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# The Scouting Scoop

**06/2023**News and highlights from  
the Singapore Scout Association

## Chief Commissioner's Annual Report Message

2022 has been a busy but fulfilling year for the team and this is testimony of our commitment to always put our youth members at the centre of everything we do.

Mr Desmond Chong,  
Chief Commissioner

## BRONZE WOLF AWARD



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The Association celebrates the conferment of the **Bronze Wolf Award**, the highest award of the World Organisation of the Scout Movement, on Mr Tan Cheng Kiong, Honorary Secretary of the Scout Council and former Chief Commissioner.

This award was conferred upon him in recognition of his contribution to regional and world Scouting, in areas such as youth forums, the World Youth Programme Policy, and importantly, a review of registration fees. In doing so, he brought the weight of his professional experience as a lawyer to bear on charting important direction for Scouting worldwide.

# NATIONAL EVENTS

## Annual Job Week Launch 2023



Above: Chief Scout President Halimah Yacob with representatives of NTUCH and SSA

Left: A Cub Scout reading with the elderly residents of the home

Right: Scouts engaging senior citizens in a lively telematch

On 18 May 2023, Chief Scout, President Halimah Yacob, launched the Annual Job Week at NTUC Health (NTUCH) Nursing Home (Jurong Spring). Scouts interacted with the senior citizens there and assisted the NTUCH healthcare workers with housekeeping in exchange for a small donation to the Scout Association.

In line with this year's Diamond Jubilee Challenge theme, Environment, the Scouts made arts and crafts items using recycled materials with the senior citizens there, among other activities they spent time on together to keep the senior citizens actively engaged.

“NTUC Health is happy to support the Singapore Scout Association’s Job Week initiative by helping our younger generation appreciate the work of health and community care professionals in supporting seniors. This is all the more relevant as demand for care services grows with our ageing population, and as we raise awareness and understanding of this work, we hope more will be interested to step forward to explore career opportunities in this growing sector.” said Chan Su Yee, Chief Executive Officer, NTUC Health.

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## Singapore Scouts at the Coronation of HM King Charles III



Above: Ryan with a group of Scouts from elsewhere in the Commonwealth of Nations

Left: Mr Michael Poh helping to usher the large crowd

Right: Chief Scout President Halimah Yacob (centre), and the First Gentleman, Mohammed Abdullah Alhabshee pose for a photograph with SSA's representatives

On 6 May 2023, Venture Scout Ryan Lukman Han and Assistant International Commissioner Michael Poh attended King Charles III Coronation Service and Procession in London, the United Kingdom. Ryan joined a group of other Scouts from all over the Commonwealth as guests. They witnessed the ceremony from St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey, in recognition of the service they render towards their respective communities, and at His Majesty's direction to make service to community feature prominently in his coronation. Meanwhile, Mr Poh helped usher large crowds that had thronged the streets of London for the festivities alongside other adult volunteers from the Commonwealth.

Afterwards, they both interacted with President Halimah Yacob, who was also in London for the occasion, at a separate reception for Singaporeans living in the UK.

"It is a great honour to be given the opportunity to represent Singapore and our Scout Association at this historic event. As a history student, I understand the connection we have with the British monarchy through Singapore's earlier days. This opportunity has broadened my horizons and allows me to see the world from a different perspective. I will do my best to serve the community wherever needed", said Ryan.

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## AREA HIGHLIGHTS

### North Area: SPCA Animal Health Screening



Left: “Meow”

Right: Scouts smiling as they proceed with their duties

Media Credit: North Area

On 13 May 2023, 10 Scouts from the North Area collaborated with the Singapore Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) on a pet health screening service at Marsiling. To recall the old ten-part Scout Law, a Scout is indeed a friend to all animals. This also helped contribute to United Nations Sustainable Development Goal (UN SDG) 15, Life on Land, and UN SDG 17, Partnerships for the Goals.

### South Area: Akela Award Interaction 2023







Above: Cub Scouts engaged in a team-building activity  
 Left: Cub Scouts gathered for a flag ceremony  
 Right: “These are all important supplies for a first aid kit”  
 Media Credit: South Area

On 13 May 2023, South Area held an Akela Award Interaction Day for 67 Akela Award nominees at Catholic High School. That day, nominees showcased competencies they had honed over their participation in Cub Scouts, in areas such as first aid, problem solving, and leadership. It was a good opportunity to showcase their enthusiasm, energy, and dedication to Scouting.

## East Area: Scout Leadership Course 2023



Left: “I think we should conduct a campfire during our SLC.”  
 Right: Campfire’s burning  
 Media Credit: East Area

From 1 - 4 Jun 2023, a Scout Leadership Course (SLC) for the East Area was conducted at Sa-rimbun Scout Camp. The course programme emphasized activity planning, confidence, and effective leadership, by allowing participants to determine some of the activities they would engage in during the camp. Participants of this SLC will be expected to apply these lessons back at their unit in a youth-led adult supported implementation of the “Patrol System”.



## West Area: Rover Agora 2023



Above: The gathered Rovers at the Agora  
Left: Guidance from a Rover Scout Leader  
Right A Rover expressing his opinions during the discussion.  
Media Credits: West Area

On 28 Apr 2023, Rover Scouts gathered for a discussion on Rover affairs in the area. Titled “Agora”, a term which refers to a public open space for gathering, the assembly of Rover Crew representatives provided a good opportunity to discuss the Rover Journey, and areas in which Rovers could provide service. The event was a good opportunity to practice their public speaking skills in a safe and non-threatening environment.

## YOUTH FEATURE



*Benjamin is a 12-year old Scout from Nan Hua Primary School. He is an Assistant Sixer.*

### **About Scouting**

My interest in Scouting was sparked when I was nine. At the time, my English Teacher, Mrs Tiang, was in charge of the School Scouts CCA. She was an influential role model for me. I looked up to her as a kind and exciting person. I was particularly interested in the activities she organized for the Scouts. Since then, I have done all sorts of things that I may not have otherwise experienced, such as hiking into the Chestnut Nature Park, life-saving first aid training, playing team-building games, pitching tents, raising funds for the less fortunate, and so much more. I have made many Scout friends including those from other schools. We may be from different Units and backgrounds, but we share a lot in common; friendship, fun, service and adventure. Many parents, like mine, want to give their child the best life experiences and values so that we can be the best versions of ourselves. However, it takes a village to raise a child. Scouting is part of that village.

**By: Benjamin Sia, Panda Cub Scout Unit, Nan Hua Primary School.**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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19 Aug 23	Standard First Aid Course	5 Aug 23

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