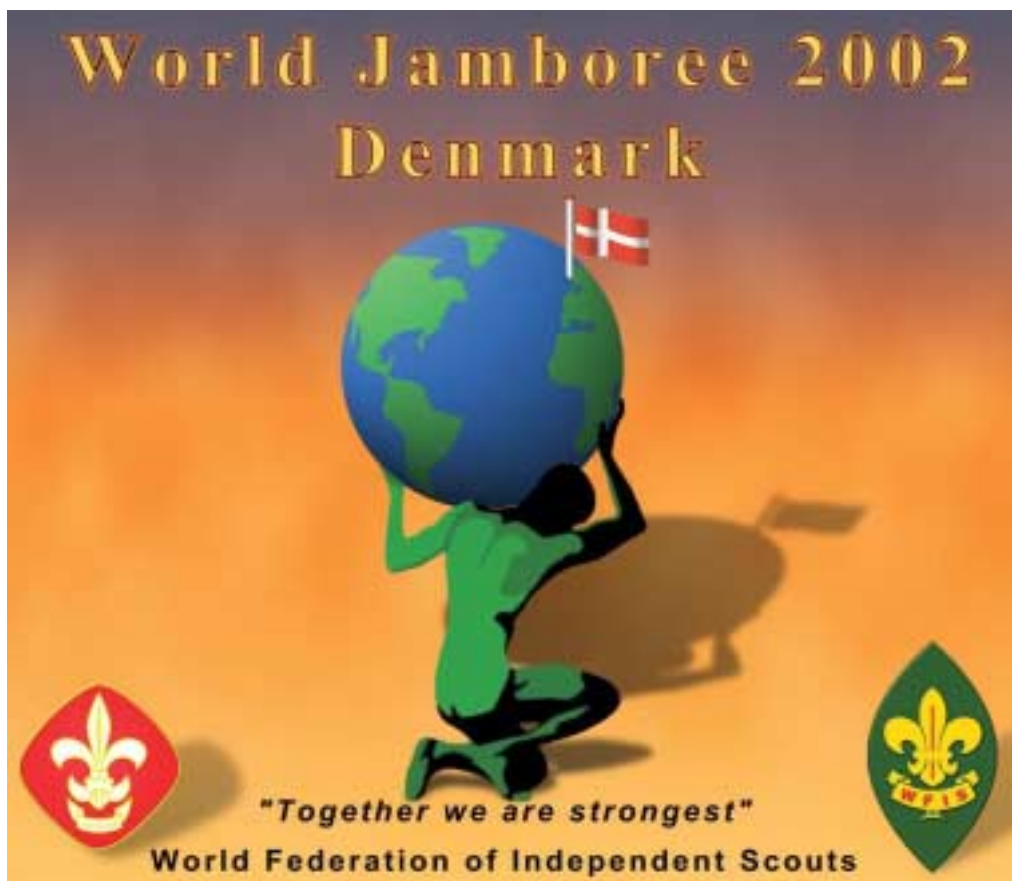




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The Jamboree is over but we still remember the beautiful and joyful days we spent together in Denmark. Our memory goes back to the unforgettable moments we lived during a week. Here they are some impressions collected among the participants.

Thank you very much for sending them!

Klaus Tegeder writes:

Dear Scouts ,

our first Jamboree is now gone. But I will never forget the time, where I met friends and found new brothers and sisters in scouting.

