

Michigan International Camporee 2008
Steering Committee Meeting
October 14, 2007

I. Welcome - Self-introductions by everyone

II. Current status of progress on MIC 2008

A. MIC 2008 CURRENT REGISTRATIONS (**Bold = joined yahoo group**)

A1. INTERNATIONAL (more than 26 patrols – some attrition is expected)

Applications Received and Invitations sent by International Division BSA (24) - **Australia, Austria, Belize, China (Taiwan), Costa Rica, Czech Republic, England (Cumbria), England (Essex), Ghana, Honduras, Hungary, Ireland, Isle of Man, Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Korea, Mexico, Netherlands Antilles, Slovakia, Slovenia, Trinidad & Tobago, Uganda**
(New since last steering committee meeting = Austria, Belize, Czech Republic, Ghana, Kazakhstan)
Interested, we will learn more soon (11) - **Argentina**, Egypt, Finland, France, Greece, New Zealand, Mongolia, Norway, Peru, Saudi Arabia, Sweden (Removed from this list = Romania)

Since the meeting, an application has been received and invitation requested for a contingent from the Perchtoldsdorf Scout Group in Austria. Their contingent leaders, Christian Polt and Lukas Preissler, who were MIC 2004 staff, have joined the yahoo group. The list above has been adjusted accordingly. Communications from France and Mongolia indicate that their participation is very unlikely. A message from Egypt states that they are still planning to come, but no details yet. We set a deadline of December 1 for a contingent application.

A2. MICHIGAN HOST UNITS (25 total patrols)

2 Patrols - **Troop 63, Chief Okemos, Williamston, Troop 77, Chief Okemos, DeWitt, Troop 128, Tall Pine, Almont, Troop 141, Chief Okemos, Mason, Troop 180, Chief Okemos, East Lansing, Troop 632, Great Sauk Trail, Tecumseh, Troop 740, Detroit Area, Garden City, Crew 39, Tall Pine, Attica**
1 Patrol - Troop 2, Chief Okemos, East Lansing, **Troop 43, Chief Okemos, Dimondale, Troop 52, Chief Okemos, Eaton Rapids, Troop 164, Chief Okemos, Okemos, Troop 205, Tall Pine, Laingsburg, Troop 299, Chief Okemos, Lansing, Troop 316, Chief Okemos, Home School, Troop 457, Great Sauk Trail, Saline, Crew 52, Chief Okemos, Eaton Rapids**

Troop 2 is now a one patrol troop instead of a two patrol troop. That means we have an opening for one host patrol. Leaders of more units have joined the yahoo group. The list above has been adjusted accordingly.

A3. OUT-OF-STATE UNITS + CANADIAN UNITS (13 total patrols)

Troop 241, Orange County Council, Orange CA, Troop 196, Connecticut Yankee Council, Milford CT, Troop/Crew 57, Gulf Ridge Council, Tampa FL, Troop 352, W. D. Boyce Council, Edwards IL, Troop 133, Crossroads of America Council, Indianapolis IN, Troop 61, Heart of America Council, Overland Park KS, Troop 42, Boston Minuteman Council, Quincy MA, Troop 73, Westchester-Putnam Council, White Plains NY, Troop 257, Muskingum Valley Council, Somerset OH, Troop 405, Greater Pittsburgh Council, Baden PA, Troop 1570, National Capital Area Council, Herndon VA, Troop 20, Potawatomi Area Council, Delafield WI, 45th Windsor, Tri-Shores Region, Windsor, Ontario

A leader of one more unit has joined the yahoo group. The list above has been adjusted accordingly.

A4. OTHER APPLICATIONS/CONTACTS - Troop 294, Blue Water Council, St. Clair, Troop 975, Lake Huron Area Council, Rose City, Troop 41, Bay Village OH that traveled to Kazakhstan

We discussed the possibility of offering the open host patrol space to either Troop 294 or Troop 975. The problem is that either of them would need to be paired with a host patrol in a troop that is located a significant distance from them. It was decided that the Executive Committee would follow up on this and reach a decision. The first step of that decision has been to invite Troop 975 to be a one patrol host unit. They were not a host unit in 2000 or 2004, so we need to know if they are willing to make the commitment to this added responsibility. Troop 41 Bay Village OH has not replied to an email message sent just after the September meeting.

