

ON THE NATIONAL



Cyclone Belal Cleanup Success! (21st Jan)

Following the destructive aftermath of Cyclone Belal on our picturesque island, the Mauritius Scouts Association, Sov Lanatir, and the Regional Youth Council of Port Louis joined hands on January 21, 2023, to initiate a remarkable cleanup effort. Together, we coordinated a massive cleanup operation at Bain des Dames and Les Salines.

Pooling our resources and determination, we successfully gathered over 50 bags filled with discarded plastic bottles scattered across these areas. The dedication of our volunteers and scouts was evident as they worked tirelessly to preserve our environment, recognizing the detrimental impact of plastic pollution on our beloved island.

Our Scouts, known for their commitment to environmental protection, truly embodied their motto through their actions. Let's take a moment to celebrate this collective effort aimed at restoring and safeguarding our precious home. With continued collaboration and dedication, we can certainly make a difference! Together, let's strive for a cleaner and greener future for Mauritius.



Photo Cr: Jonathan Law



Embracing Diversity: Scouts at the Thaipooam Cavedee Procession! (26th Jan)



Photo Cr: Jonathan Law

On January 26, 2024, our scouts came together in a vibrant celebration at the Thaipooam Cavedee procession. Their participation was diverse, with some driven by personal beliefs and others eager for cultural enrichment. Representing the Tamil tradition, our scouts led the procession from Rue Saint Denis to Kailassam Temple, marking a significant milestone toward earning the prestigious Kestrel award.

Beyond fulfilling a requirement, this event facilitated cultural exchange. Tamil scouts graciously shared their traditions, fostering understanding among all participants. At the heart of scouting lies our commitment to multiculturalism – promoting diversity, inclusion, and global education. We strive to prepare our young scouts to become responsible contributors to a world that embraces its rich tapestry of cultures. Here's to our scouts who lead with open hearts and minds!

The Mauritius Contingent to the World Scout Moot 2025 (28th Jan)

What is a World Scout Moot?

It's an amazing international gathering that brings together Rovers and young leaders from around the globe. At Moot, you'll find a vibrant mix of cultural exchange, friendship-building, and adventure. It's tailor-made for young adults aged 18 to 25 and takes place every four years, offering a one-of-a-kind experience.



With a diverse range of activities like outdoor adventures, cultural exchanges, community service, and educational workshops, Moot isn't just fun – it's also a journey of personal growth, leadership development, and intercultural understanding. This event is a big deal in the Scouting world, promoting the Movement's principles and international cooperation. Plus, it leaves participants with unforgettable memories and a newfound sense of global citizenship and peace advocacy.

The Mauritius Contingent

We're delighted to announce Axelle Jasmin as our head of contingent for the upcoming World Scout Moot 2025, chosen for her exceptional dedication to scouting. Following our successful participation in the last world scout event, we're thrilled to see continued enthusiasm for this year's Moot. As of the deadline, we've already received registrations from over 12 scout groups, totaling more than 75 participants, including members of the international Service Team and Contingent Management Team. It's an exciting time as we gear up for this event, and we're sending all our positive vibes to everyone involved. With the collective spirit of our participants, we're poised for another memorable and impactful gathering at the World Scout Moot 2025.

Join the Elite Ranks of Scout Band!

Are you ready to embark on an adventure like no other? The Scout Band is on the lookout for fresh talent to join our illustrious team. With over 25 public official events played, we've proven time and again that we're a force to be reckoned with.

To seize this incredible opportunity, reach out to **Percy Appadoo M.S.K** at **59701370** or **Julien Coulon Assame** at **58252796**.

Take the first step towards an exciting journey with Scout Band today!



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Recrutement Scout Band

La Mauritius Scout Band recrute pour étoffer son effectif des jeunes pour les instruments suivants :

- 1 Caisse Claire
- 1 Baritone
- 1 Cymbales
- 3 Clarinette
- 1 Sousaphone

Une notion de lecture musicale serait un avantage mais débutants acceptés. Les jeunes réguliers auront en prêt les instruments correspondants à leur apprentissage.

Age minimum de recrutement : 11 ans.

Les intéressés sont priés de contacter :
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Spectacular Dragon Show For The Spring Festival Celebration (24th Feb)



On February 24, 2024, Beau Bassin/Rose Hill municipality, along with various official parties, orchestrated a magnificent dragon show around Rose Hill in celebration of the Spring festival. Scouts were graciously invited by the WUJI Lion Group to partake in the ranks of the Dragon Dancers, adding to the vibrancy and excitement of the event. It was a remarkable opportunity for cultural exchange and collaboration, showcasing the spirit of unity and community in our diverse society. The participation of Scouts in such events highlights their active engagement in embracing and celebrating different cultures.