Let me give you my impressions about this great week. When we arrived at the Camp everything was quiet, only a small group of German scouts was staying on the place and Dino getting up his tent. Cars were running and driving around and some helpers were building and preparing the Jamboree. It was raining a little bit and we also started to build our tents. After a while we looked for the helpers and asked them some ideas to prepare our sub camp and what was going on with water, toilettes and so on. When we came back in our camp area we thought about the places where we could put all the different associations from Germany. We exchanged our ideas with Dino and then we found answers to our questions. And we were happy to have a quiet night and a big camp area only for us. After a short sleeping night, a lot of scouts arrived at the campsite, we collected scouts in Arhus and when we were back, the scouts from my group arrived also at the campsite and prepared the tents. More and more Scouts from different countries arrived and the camp area became full of tents, tepees, Jurten and Khoten. It was great to see that Scouts from Europe were starting - shyly as it was the first time - to build together our Camp. The day for the Opening Ceremony was coming and I had no ideas for my speech - I was searching the right words since weeks - but when the evening has come my speech was ready and everybody understood me. I had some small tears in my eyes when I saw that hundreds of Scouts had fun with the Friendship Game and seeing all my old friends from Denmark, Italy, England, Switzerland and Germany having fun and starting the WFIS Family . I'm very happy that also the Scouts from Japan had a lot of fun and that they gave their best to show us their way of scouting. On Sunday my big son Erik became 11 Years old, and a lot of Scouts came to congratulate him. The Swiss came and sang him a song and gave him some Swiss chocolate as present. Also my friend Adrian from England arrived and we gave him a "home" in our camp area. Marco, Conan and me had also a lot to do for organizing the German camp: night watch, toilette cleaning, flag break, morning circle, food etc. So we spent a lot of time together to make sure that our German scouts were happy. Late in the evening we organized the German Culture Programme and took the stage for listening to and seeing what is going on with our German Scout Songs. Holy Moly! The rest of the week was full of information, meetings, small talks, tea or coffee and a lot of impressions for me. I will tell you one of them : on the Swap day, I was staying in the Viking Hall with my badges and pins and had a lot fun changing and swapping them. After a while, I sat behind a table, a small Danish cub girl stayed by my table (she could only look with her nose and her eyes over the table) and she understood only Danish. She said nothing and held only a badge in front of her nose and eyes, so that I could see the badge and some blond hair. So I asked her what she likes to swap - she said nothing.



I asked her many times (a Danish Leader helped me), but she said nothing – after 15 minutes she ticks with one finger on a cub metal pin and looked at me with her beautiful eyes. In that moment my heart filled up with tenderness for this little girl and we swapped the metal pin with the badge (I had the same badge now at least 10 times) but I could see in her eyes that she was happy and that she had what she wanted to have! That girl showed me that we could give us Spirit and Power for our scouting without any words! Thank you for that!

The time to say Good Bye came very quickly and at the Closing ceremony a lot of new friends stayed together, exchanges addresses, E-Mails, telephone numbers and so on.

And when we stayed on Sunday night by our tents the Jamboree was over and the night was quiet again.

Don't forget this family camp – it will never come back. The next jamborees will be bigger and more professional – but I will never forget our first and I will keep it in my heart for ever.

My deepest respect for all the helpers (the Black Guard) and for all the persons in the background – you gave me and us all a new Spirit and a new Power to work hard for this WFIS Family .

Thank you!

Marco Landsberger:

I think we all had a very nice time at the jamboree in Denmark. This camp would not have taken place without the help and many many hours of work of our denish friends. Thank you very much Jan for organising all this and a big thank you for the helpers team and their chief Margon - they all looked like being on duty 24 hours 7 days a week.

Thank you for your hospitality and good mood even though I was not easy all the time - so many different views and needs had to be covered.

We all brought home a lot of impressions and good memories from this jamboree. One of the things I remember very well when helping out with the newsletter were Allan ´s brilliant gestures when trying to explain an unkown word.

The jamboree was a big chance to meet other cultures, to learn from eacht other, to live the international aspect of scouting. Try to keep the newly made friendships alive - let us look forward to the next jamboree.

THE JAMBOREE IS OVER... by Ivan Brentnall

The Denmark Jamborree was a historical first for the WFIS and a triumph it turned out to be ! Jan and his team did a wonderful job with the organisation and from the experience during my stay, it proved to be a happy, friendly event with both Scouts and leaders coming together and mixing very well.

Baden-Powell would have been proud of us to see the young people playing and working together and the friendships made. I hope they will last and we can build on this great foundation.

Congratulations to you all!

Those who did not attend need to make sure that they do not miss the next great opportunity to experience the joy and comradeship of our international family playing the game of Scouting together.

Best wishes to you all until we meet again.

Flipper, of the "Solmser Pfadfinderschaft" (Germany) tells us about Jamboree 2002 in Denmark...