B. APPLICATION PROCESS FOR STAFF, UNIT LEADERS, AND YOUTH

B1. STAFF - PROCESS - CURRENT STATUS (number of staff applications received)

The computer of our MIC webmaster has crashed recently, so the information on staff applications that have been submitted electronically has not yet been compiled. That will be done within the next couple of weeks. The information will then be emailed to executive committee members so we can encourage expected staff members who have not submitted applications to apply and beginning checking the credentials of international applicants who are not coming as part of contingents.

B2. US/CANADIAN CAMPSITE UNIT LEADERS - PROCESS - CURRENT STATUS

We expect the application form to be on our web site soon. .doc versions of the instructions and the application form have been sent as an email attachment to host unit and out-of-state/Canadian unit leaders and been posted in the Files section of our mic2008hosts and mic2008ooscan yahoo group web sites.

B3. US/CANADIAN YOUTH - PROCESS - CURRENT STATUS

We expect the application form to be on our web site soon. .doc versions of the instructions, the application form, the additional page for an under 13 applicant, and the cover sheet for mailing forms and fees have been sent as an email attachment to host unit and out-of-state/Canadian unit leaders and been posted in the Files section of our mic2008hosts and mic2008ooscan yahoo group web sites.

B4. INTERNATIONAL CONTINGENT ROSTERS - PROCESS - CURRENT STATUS

A .doc form in which international contingent leaders are to list contingent members' name as it appears on passport, name for nametag, m/f, and date of birth was sent by email to contingent leaders and placed in the Files section of the international contingents yahoo group web site. We have now received our first completed form, from Costa Rica. International leader and International Scout personal information sheets have now been placed in the Files section of the international contingents yahoo group web site.

C. COMMUNICATIONS

C1. EMAIL LISTS

Besides our main MIC 2008 email list, we have email lists for international contingents, host units, and out-of-state/Canadian units. We will maintain these lists while trying to funnel more and more of our communications through the yahoo groups.

C2. MIC WEB SITE www.micamporee.org

C3. YAHOO USER GROUPS

INTERNATIONAL CONTINGENTS - mic2008_international_contingents@yahoogroups.com

HOST UNITS - mic2008hosts@yahoogroups.com

OUT-OF-STATE/CANADIAN UNITS - mic2008ooscan@yahoogroups.com

SCOUTS - mic2008scouts@yahoogroups.com

SCOUTS SPANISH LANGUAGE - mic2008scouts_sp@yahoogroups.com

GROUP HOME PAGES = <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/mic2008hosts> etc.

All these yahoo groups are now being used except for the SCOUTS groups. An Irish Scout has become the first Scout to join the SCOUTS group. We hope to have the first Scout messages during JOTI. The posting of documents in the Files of the yahoo groups will allow us to post drafts of documents like a host troop and host family guidebook and ask for suggestions and comments before we go with a final version.

D. ADMINISTRATION

D1. INCOME - PROCEDURE TO FOLLOW UP ON LATE PAYMENTS - CURRENT STATUS

Sheila Robbe will send messages to the host units yahoo group and the out-of-state/Canadian yahoo group listing the troops and crews that have sent in their \$25 per youth participant deposits (a total of \$200 for one patrol units and \$400 for two patrol units) and stating that all other units must make their deposit payments before our November 11 meeting.

D2. EXPENDITURES - PROCESS FOR PRE-APPROVAL

John Gardner reiterated that all expenditures must be pre-approved using the purchase order process. There was a question of how this will work for food item ingredients for international dinners in campsites and for international day.

D3. CREATION OF DATABASES

This has been slowed by computer problems. The process should begin soon.

