

ON THE NATIONAL



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Introducing the New National Executive Committee of 2023 (28th Nov)

We are thrilled to unveil the dynamic individuals who will be leading us into a promising future!

Standing Row(Left to Right):

- National Growth & Planning Commissioner - Ritvik Neerbun
- National Commissioner Communications & PR - Jonathan Law Yan Lun
- International Commissioner - Sebastien Serret
- National Commissioner Rover Scouts - Laval Chan Wing Chong
- Deputy Chief Commissioner - Giovanni Quirin
- National Training Commissioner - Nicholas Rosa
- District Commissioner Moka-Flacq - Julien Ayoung
- National Youth Programme Commissioner - Ismail Bawamia
- District Commissioner UPW-STH - Jean Christophe Pompeia

Sitting Row(Left to Right):

- HQ Commissioner Building Maintenance - Vikram Luximon
- National Commissioner Venture Scouts - Berny Barbe
- National Adult Resources Development Commissioner - Queency Soulange
- Chief Commissioner - Bruno Rose
- HQ Commissioner Scout Shop - Martine Gillet
- National Commissioner Cub Scouts - İavid Drack

Missing:

- District Commissioner North - Sebastien Marc
- District Commissioner Port-Louis - Patrick Troubat
- Rodrigues Scout Council Commissioner - Jean Michel Ravina
- Representative Bureau Scout Catholique - Denis Serret

A Visit from WOSM Representatives (27th Oct - 31st Oct)



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The Mauritius Scouts Association was privileged to host Jacques Sandrizi and Tilimachos Boni of WOSM from the October 27th to October 31st 2023, who conducted a Project Monitoring Visit and an Induction session with the new National Executive Committee. The purpose of their visit was to evaluate ongoing projects, with a focus on ensuring alignment with project objectives and mission.

Key Activities and Engagements:

Government Grant Check Delivery:

Jacques and Tilimachos attended the grant delivery for participants of the World Scout Jamboree 2023, reaffirming government support for scouting and youth empowerment.

Site Visits:

Site visits to Odysseo Oceanarium Mauritius and local scout groups facilitated collaboration discussions, emphasizing the importance of community involvement in scouting.

Meetings with Government Officials:

Engagements with Hon. Kavydass Ramano and Hon. Jean Christophe Stephan Toussaint fostered productive dialogues on scouting's role in environmental conservation, youth development, and community engagement.

Government Grant Check Delivery:

Active involvement in Scout Bend showcased appreciation and encouragement, enriching the scouting experience for Musician Scouts.

ON THE INTERNATIONAL

Mauritian Scouts Embark on Educational tour at 1st Africa Scout Academy (7th - 11th Dec)



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In a quest for knowledge, Jonathan Law and Noemi Lucasse who were selected by the Bureau Scout of Africa(BSA) represented The Mauritius Scouts Association at the 1st Africa Scout Academy in Nairobi, Kenya, from Dec 7th to 11th, 2023. Focused on Messengers of Peace & Scout for SDGs, they aimed to enhance their understanding of these global scouting initiatives. Their return to Mauritius promises a valuable sharing of insights, contributing to the growth and awareness of fellow scouts. This international engagement highlights the Mauritian Scouts' commitment to staying abreast of global scouting developments for the benefit of their local community.

Comoros Hosts the 2nd Youth Forum and 9th Scout Conference Electing New Committee Members (28th June - 5th July)



The scenic shores of Comoros set the stage for the 9th Scout Conference of the Indian Ocean Zone, held from July 2nd to 5th, 2023. A pivotal event, the conference saw the election of committee members for the 2023-2026 term, shaping the leadership of the Indian Ocean Zone Scout Committee. The newly elected members are poised to steer the course of scouting activities and initiatives in the region, embodying a commitment to the principles and values that define the scouting movement.

Noëmi Lucasse of the 12th Port-Louis Scout Group and Nigel Essoo from the 6th UPW Scout Group proudly represented their scout units at the 2nd Zonal Youth Forum. The dynamic participation of these scouts showcased the enthusiasm and commitment of the local scouting community on the regional stage.

