



Geneva, 1st July 2015

Dear Honours Programme Member,

We look forward to your assistance again this year in helping Scouts around the world to become tomorrow's leaders through their Messengers of Peace (MoP) projects as they, like you, strive to make the world a better place. We hope that you can join us, between **1st and 4th October 2015**, on an inspirational Field Visit, to see this project that you are helping to finance through the Foundation and see Scouts in action in Bosnia & Herzegovina.

The country of Bosnia & Herzegovina, according to the Dayton accord, actually consist of 2 autonomous entities: the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Republika Srpska, with a third region, the Brčko District, governed under local government. Each entity has its own National Scout Association. Where on politic and government levels cooperation between the 3 entities is challenging and in reality slowly deteriorating, the Scouts in Bosnia & Herzegovina have decided to establish one National Scout Organisation for the whole country. This process of bringing 3 NSAs together and building one NSO with a common vision, structure and programme while recognising and respecting each other's culture, has been supported by staff and volunteers from the European Scout Region. This unique process that goes against the general trend has been recognised and welcomed by government and politicians.

To understand how unique this process has been, and still is, we will meet with the National Leadership of the Scout Association of Bosnia and Herzegovina to hear about the challenges faced and dealt with. We will also meet with the Government Officials of both the Federation as well as the separate entities to discuss what Scouting can do more in and for the country and how government can support this. To understand the historical context of the tensions and the effects of the civil war we will visit some of the important locations of that war and meet with Scouts from all parts of the country to hear their stories and how they see their and their country's future. The visit will end with a great Scouting evening. BUT, don't take our word for it – come and see the Scouts in action and experience this life changing MoP Project with your own eyes!

This visit to Bosnia & Herzegovina is safe! Though the programme needs to be flexible because of activities, including possible access to tensioned areas - so you can watch the Scouts in action - cannot easily be pre-programmed.

You will stay in Sarajevo for two nights and in Mostar or Banja Luka for one night. Details on room prices etc will be announced later. There will also be a general fee, approximately \$3-400 per person, to cover transport and incidentals. However, meals will be eaten together and they will need to be paid for separately, in cash, at the point of sale!

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| Thursday 01.10: | Arrival at your convenience in Sarajevo. 18.00 (6pm): Meet in the hotel for a briefing and drinks. |
| Friday 02.10: | Meeting with the National Leadership and Government Officials.
Dinner in Sarajevo. |
| Saturday 03.10: | Journey to Mostar or Banja Luka, meet with Scouts from all entities to learn what this process has done for them and to visit some locations important in the conflict. Dinner in Mostar or Banja Luka. |
| Sunday 04.10: | Departure from either Sarajevo or Zagreb Airport |



Registration: send an email to mknippenberg@worldscoutfoundation.org
Deadline for registration: **20 July 2015 - Be quick - Limited to just 15 participants!**

Looking forward to meeting you in Bosnia & Herzegovina!!

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mark Knippenberg', is positioned below the text 'Best wishes,'. The signature is stylized and written in a cursive-like font.

Mark Knippenberg
Deputy Director