Our Experience



"Participating in the Chinese Dragon dance was truly captivating! This was my second time joining such an event, with my first being "MAULULU - THE BIGGEST LION OF AFRICA" back in 2022. Through this activity, we learned the intricate motions of the dance, synchronized perfectly with the rhythmic beats of the tanggu (drum) and cymbals. Walking with the dragon through the streets of Rose Hill was an incredible privilege. We were surrounded by people snapping photos of us, and it was heartwarming to see their excitement. We even allowed them to touch the dragon, believing it would bring them good luck. It was a truly unforgettable experience, filled with joy and cultural richness." - Bryan Adakalum, Venture 5th LPW



"This experience allowed me to fulfill one of my childhood dreams: to handle Chinese dragons and understand the intricacies of the Dragon dance. I had the opportunity to witness and comprehend how dancers manipulate the various strings inside the Dragon's head to create different expressions: happiness, sadness, and more. As a scout and citizen of a multicultural island, I'm encouraged to explore other cultures. Participating in this parade alongside other scouts from Mauritius allowed me to forge new bonds and fully immerse myself in this wonderful culture. The community was incredibly responsive to our questions and even invited us to join their group for more adventures." - Megane Marie Gaïqui, AVL 2nd Moka



Initially, I had my doubts about lugging the hefty dragon head under the scorching Rose Hill sun. Yet, as a scout, challenges are our forte. By the end of the event, my perspective shifted entirely. Engaging in the cultural exchange with the Chinese Community was truly enriching. We often hear that something is beautiful to behold, but it takes on a whole new dimension when we actively participate." - Guillaume Rivière, Venture 1st Lwp

"It was really incredible. I didn't think it was as interesting as that to immerse yourself in the world of other religions. This shows us as young people how different and beautiful all religions are in their traditions for me to have had a chance like this and to have also been able to meet other scouts and members of this group" - Ambre Paul, Scout 1st Lwp

ON THE INTERNATIONAL

Registration for the 9th Africa Scout Jamboree

Registration is now open for the 9th Africa Scout Jamboree, taking place in Burundi from August 2nd to 14th, 2024. Join us at the Bungere National Scout Camp Gitega, Burundi, under the theme "Safe Spaces, New Experiences."

Don't miss this opportunity! To register or learn more, contact our International Commissioner, **Sebastien Serette**, at **+230 5814 3577**. Let's come together for an unforgettable adventure and create lasting memories at the Africa Scout Jamboree!



DISTRICT LEVEL

DISTRICT OF PORT LOUIS

Founders' Day Celebrations (24th Feb)



Founders' Day at St Vincent de Paul with 15th, 6th and 3rd Port Louis.

Written by: Marie Michelle Troubat ADC Comm. & Pr

Porlwi By Bike (25th Feb)



The Scout groups of St. Vincent de Paul, Don Bosco, and Cassis enthusiastically participated in a recent biking activity, with nearly 30 scouts in attendance. Embarking on a 25km journey lasting for 2 hours, the adventure commenced with great excitement. The activity was meticulously organized, with scouts equipped with bicycles and essential safety gear, including helmets and safety vests provided by Action for Environment Protection.

To ensure the utmost safety throughout the journey, the scouts received assistance from police patrols and an ambulance, demonstrating a collective commitment to the well-being of all participants. This collaborative effort not only facilitated a memorable biking experience but also underscored the importance of teamwork and community support within the scouting movement. As scouts navigated the scenic route, they embraced the spirit of adventure while fostering camaraderie and unity among peers.

Written by: Cedric Lacle, VSL



"The "Porlwi by Bike" event was an unforgettable experience, especially for bicycle enthusiasts like myself. I participated not only for the love of cycling but also to support non-polluting transportation for the sake of future generations. Riding after a long hiatus was refreshing, benefiting both my personal health and reconnecting me with a beloved activity. My message to the youth is to embrace physical activity fully for a healthy lifestyle. I encourage everyone, scouts and non-scouts alike, to join the next edition. Let's celebrate the joy of cycling together, as it once epitomized freedom for young individuals." - Anthony Yansley, Venture 18th PL

DISTRICT OF THE NORTH

Founders' Day Celebrations (25th Feb)



The North District came together on February 25th, 2024, at Piton Church's yard to commemorate Founder's Day, honoring the legacy of Lord Robert Stevenson Smyth Baden Powell, the founder of the scouts movement. Over 350 Cubs, Scouts, Ventures, and Leaders participated in activities centered around the theme **"Green Legacy,"** aimed at fostering environmental awareness among scouts.

The opening ceremony, attended by esteemed guests including Chief Commissioner Bruno Rose, Hervé Corentin, H  l  ne Marie, and Sebastien Marc, began with gratitude towards leaders for their dedication and support. Commemorative trophies were presented in recognition of their invaluable contributions.