D4. TRADING POST OPERATIONS + PROGRESS ON PATCH DESIGNS

Progress is being made on selection of a Trading Post manager. Information on past vendors is being collected to use in the bidding process. Katy Ball is working on the MIC patch design. Since Scouting for Boys was first published in 1908, one possibility for the council strip is to commemorate the 100th anniversary of this publication. Scouting for Boys was first published in a 6 part series. The cover of the first part, which might be incorporated into the council strip, is at <http://www.pinetreeweb.com/bp-sfb1.htm>

E. PROGRAM

E1. DAILY PROGRAM - POSSIBLE CHANGES IN PROGRAM AREAS FROM MIC 2004 (There were spaces for 12 troops in 2004. We need spaces for 13 troops in 2008.)

MIC 2004 Program Areas

Handicraft (+ Lead Figure Making)	Initiative Games	Native American Lore
Nature	Scoutcraft (cooking, pioneering, etc.)	Rifle River Tube Trip
Shooting Sports A (Archery, Air Rifle, Shotgun)	Shooting Sports B (.22 Rifle, Black Powder)	
Team Games - Two troops at a time playing against each other - Each troop goes twice.		
Waterfront (Swimming, Rowing, Canoeing) - Two troops at a time - Each troop goes twice.		

It was felt that the Initiative Games program area was very successful at MIC 2004 with Scouts both having fun and developing international teamwork in their MIC patrols. It was recommended that MIC 2008 have two Initiative Games program areas instead of one. It was mentioned that the Team Games area could perhaps be restructured to involve more international team building without changing the games. It was agreed that Nature was the weakest program area at MIC 2004 and could be replaced. Possibilities include Orienteering and Brownsea Island games. We would welcome other ideas. We will need to make sure we have enough tubes and transportation for the tube trip. Jim Pickard said that he will check into the portable climbing wall that was used at the Great Sauk Trail Council Camporee.

E2. RECRUITING OF HEADS FOR DIFFERENT PROGRAM AREAS

Rick Corbett will follow up with 2004 MIC Program Area heads and the cricket guy.

E3. EVENING PROGRAM - POSSIBLE CHANGE IN SCHEDULE TO ALLOW KWAHADI DANCERS TO INTERACT WITH INTERNATIONAL SCOUTS

Current Plan

Wednesday = International Dinners in Campsites + patch trading in DH

Thursday = Powwow in Activity Field + Kwahadi Dancers in Campfire Bowl

Proposed Plan

Wednesday = Powwow in Activity Field + patch trading in DH

Thursday = International Dinners in Campsites (with Kwahadi) + Kwahadi Dancers in Campfire Bowl

Everyone agreed with the proposed schedule change. The plan has been communicated to the head of the Kwahadi Dancers and they are pleased with the opportunity to have dinner with the international troops.

F. PHYSICAL ARRANGEMENTS

F1. REQUEST FOR SCOUTER-RUN HAM RADIO AT MIC 2008

F2. LOCATION OF ADMINISTRATION AREA, INTERNET CAFÉ, ETC.

F3. PROGRESS ON NEW CABINS AND OTHER NORTHWOODS IMPROVEMENTS

Mention was made of the progress that was made during eager beaver weekend.

F4. ARRANGEMENT OF TRADING POST OPERATIONS

The consensus was that both the food sales and the MIC souvenir sales would fit into the new NR trading post.

F5. PLANNED IMPROVEMENTS TO NORTHWOODS CAMPFIRE BOWL – COORDINATION WITH MIC NEEDS - TEMPORARY STAGE FOR CAMPFIRE BOWL FOR INTERNATIONAL SHOWS + KWAHADI DANCERS (KWAHADI REQUEST = “If it was all platform (30’ X 30’ or 25’ X 30’) we could make it work from our standpoint. Let us know what’s possible when someone gets around to measuring the area.

Any such platform would not need to be elevated any more than necessary to create a near-level surface, but it would have to be substantial to withstand the synchronized pounding of 30 dancers. It might be that a little tractor blading and reseeded the spring would cost less.”)