Elected members are:

President: Joseph Belle (Mauritius)
Vice President: Mahdjou Attoumani
Secretary: Mohamed Musbah B.
Communication: Marianne Amade
Program & Youth: Jeremie Coulon Assame (Mauritius)
Adult in Scouting: Jean Marie Badade

The 25th World Scout Jamboree Saemangeum, South Korea (1st - 12th August)



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In an unforgettable international scouting experience, a delegation of over 40 scouts embarked on a transformative journey from August 1st to 12th at the 25th World Scout Jamboree held in Saemangeum, South Korea. The event, a celebration of global scouting camaraderie, provided a platform for scouts to connect, exchange cultural insights, and engage in a myriad of activities promoting unity and friendship. The delegation's participation underscores the commitment of local scouts to embrace diversity and foster a sense of global citizenship. As these scouts return home, they bring with them cherished memories, newfound friendships, and a deeper understanding of the values that unite the global scouting community. Their presence at the Jamboree exemplifies the vibrant spirit and international collaboration that defines the scouting movement.

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DISTRICT LEVEL

DISTRICT OF PORT LOUIS

Founders Day Celebrations (25th - 26th Feb)

Founders Day dawned with energy and camaraderie from 08:00 to 15:00. Venture activities unfolded with pioneering feats, including the thrilling Monkey Bridge, elevated by professional guidance. Over 400 scouts actively participated, making it a vibrant and engaging event. The festivities kicked off at Cassis Church, leading to a spirited walk to Bain des Dames, accompanied by the Scout Bend, enhancing the celebration with a lively parade.



District Youth Scout Forum (25th - 26th Feb)

The thrill of adventure commenced with a mountain hike on Le Pouce, setting the stage for an exciting series of events. The election of new members to the District Youth Scouts Council marked a pivotal moment, shaping the leadership for the upcoming endeavors. Participants were immersed in an insightful exploration of the venture program, with a special focus on the international session featuring discussions on Messengers of Peace, Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and the Scout of the World program. This multifaceted experience promises a dynamic blend of outdoor exploration, leadership development, and global awareness within the scouting community.

Climbing 3 Peaks (25th - 27th August)

Piton Canot, Piton de la Petite Rivière Noir, and Peak 810 witnessed the daring feats of over 100 venture section scouts during the "Climbing 3 Peaks" activity. Aimed at earning the climber activity badge and serving as a preparatory exercise for the Moot Portugal, the adventure included a thrilling 40-meter rappel down a cascading landscape. Starting with a camping briefing, the scouts gathered at Chamarel Church for professional insights into climber equipment, followed by hands-on experience in abseiling. Beyond conquering physical heights, the event encapsulated the scouts' courage in facing and overcoming fears,



UMOJA Survival Camp (20th - 25th Nov)

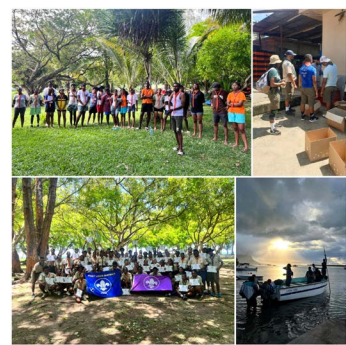


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From November 20 to 25, the Umoja Survival Camp unfolded, offering a distinctive experience where 90 young minds delved into the art of survival while exploring the natural wonders of Mauritius.

Participants embarked on an intriguing adventure, deciphering codes to unveil the itinerary from Albion to Bel Ombre by foot, with a memorable stopover on Ile aux Bénitiers. Beyond the physical thrills, Umoja aimed to provide a mentally stimulating experience.

The primary goal of the camp was to assist young participants in earning their Survival Activity Badge. However, the rewards extended beyond badges. The camp fostered the development of essential skills such as problem-solving, creativity, teamwork, and resourcefulness. Umoja aspires to be a catalyst for personal growth, instilling self-confidence in these young adventurers. This unique blend of challenge and discovery not only connected participants with nature but also cultivated qualities crucial for navigating life's complexities. The Umoja Survival Camp stands as a testament to the commitment to holistic development within the scouting community, ensuring that young minds leave not just with badges but with a toolkit of skills for a lifetime.