The day commenced with the Cubs section engaging in lively games and songs, radiating enthusiasm and joy. Meanwhile, the Scouts section delved into research on Baden Powell, followed by creating unique ephemeral artworks from natural materials collected onsite.

Ventures embarked on an orientation course through the village of Piton, collecting plastic bottles along the way for creative projects. Later, scouts attended an enlightening talk by the organization "Sov Lanatir" on recycling and environmental preservation.

The day concluded with a closing ceremony, leaving all participants enriched by the experiences and lessons shared. Founder's Day served as a testament to the enduring values of scouting and its commitment to shaping responsible and environmentally conscious individuals.



Written by: Anais Christophe, ADC Comm. & Pr

DISTRICT OF MOKA/ FLACQ

Founders' Day Celebrations (24th Feb)



"I have the BP spirit..." This solemn chant echoed on Saturday, February 24th, at Lorette College in St Pierre. Despite the rainy weather, the Moka Flacq district remained steadfast in celebrating Founder's Day under the theme **"Back to Basics"**. Returning to the roots of scouting was their aspiration for the day, bringing young people together with traditional and cooperative games like treasure hunts and musical chairs. It was also an opportunity for all district members to reunite in a large-scale activity after five years of being apart due to the trials of the pandemic and post-Covid period.

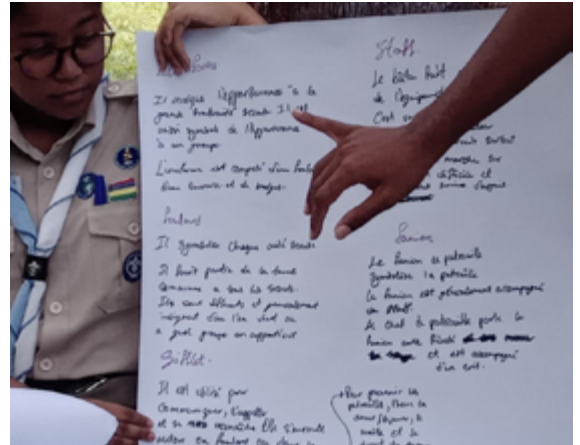
The morning began with a ceremonial parade followed by a series of games organized by the ADCs and section leaders. At lunchtime, a volleyball match captivated everyone's attention, with Cubs seen running around excitedly. After this brief moment of relaxation, everyone gathered for a "Flash mob" recording, choreographed by the Ventures under the title "Push up," and the solemn cutting of a cake adorned with the scout insignia.

District members were delighted to welcome the National Commissioner Venture Scouts, Berny Barbe, who graciously awarded the Venture Belt to 8 young individuals. It was a moment of pride and poignancy for the district as they paid tribute, with a minute of silence, to one of their fellow scouts who had passed away too soon in 2019, having embarked on the journey for the Venture Belt. Thus, this first event of the year 2024 was characterized by the youthful spirit, the excellent collaboration of leaders, and significant moments, representing a promising start for future activities.

Written by: Anais Maloupe, ADC Comm. & Pr

DISTRICT OF UPW/ SOUTH

Founders' Day Celebrations (24th Feb)



Saturday, February 24th

Blue Bay

We had 5 workshops:

1. The life of Baden Powell Uniform, staff, flag, scarf, etc...
2. Knots
3. First aid
4. Scout games
5. The Jungle Book

Written by: Michaele Armoogum, ADC Comm. & Pr



TESTIMONIAL

Nicholas Rosa - National Training Commissioner

"Today's youth are tomorrow's leaders.

Within the MSA, the Training Commission organizes various training programs. Courses such as Woodbadge, Assistant Leader Trainer (ALT), Leader Trainer (LT), and others instill leadership skills, communication, event planning, team problem-solving, and group management, among others.

The training prepares our youth for leadership roles within the MSA, but it also prepares them to be responsible and engaged citizens in their community. To facilitate this process, the District Training Squads (DTS) provide proximity to training sessions tailored to participants' needs. Additionally, the Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) system allows experienced scouts to validate their skills and progress more quickly towards obtaining the Woodbadge.

We invite you to contact your respective ADC Training to register for upcoming training sessions that will begin soon.

"A well-trained leader is an invaluable asset to their community."



Pamela Serette - District Commissioner of LWP/BR

I have been involved in Scouting for several years, serving with the 8th LPW Sacré Cœur Beau Bassin group and also as a member of the Catholic Scout Bureau. Recently, the diocese invited me to join the "Diocesan Committee for the Protection of Minors." I have received extensive training both through the MSA and the Diocese of Port Louis, which has equipped me with the knowledge for my appointment as Commissioner of the Plaine Wilhems bas / Rivière Noire district.

As the spokesperson for the district leaders in this new role, I am proud to carry the responsibility for the personal well-being of young people, enabling them to contribute their best to the progress of their groups. Together with the executive members of the Mauritius Scout Association, we will go further.



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.