

**WORLD SCOUT ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME
FACT SHEET**



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Partnerships for a Supportive Environment

Scouts are encouraged at all levels to identify suitable partners that can support the development and delivery of environment education in Scouting. WOSM has been working with several partner organisations and co-operating with NSOs to develop the World Scout Environment Programme. These partnerships have included working with:

Alcoa Foundation
(www.alcoa.com/foundation)

Alcoa Foundation is a nonprofit U.S. corporate foundation with assets of approximately US\$542 million. Its mission is to actively invest in the quality of life in Alcoa communities worldwide. Throughout its history, Alcoa Foundation has invested in local community projects to be a source of positive community change and

enhancement, with over US\$465 million invested since 1952.

Alcoa Foundation and WOSM have developed a partnership focused on environment and sustainability education in Scouting. A two-year \$US205,000 grant has supported the Environment Education Task Team in developing the World Scout Environment Programme. This grant also assisted environmental education activities at major events such as the World Scout Jamboree. In addition, five European countries (Germany, Hungary, Italy, Switzerland and the United Kingdom) are supported in further developing their environmental programmes.

Clean Up the World

(www.cleanuptheworld.org)

Clean Up the World is a not-for-profit, non-government, apolitical organisation that unites communities with a common focus to clean up the world. Scout groups in any city, town or village can get involved in Clean Up the World by simply having their National Scout Organization register. Scouts have been actively involved in this UNEP sponsored programme since its beginning in 1993 and Scouts are further encouraged to be involved, with the primary focus over the Clean Up the World weekend annually held in the third weekend in September.

Jane Goodall Institute (JGI)

(www.janegoodall.org)

Founded by world renowned primatologist Jane Goodall, JGI is a global nonprofit organisation whose mission is to inspire and empower individuals to take informed, compassionate and effective action to make the world a better place for all living things. Jane Goodall has supported the World Scout Jamboree and the development of the World Scout Environment Programme. Roots & Shoots is the JGI worldwide environmental and humanitarian education programme, supporting young people of all ages in projects that benefit people, animals and the environment encouraging students to analyse problems in their communities and then take action to address those problems.

The Web of Hope

(www.thewebofhope.com)

The Web of Hope are a nonprofit organisation that has provided technical and academic input into the development of the World Scout Environment Programme. They are assessing the carbon footprint of the World Scout Youth Forum and Conference and offering recommendations to reduce the environmental impact of large Scout events.

United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

(www.unep.org)

Through the partnership with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) we have received support to major Scouting events such as the World Scout Jamboree; opened opportunities for Scouts to enter environmental competitions; Scouts have engaged in worldwide campaigns such as the Billion Trees Campaign and World Environment Day; Scouts contribution to the environment have been highlighted through UNEP publications; Scouts attended UNEP International Youth and Children's Conferences within the Tunza Youth Programme; as well as having representation at UNEP Governing Council meetings and receiving expert advice in developing the World Scout Environment Programme.

Volvo Adventure

(www.volvoadventure.org)

The Volvo Adventure focuses on practical projects undertaken by young people to improve their local environment. This UNEP sponsored event is open to young people around the world aged between 13 and 16 years. Teams must be between two to five young people with one adult as supervisor. Scouts have previously been amongst the top 15 finalists, who come together in Göteborg in Sweden to present their project to a panel of judges. The top three teams are awarded prizes of \$US10,000, \$US6,000 and \$US4,000 to further support their project.

WWF (World Wide Fund for Nature, formerly World Wildlife Fund)

(www.panda.org)

WWF (World Wide Fund for Nature) is one of the largest environmental organisations in the world with more than 2000 WWF conservation projects currently underway around the world. The vast majority of these focus on local issues. They range from school nature gardens in Zambia, to initiatives that appear on the packaging in supermarkets, from the restoration of orangutan habitats to the establishment of giant panda reserves. WWF have a long-standing relationship with WOSM and are happy to provide ongoing support for developing environment and sustainability programmes in Scouting.

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