DISTRICT OF THE NORTH

North District Scout Camporee 2023: A Journey “Back to the Roots” (19th - 23rd Jul)



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In a celebration of scouting values, the North District Scout orchestrated its 2023 Camporee in Butte à l'herbe, Calodyne, from July 19 to 23. The event served as a gathering for groups engaged in a multitude of activities under the theme “Back to the roots.” Reflecting on the origins of scouting, the theme centered around faith in God, mutual aid, and a love for nature.

Scouts enthusiastically participated in diverse activity zones, including adventure, hands-on learning, sports, and community life. The Camporee not only showcased the vibrant spirit of scouting but also reinforced the timeless principles that form the foundation of the movement. Amidst the picturesque surroundings of Butte à l'herbe, scouts immersed themselves in a collective exploration of their scouting roots, fostering camaraderie and a renewed commitment to the core values of scouting.

JOTA JOTI Districtwise (22nd Jul)

The North District Scouts marked the 22nd of October, 2023, with a vibrant celebration of Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) and Jamboree on the Internet (JOTI) at SSR Botanical Garden in Pamplemousses. Amidst the lush surroundings, scouts engaged in an enriching experience, learning to communicate using walkie-talkies and connecting with scouts from diverse countries through online platforms.

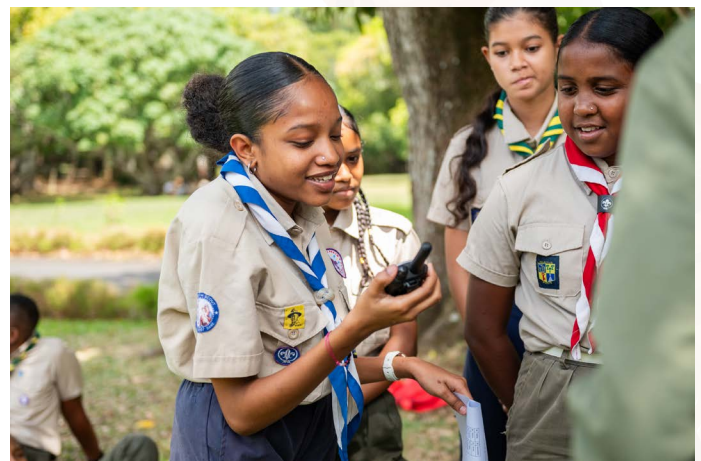


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Leadership Training (18th - 19th Nov)



St. Mark's Church in Poudre d'Or hosted a residential training for district adults on November 18 and 19, 2023. The participants engaged in leadership courses, enhancing their skills to better contribute to the scouting community. The initiative reflects a commitment to continuous development within the district's adult leadership.

« I am Recyclable – Boutey Retourne, Boutey Resikle » (4th Nov)



On November 4th, Coca Cola and Phoenix Beverages orchestrated the event "I am Recyclable – Boutey Retourne, Boutey Resikle," drawing participation from scouts in the Northern District. The collaborative initiative aimed to raise awareness among the younger generation about recycling practices, emphasizing the importance of reusing plastics and exploring renewable energy sources. The involvement of scouts in this environmental endeavor reflects the scouting community's commitment to instilling a sense of responsibility towards sustainability and environmental conservation. Through hands-on participation, the scouts contribute to a collective effort in fostering a greener, more eco-conscious future.