There are mixed messages about whether a portable temporary stage is part of the planned OA improvements to the NR campfire bowl that will take place next spring. If it is not, we need to make sure that this happens. There are several options to consider:

1. Purchase a portable dance floor of the type that is used for outdoor weddings or dance performances. They are sturdy, portable, and do fine in the rain. However, they are expensive. Could we project sell this? Could we find a used one? Web sites:

<http://www.theparkcatalog.com/itemdesc.asp?ic=151-1025>

http://www.sicoinc.com/starlight_dance_floor.php

<http://www.snaplockdancefloors.com/>

2. Interlocking foam flooring. Would this work outdoors? Web site:

http://www.getrunga.com/?gclid=CNrH_--s-o4CFQeNHgodBVe1vg

<http://stores.ebay.com/kenmissyr>

3. Making one ourselves. This was discussed at the meeting. A web site with a discussion of how people did this for weddings:

<http://www.partypop.com/Forums/Weddings/m97083.htm>

We probably need to set up a subcommittee to look into this.

F6. POSSIBLE TRANSPORTATION OF OUTPOST TROOPS TO/FROM SOME ACTIVITIES

G. TROOP OPERATIONS

G1. CAMPSITE TROOP LEADERS INVITED TO NOV. MEETING – Should we have them meet from 6:00 to 7:00 and invite them to stay for the steering committee meeting?

The decision was made to schedule the November Campsite Troop Leader Meeting from 5:30 to 7:00 to allow more time than a 6:00 to 7:00 meeting would allow. Campsite troop leaders will be contacted. They are welcome to stay and join in the 7:00 to 9:00 Steering Committee meeting

G2. PROCESS OF FORMING CAMPSITE TROOPS

1. Combining one patrol host units into teams
2. Matching host troops with international patrols (splitting 2 patrol international contingents - Did it work in 2004? Should we encourage it in 2008?)
3. Matching host teams with out-of-state/Canadian patrols

International contingent leaders of two patrol contingents will be asked if they are willing to split their contingent into two campsites with the resulting benefit of being paired with another country’s contingent in each campsite. If this is done, host troops/crews for the two patrols from a contingent must be located very close to each other. This topic will be discussed in the November campsite troop leaders meeting.

G3. SCHEDULE OF GROUP ACTIVITIES FOR MIC HOME STAY WEEK

Option 1 - Afternoon activities at Lake Lansing Park South, picnic dinner at park, performance at bandshell on Tuesday and Cedar Point on Thursday

Option 2 - Cedar Point on Wednesday and afternoon activities at Lake Lansing Park South, picnic dinner at park, performance at bandshell on Friday with the performance being part of the park's weekly Friday concert series

We will consult Tom Baker about the preference of the Physical Arrangements staff and the Executive Committee will reach a decision.

H. STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

Nov. 11, 2007 (+ Campsite Troop leaders)	Dec, 9, 2007	Jan. 13, 2008
Feb. 10, 2008	March 9, 2008 (+ Campsite Troop leaders & Home stay coordinators)	
April 13, 2008	April 25-27, 2008 - MIC Planning Weekend at Northwoods	
May 18, 2008	June 15, 2008	July 13, 2008

I. PROJECT SELLING/SPONSORSHIPS - Finding businesses to be official sponsors of specific MIC activities or specific international contingents - Can we use donated frequent flyer miles to assist contingents from low income countries with travel costs?

J. CHIEF OKEMOS COUNCIL INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

J1. JAMBOREE ON THE AIR (JOTA) + JAMBOREE ON THE INTERNET (JOTI) Oct. 20-21 -
Use of mic2008scouts@yahoo.com and mic2008scouts_sp@yahoo.com for JOTI

JOTA will be at Camp Kiwanis again this year.

J2. UPCOMING SCOUTING MAGAZINE ARTICLE

J3. CHIEF OKEMOS COUNCIL INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE WEB PAGES -
<http://www.micamporee.org/COCIC/cocic-menu.htm> - Additions? - Permanent location?

We are still awaiting a reply from the Chief Okemos Council web site committee to a message we sent a month ago asking if they would like to house these pages on the council web site.

J4. BSA INTERNATIONAL DIVISION TRIPS - JAPAN – SWITZERLAND

The Chief Okemos Council submitted 6 Scout nominations from 5 different troops for the Japan trip and 2 Scout nominations, both from the same troop, for the Switzerland trip. International Division BSA has confirmed that only Scouts and Venturers from councils that have International Representatives may be nominated for International Division BSA trips like this.

Please email any ideas about MIC 2008 to mccreab@sbcglobal.net