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The Scouting Scoop

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News and highlights from
the Singapore Scout Association

Chief Commissioner's Annual Report Message

As the new team assumes our appointments, we have committed ourselves to putting our young people at the centre of everything we do, so that we can continue supporting them in Creating A Better World.

Mr Desmond Chong,
Chief Commissioner

NATIONAL EVENTS

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the National Parks Board (NParks)



Above: Senior Minister of State Mr Tan Kiat How seated with NParks officials, Association Vice Presidents, Senior Commissioners, and Executive Director

Left: Participants from different Uniformed Groups engaging in discussion on how they can play a part in sustainability and national development

Right: Participants sharing their ideas with Senior Minister of State

On 18 Jun 22, The Singapore Scout Association (SSA) renewed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the National Parks Board (NParks) to continue its focus on conserving the environment and promoting sustainability. The extended NParks-SSA collaboration aims to promote awareness and interest in environmental conservation among youths.

A Youth Forum was also held with the participation of youth leaders from various Uniformed Groups who came together to discuss and share action plans on "Sustainability and National Development". This was followed by a "Fireside Chat" session with Senior Minister of State Mr Tan Kiat How on Singapore's environmental efforts.

[Click to read remarks by SMS Tan Kiat How at the NParks-SSA MoU Signing and #YourVoice Fireside Chat!](#)

Long Service Award Ceremony and #YourVoice Focus Group Session



Above: Adult Leaders gathered for the ceremony

Left: Mr Han Lim Juan receiving the 60 Years Long Service Award

Right: Attendees sharing their views on Scouting constructively

On 16 Apr 22, over 50 Long Service Awards were presented at the Long Service Award Presentation Ceremony to recognize the many years of dedicated service various Adult Leaders had contributed. Immediately following the ceremony, focus group discussions were conducted as part of the #YourVoice campaign to better understand the needs of unit leaders and to tap on the experience of these long serving leaders.



A graphic showing some of the Long Service Awards of the Singapore Scout Association.
This series of Long Service Awards were launched in 2010.

YOUTH PERSPECTIVE ON DIAMOND JUBILEE CHALLENGE (DJC)



Cub Scouts from Elias Park Cub Scout Group working on a DJC activity.

Email your experiences with the DJC at communications@scout.sg
and stand to be featured by SSA in outreach materials.

Many Scouts in Singapore have participated actively in the DJC thus far! Elias Park Cub Scout Group shared some of their Cub Scouts' reflections on the Diamond Jubilee Q2 Challenge "Know your Singapore".

Cub Scout #1: I have learnt more ... about other cultures such as the Malay, Chinese, Indian and Eurasian... I think it is important to learn about other cultures so Singapore will not have cases of racism as often. We can also try other culture's traditional food and expose ourselves to the other cultures in Singapore.

Cub Scout #2: I have developed a better and deeper understanding of other cultures, or 'cultural awareness'. I believe that through this activity, I am able to have more meaningful interactions with people around me. It is important to build respect and empathy for other cultures and celebrate our differences as well as our similarities. Singaporeans worked hard to have a harmonious relationship with other races that we have today...

AREA HIGHLIGHTS

North Area Kayak-and-Clean Programme

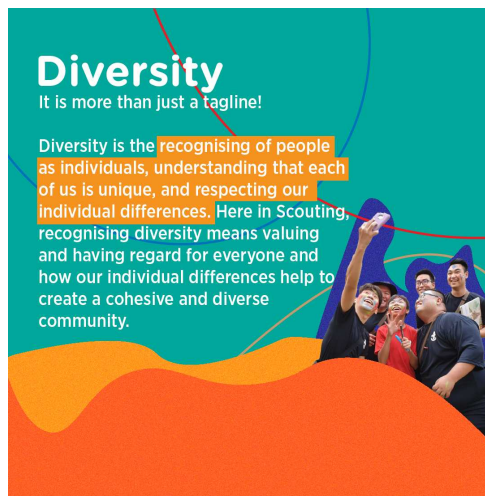


Left: Learning about waterways in Singapore from the Waterways Watch Society

Right: Heading onto Kallang River via kayak

On 3 Jun 22, 14 Scouts, Ventures and Rovers from the North Area participated in the Kayak-and-Clean programme organised by Waterways Watch Society. They contributed to the UN Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) #06 (Clean water and Sanitation) by kayaking along Kallang River and picking up floating litter. As good Scouts, they left the place in better condition than they had first encountered it in.

East Area Celebrates Diversity and Inclusion



Left: Part of an Instagram post constituting the awareness campaign (Click on image to see more)

Right: Another image from the same Instagram post (Click on image to see a different Instagram post)

Over the June holidays, the East Area Team launched an awareness campaign about what makes Scouting great — the various experiences that everyone brings to the table. Over weeks they covered topics such as: what is diversity and inclusion, how social identities work, what Scouts themselves think of diversity and inclusion, and what Scouts can do within their capacity to make Scouting more inclusive and deal with one's own prejudices and stereotypes.

To that end, they worked toward SDG #5 (Gender Equality), SDG #10 (Reduced Inequalities), and SDG #16 (Peace, Justice, and Strong institutions). In addition, they were grateful to their Scouts who spoke on this subject and various external contributors!

South Area OneMillionTrees



Left: Cub Scouts helping to sort the canned food received

Right: The gathered Cub Scouts and Adult Leaders with the donated food they received

On 9 Apr 22, a canned food drive was organised by Keat Hong Tiger Scout Group as part of the Keat Hong Community Ramadan Initiatives. The project also included porridge giving, and redistributing collected food to beneficiaries. The event was made possible through strong support and partnership from Mr. Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim, Member of Parliament for Keat Hong Constituency, and Fei Yue Community Services.

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West Area Ramadan Food Drive



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Event	Registration Deadline
10-11 Sep 22	Certificate in Applied Outdoor Education Part 2 (CAOE)	20 Aug 22
1-4 Dec 22	Advanced Certificate in Applied Outdoor Education (ACAOE)	5 Nov 22
TBA	Facilitating Student Development Experience & CCE2021 in UG CCAs for VALs	23 Jul 22

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