DISTRICT OF LWP/ BR

Décembre 2023

Les ventures à Rodrigues

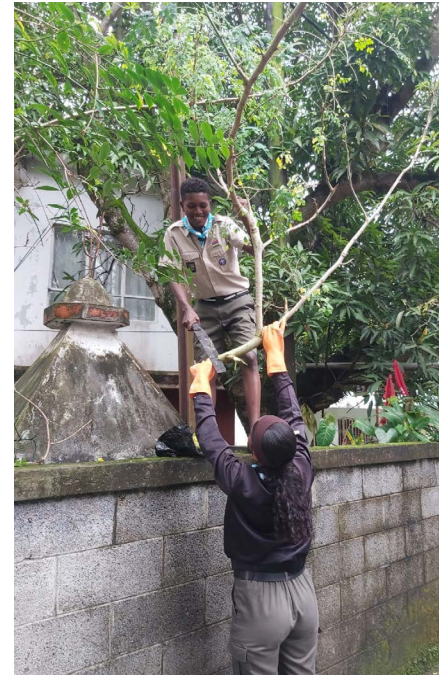
16 ventures de la 7ème Lower Plaines Wilhems étaient à Île Rodrigues du 16 Décembre au 20 décembre pour un camp qui forme parti de leur Venture Belt award.



DISTRICT OF THE MOKA/FLACQ

Cleaning of St Esprit Church (Nov)

In a commendable community effort, the 2nd Flacq Bel Air Scout Group took part in a cleanup initiative during November. Ventures from the group dedicated their time to cleaning the courtyard of Saint Esprit Church and various courtyards in the town of Bel Air. Going beyond, they extended a helping hand to the community by providing a shopping box—a gesture reflecting the scouts' commitment to fostering a cleaner environment and supporting the well-being of their local neighbors.



RODRIGUES

A Courtesy visit in Rodrigues (10th - 12th Nov)



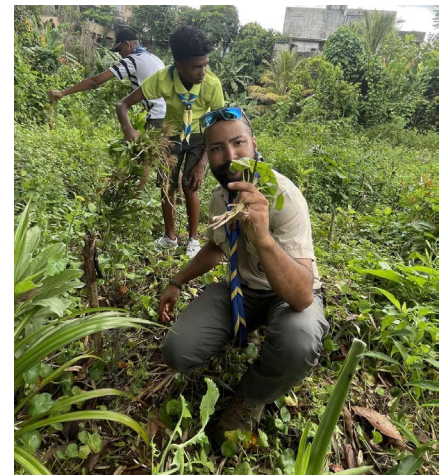
From November 10th to 12th, Percy Appadoo (Chef Scout), Bruno Rose (Chief Commissioner), and Thierry Lodoiska (Resource Person) of the Mauritius Scout Association (MSA) embarked on a significant visit to Rodrigues. The mission was to collaborate with the Rodrigues Island Scout Council (RISC) and discuss the vision of the new MSA executive team.

Key agenda items included badges, training initiatives, MSA headquarters utilization, communication strategies, and the application of RISC By-Laws. The collaborative spirit was palpable, with RISC generously sharing their expectations, fostering a deeper understanding between the two teams.

In a touching moment, years of service certificates and badges were presented to Jean Michel Ravina, Rodrigues Island Scout Commissioner, expressing gratitude to all leaders contributing to the Scout vision. The journey extended to meetings with Group Scout Leaders, Scout Leaders, and a heartwarming encounter with the 18th Rodrigues Scout Group at Mangues Community Centre.

The bonds forged and insights gained during this visit set the stage for future collaboration and growth, promising exciting ventures ahead for the MSA and RICS partnership.

7ème Ile Rodrigues Scouts Embark on Enriching Mauritius Adventure (2nd - 14th Dec)



The 7ème Ile Rodrigues - Saint Coeur de Marie, Port-Mathurin Scout Group embarked on a remarkable adventure in Mauritius from December 2nd to December 14th, 2023. With over 65 participants, including Leaders, Scouts, Cubs, and Ventures, the group explored Mauritius' landscapes and engaged in diverse activities.

Scouting Experience and Cultural Exchange:

Port-Mathurin Scouts shared a memorable hiking experience and exchanged scouting tales with the 2nd St Pierre and 2nd Grand-Baie Scout groups, fostering lasting friendships.

Community Service:

Earning the Venture belt, the scouts contributed to the community by enhancing St Pierre Church, undertaking a micro forest cleanup, and planting native plants in collaboration with the St Pierre Scout group.

Historical Insight:

Visiting landmarks like the Baden Powell House, Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam Botanical Garden, L'Aventure du Sucre, and exploring Grand-Port - Ford Hendricks Museum, the scouts gained historical insights, warmly welcomed by Chief Commissioner Bruno Rose.

