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FAR EAST COUNCIL

## **Scout Build 2016 – Scouts ReBuilding Nepal**

***March 28 – April 3, 2016***

In 1920 more than 8,000 Scouts from 34 countries came together for the first world jamboree. At the closing ceremony, Scouting founder Robert Baden-Powell called on participants to carry the spirit of the jamboree home “so that we may help to develop peace and happiness in the world and goodwill among all Scouts.” The Scouts of the world have been answering that call for more than 100 years. Today, Scouts in dozens of countries are working for peace by solving conflicts in their schools, building links between divided communities, teaching their peers about health and wellness, repairing environmental damage, and building houses.

In response to the devastating earthquake of April 25, 2015 – Far East Council, Nepali Scouts, and Habitat for Humanity are joining hands to build houses for families in need in Nepal. We expect 400-500 BSA and Nepali Scouts involved in this effort to bring hope and goodwill to our partners in Nepal. Troops and Venture crews from Far East Council and beyond will be involved – interest has also been expressed by units in mainland USA as well as other scouting associations.

Scouts must be 14 years of age by March 28, 2016 to participate in their troop’s contingent. All units should plan to arrive at Kathmandu on or before March 28<sup>th</sup> and depart no earlier than April 3<sup>rd</sup>. During this period there will be four days of work with Habitat for Humanity as well as a special Scout Day with activities involving BSA and Nepali Scouts.

Volunteers will work side by side with families who will live in the homes – this work will bring hope to families and communities whose lives have been greatly impacted by the earthquake. The event is slated for the district of Kavre at present –however is subject to change. **The cost per person is \$750 USD which includes all food and lodging for six days, ground transport during this period, tools and safety equipment, and other details for the build.** Lodging will be in basic hotels close to the work site. Each unit is also encouraged to raise a donation to support the ongoing work of reconstruction in Nepal.



Scouting Associations across Asia are seeking stronger links with Habitat for Humanity under the Messengers of Peace vision. The Scouting principles around 'service to others' – are some of the more powerful concepts which unify Scouts of many cultures and backgrounds.

We believe the collective strengths and vision of both organizations – Habitat for Humanity and Scouting – can make a dramatic impact in building houses, building hope, and building communities.

To register your interest or for answers to your questions – please contact Rick Hathaway ([rhathaway@habitat.org](mailto:rhathaway@habitat.org)). An initial deposit of \$200 USD for those participating will be due on November 1 to Far East Council with the balance due on February 1, 2016. We ask that payments be made as a unit to Far East Council.