It all started when we met on a Friday night to start our trip to Denmark. About 50 scouts from our troop were standing in front of the double-decker, full packed with all their scout belongings and other important things for a camp. We left Laubach around 20:00 o'clock and arrived at the camp about half a day later, after a long, tired but sometimes also very funny and up keeping trip. Well, when we got there we had our first problem: How can we get the big and very heavy trailer with most of our luggage on the camp, because our coach didn't fit underneath the entrance gate. The helpful Danish scout leaders decided to pull the trailer with their own car and it worked, although we still don't know if the axle is broken by now or not.

A couple hours later we finally put up our tents and had our first lunch. Saturday night the opening ceremony took place. It was interesting to see all the scouts that we were going to spend the next days with. Later at night, when I had to do the night guard job, I realized that I didn't see all the scouts, because some were still coming. The first chance to meet them was at the friendship game. You all know the game and I think that it is an awesome idea, especially if you can play it with that many people. The first night passed by quiet and the second day started out with a morning assembly with all the Germans. After a good breakfast we started building all kinds of things for our camp: A cooking place, trash can, washing station and even a bench and a small hammock. Scouts from other nationalities built their own and often very good looking and practical things, too. Later that day I was asked to translate the camp newspaper from the English into German. It took quiet some time, but with some help it wasn't too bad. On Monday we started building our camp entrance gate. First it was supposed to be a small one, but sooner and sooner we had so much fun working, that we couldn't stop. Only the rain brought an end to it. Therefore the culture day was a little bit wet, too. Good thing that it was inside the Viking hall. That evening was also the day of truth for most of the Germans - we were to perform on stage. Some had the glorious idea of singing some songs. Well, after all it turned out to be a good show and all the stage fright was gone.

The next day our lovely troop leaders, decided that we can sleep in a little bit, to get the strength for the hike.

Because about 25 people from our group went for the long one. We started that afternoon some more and some less excited. I think that this hike, although it was only through a small part of Denmark, was good to walk with, because we got to see a lot.

Of course there are always some problems - for instance we got to a crossroads and some of us said that we have to go that way, the others tried to convince and assumed the other way. After the rain started and we had to make a decision our scout instinct told us to go right through a herd of bulls - we survived and another kilometres and some blisters more we arrived at the school. The first thought was, get me out of these shoes, the next where is the promised food and after a great dinner, where are the showers - yes that's right, we did shower, while we were in Denmark. The night was much too short, but we got up good and went out to learn more about this country and not last to get back to the camp. Rebild National Park was beautiful and rest of the hike, actually went by fast.

Home again it didn't take too long, till we were playing soccer against the English Dream Team.

The German supporters were the best and most likely of the noise some say that the score was 3:2 and others say 2:2.

Over all this was a great opportunity to show friendship and just have a fair game.

Aalborg



On Thursday the Solmser went to **Aalborg**. A beautiful city. We split up in smaller groups and I went to the marine museum, which was out of the ordinary from what I've seen before. Over all this was a great day that I had the chance to observe many new impressions. Our last day in camp, we had to tear down everything we put up before. The closing ceremony was a big success again. Everybody was sad that this week was almost over. With a last beer in the Viking Hall and only one night left to say good bye to everybody you met and everybody you became closer with we started that night, and actually never went to bed. But sooner than we all think, we will see each other again. On some camp in

the next, maybe even this year, or the latest in Japan in five years. Saturday morning we shook the last hands and then finally took off in our coach to say hello to our parents and friends. It was a great camp, very well organized, so interesting and also so much fun. **I think that it is appropriate to say "Thanks" one more time in the name of all "Solmser Scouts" for such an awesome week.**

<http://www.solmser-pfadfinder.de/>

Hello everybody!

I don't want to write a long article about the jamboree, but I'm sure something needs to be said. If I look back to our time at the Jamboree in Denmark, my eyes are shining and I have a smile in my face.

It was a great time. I made a lot of new friends and saw a new country.

The spirit of scouting was wonderful and it would be a great motivation for all the scouts they joined the 1st World Jamboree of the WFIS.

This Jamboree will never be forgotten.

I'll say thanks to Jan and all his helpers. They did a very good job. The organisation, the food and everything you wanted was brilliant.