As their Mauritius scout journey concludes, we hope the scouts carry home unforgettable memories, enriched knowledge, and a tapestry of cultural experiences. Here's to the bonds forged, the lessons learned, and the adventures shared!

TESTIMONIAL

Yusuf Imrit - Deputy Chief Scout

As we approach the end of this transformative year 2023, I extend my heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you for the trust you have placed in me as the Deputy Chief Scout. It is with a deep sense of responsibility and gratitude that I step into this role. The year 2023 has been marked with challenge and changes taken place at management level. We have a new NEC team with passion and enthusiasm to contribute to the vibrant spirit of scouting in our association and a freshly elected members to form part of the scout board.

Unfortunately, the post of chief scout is still vacant despite the restless effort of the outgoing chief scout to make this happen. Rest assured that every effort will be made to select an individual with the qualities and commitment necessary to lead our association effectively.

Updates regarding the progress of the selection process for the new Chief Scout will be communicated to you in a timely manner. Your understanding and cooperation during this transitional period are invaluable, and let our scouting spirit prevail at all times.

In conclusion let our efforts speak louder than the position we held, and together, we can make a lasting impact on the lives of our scouts and the community we serve. I believe that the true strength of our association lies in the dedication and hard work of each member and not in title. Together, we can continue to uphold the values that define us as scouts— integrity, service, and camaraderie

Happy New Year 2024. May the spirit of scouting continue to guide us!!



Bruno Rose - Chief Commissioner

As we embark on a new scouting year, I am thrilled to see that our National Team has already started working at different levels, with more actions scheduled to be initiated as from the beginning of next year. Your dedication and passion for the Scout Movement are admirable, and I trust that together, we will progress for the benefit of the Mauritius Scouts Association.

Next year promises exciting activities that will not only challenge our individual growth but also foster a sense of unity and teamwork. Remember that "while individually, we may make rapid progress, it is through collective efforts and teamwork that we will achieve remarkable results." Let us uphold the core values of scouting – such as integrity, responsibility, commitment, respect and camaraderie – as we engage in these adventures.

I encourage every scout member to actively participate and contribute to the success of our activities. Through open communication and mutual support, we can make this year a memorable and enriching experience for everyone.

Scoutly Yours.



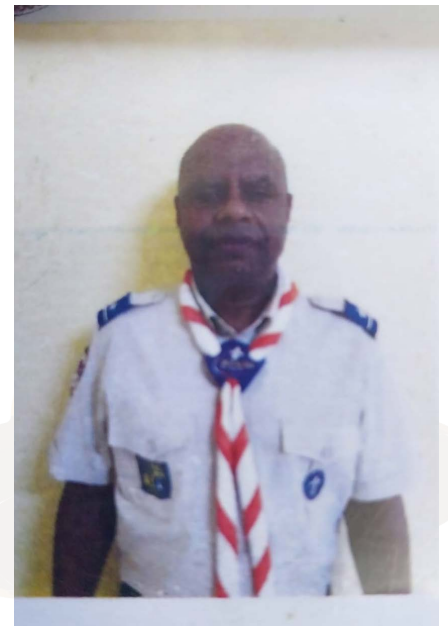
Herve Corantin - Member of the Scout Board

Dear scout brothers and sisters, first of all I would like to thank the northern district which made me their representative on the Scout Board of which I have been a member since August 2022.

My goal as a member of the board is to help the Mauritius Scout Association to get back on track and restore its image. I recognize that since I joined the board this body is not complete and I hope that this will be the case in the near future. But nevertheless all arrangements have been made to hold our Annual General Meeting in June 2023.

The vacant positions of Deputy Chief Scout and General Commissioner have been filled and the procedure for the appointment of the new Chief Scout is scheduled for February 2024.

Together we can.



P.S

The Mauritius Scouts Association Newsletter will be issued every two months, encompassing significant events on a national, district, and international level. If you have an article you'd like to contribute, please reach out to your ADC Communication. Constructive comments are welcomed and will be duly considered.