Now I hope to meet you soon and be prepared!

Yours in scouting

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Feuerkreis Niklaus von Flüe,
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<http://feuerkreis.ch/>



The numbers of the Jamboree

Oatmeal and corn flakes: 860 kilos.

Fruit: 3395 pieces.

Cheese: 157 kilos.

Milk: 1575 liters.

Paste: 132 kilos.

Slices of ham and sausage, eggs from fish and so on: 410 kilos.

Cake: 213 kilos.

Vegetables: 1144 kilos.

Tomatoes: 113 kilos.

Soft drink: 7518 liters.

Rice: 240 kilos.

Potatoes: 408 kilos.

Dark bread: 967 kilos.

White bread: 960 kilos.

Meat: 750 kilos.

"Doc" - doctor Knud drove 850 kilometers in his car to some hospitals with scouts !!

About 850 scouts from Denmark, England, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Switzerland and Japan came to join in Jamboree

Many thanks to Søren Jørgensen for the information and for the great job he made together with the service staff during the Jamboree.

You can buy Jamboree badges (2 Euros) and Jamboree cups (9 Euros) from Klaus. Ask by email.

The cd-rom with the pictures of the Jamboree is not ready yet! Still a little bit of patience, please!

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LET'S JOIN IN JAMBOREE AGAIN...ON THE INTERNET:"JOTI 2002"

October 18th—20th

Here it is an other occasion to meet together! After the "physical" Jamboree let me introduce you the "virtual" Jamboree on the Internet, the JOTI!

Let's meet again on the net! It would be a pity to miss it!

When:

JOTI begins at sundown local time **Friday Oct 18th** and ends at sundown local time **Sun Oct 20th** resulting in a 72 hour window for chatting, learning about other scouting/guiding groups, and having a wonderful time.

Organized by ScoutLink:

ScoutLink is the official sponsor for the JOTI. Scoutlink is an independent scout organization, whose the main aim is to put in contact scouts and guides for keeping alive the scout spirit and for giving the possibility to everybody to make new friends all over the world.



How to participate:

All scouts, guides, and other associated groups are invited to participate during JOTI. You may come as an individual, as part of a chat cafe, or through large group encampments dedicated to JOTI. Groups of over 20 computers or 100 users should email scoutlink@scoutlink.net providing information and asking for guidelines for large groups. We must set permission for large groups to come online so we need to know ahead of time how many computers you have and what the hostmark is. (if that's confusing or you are unsure if you should email us, email us at joti@scoutlink.net or join #irc_help and ask an op - we'll talk to you about it!)

Rules To Participate

We ask that you read the rules and explain the rules to any others that are participating with you. The ops (leaders with a @ next to their name) will enforce the rules and will be present in all channels during JOTI. If you experience problems - in a main chat room or in private conversation—You can tell someone who is an Op or you can email scoutlink@scoutlink.net . PLEASE READ AND ENFORCE THE RULES LOCALLY - the Scoutlink team will enforce all rules during JOTI - ONE PERSON'S MISBEHAVIOR CAN JEOPARDIZE YOUR ENTIRE GROUP'S PARTICIPATION.

Connecting and Programs

During JOTI, you may use the **java chats** that are available on various sites, however these tend to be very high traffic (and very slow) so we recommend that you use a client (or program) installed on your own computer such as **MIRC** (www.mirc.com) or **IRCLE** . Direction on how to download and install them are provided on Scoutlink web site. Servers are listed here. If you are confused please email at joti@scoutlink.net or join #irc_help. The Scoutlink team is happy to assist.

For any further information and question, please visit:
www.scoutlink.net

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Here it is an invitation from ASSORAIDER (Italy) to an activity for the Rovers called EUROSCOUT: please take a look at it!

The Head Office of the Age Section Rover and the Assoraider International Department has organized, for the Scout Year 2002/2003, a national activity that has the primary aim the development of the "international culture" by means of a meeting among rovers of various European nationalities and so, the exchange

of what characterizes them regarding their culture.

The spur in this activity is the knowledge that knowing the differences among different people can help share moments and common experiences.

The period in which we live in is strongly identified by concepts that go beyond national boundaries and as scouts, we need to reassert our historic believes that is to appreciate peace, cooperation and sharing opinions and principles among peoples.

For such reasons, the EUROSCOUT activity is directed to the Assoraider Rover Troops (age 15/18) and to those belonging to European Scout Associations, of the above age group, who would like to take part.

1st Phase: October 2002 – June 2003

2nd Phase: Summer 2003

Objective: Cultural exchange, discussions and meetings among rovers of various European nationalities.

Procedures:

1st phase: October 2002 – June 2003:

Each Unit of the Assoraider will be put together with a guest group.

These two units will contact each other and will initiate their mutual knowledge.

For instance, they could:

- Exchange a short story of their group enclosing photos of the group and of specific activities.
- Compare themselves regarding (ceremonies) and traditions;
- Exchange their uniform and their badges, knowing the meaning of the each;
- Showing each other the reality in which they live and work,: the territory, the history, the traditions, the climate the daily routines, and whatever may be of interest to each other;
- Exchange crafts that belong to their country, to the town, or to their group; plan periodical meetings by chatting on line,
- Film a group meeting with a web camera on line, exploiting common software for both.

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2nd Phase: Summer 2003.

Having finished the first phase and owing to the fact that it will be Summer, the teams that by now will have got to know one another – even if at distance – will go through a camp together.

The camp will be in Italy, in the area where the Assoraider Troops lives which will give hospitality to the foreign group.

The Assoraider Troops will see to the organization of welcoming, staying and whatever necessary for the organization of the scout activities planned for the duration of the camp.

The Head Office will promote the development of activities which will show the scouts guests the traditions and the history of the places in which the host group works.

Economical aspects:

The Assoraider Groups will pay everything except the round trip ticket for the journey, which will be paid by the foreign group to get to the place where the camp will be and to return to its own country.

Timing of the activity:

April - May 2002

Presentation of the activity to the rover leaders of the Assoraider Scout Association;

July 2002

Adhesion of Italian and foreign Rover Troops to the activities;

September 2002

The Head Office will contact all the groups taking part giving them the addresses and phone numbers of the Italian group whom they belong to;

October - June 2002

First phase of the activity;

November 2002

Communication from the Assoraider Rover Troops regarding the interchange of the preliminary activities that they think they ought to schedule.

May 2002

Communication from the Assoraider Rover Troops of the timetable of the camp;

Summer 2003

All groups together at the Campsite.

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WFIS - WW is now officially formed and has a steering committee composed by Ivan Brentnall (BPSA—England) as President and Nico Grisafi (ASSI SCOUT—I taly) as Vice president.

The date scheduled for **the conference of WFIS—Europe** are confirmed: from 6th of February 2003 to the 9th of February 2003 in the training centre of BPSA in Stainsby, UK. For further information, please contact Ivan Brentnall at his e-mail address:

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WFIS North America News:

Many people do not even know that WFIS is alive and well in North America! WFIS has associations in Canada, Mexico and recently in the USA. It has been very hard for us over here to set up independent scouting associations because of the protectionist laws the WOSM associations have with their respective governments.

However, due to some very hard work by several very dedicated individuals we have succeeded and independent scouting is now on the move.

In Canada we have associations in British Columbia, Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec, and Nova Scotia. In the USA there are now associations in New York, Washington, Arizona, Texas, Tennessee, and

West Virginia.

Our associations in Mexico are located on the Yucatan Peninsula which has just been hit very hard by a hurricane. We are in touch with one member in Mexico City but we have had no contact with the others for several days now and are getting very worried. Perhaps when we hear from them we may all have to help them get set up again.

Mexico is a very poor country and there is not much money for scouting. I will keep you informed on what is happening there.

We would love to host any of our Brothers and Sisters from WFIS Europe who can make it to this side of the Atlantic Ocean. As we get more and more organised we will be setting up summer canoe and backpacking trips that we would love to see you on.

Our website is at:

www.geocities.com/wfis_na

pay it a visit and sign the guestbook!!

Bill Nangle

Chairman

WFIS-North America



On the 9th of September our brother in Scouting **Brian Cilgrim**, the International Commissioner of the Baden Powell Scouts Association has gone home. With all our sympathy.