

Michigan International Camporee 2008  
Steering Committee Meeting  
November 11, 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, Denmark, England (Cumbria), England (Essex), Ghana, Guyana, Honduras, Hungary, Ireland, Isle of Man, Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Korea, Mexico**, Netherlands Antilles, **Slovakia, Trinidad & Tobago, Uganda**

*Italics = Approval from National Scout Association still needed*

Applications for a two patrol contingent recently received and on hold (2) - Grenada

Interested, promised an invitation if they apply by November 30 (2) - **Argentina**, Egypt

Now unlikely - Finland, France, Greece, New Zealand, Mongolia, Norway, Peru, Saudi Arabia, Sweden

In the week and a half since the meeting:

Austria - The contingent will be composed mostly of IST members between 19 and 25 years old.

Belize - National association approval was received by BSA. The italics were removed in the above list.

Taiwan (ROC) - They will bring two full patrols, 8 boys and 8 girls.

Denmark - An invitation was extended to Valdemar Atterdag Troop, Gistrup, to bring a contingent of two patrols, boys and girls. The invitation was accepted.

Guyana – An invitation was extended to St. Stanislaus College Scout Group in Georgetown to bring a contingent of one patrol

Slovenia - They discovered a date conflict with a school trip that most of their Scouts plan to participate in, so they cancelled.

The list above has been updated.

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 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 54, Clinton Valley Council, Novi MI, Troop 164, Chief Okemos, Okemos, Troop 205, Tall Pine, Laingsburg, Troop 294, Blue Water Council, St. Clair, Troop 299, Chief Okemos, Lansing, Troop 316, Chief Okemos, Home School, (Troop 457, Great Sauk Trail, Saline + Troop 632, Great Sauk Trail, Tecumseh), Crew 52, Chief Okemos, Eaton Rapids**

At the host units meeting, Troop 457 downsized from 1 patrol to ½ patrol and Troop 632 downsized from 2 patrols to ½ patrol. They are located near each other, so it was decided that they will join together to form an MIC patrol. The applications of Troop/Crew 54 and Troop 294 to send one MIC patrol each were accepted. They will join to form a campsite troop. The total number of host patrols remained at 25. Since the meeting, Troop 63 downsized from 2 patrols to 1 patrol. We now have 24 host patrols and need two more. Troops 54 and 77 are now members of the yahoo group.

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 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 11, Piedmont Council, Gastonia NC, 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** (Since last month's meeting, Troop/Crew 57, Gulf Ridge Council, Tampa FL canceled and was replaced by Troop 11, Piedmont Council, Gastonia NC)

A4. OTHER APPLICATIONS/CONTACTS - Troop 975, Lake Huron Area Council, Rose City

There has been no response to two separate email messages inviting them to form a host patrol.

#### A5. IMPACT OF COUNCIL PLAN TO MOVE ALGONQUIN CAMPSITE WITH A NEW LATRINE, ETC.

1. Should we use Algonquin instead of Baden-Powell?
2. Should we consider adding a 14<sup>th</sup> MIC Campsite Troop? (program capacity? campfire bowl capacity?)

Decisions were made to use the new Algonquin instead of Baden-Powell and to stick with 13 campsites.

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

##### B1. STAFF - PROCESS - CURRENT STATUS (number of staff applications received) - Designating staff member(s) to follow up, get council approvals, inform staff they are approved - Assignment of positions

Staff applications are entered online on our web site. Information on applicants is then transferred into an Excel spreadsheet. There are some applicants whose information appears multiple times. The Executive Committee will develop a procedure for:

1. Editing the spreadsheet so each applicant appears only once.
2. Screening applicants by:
  - (a) Contacting council offices for approval of BSA and Scouts Canada applicants
  - (b) Contacting international contingent leaders for approvals of international applicants who plan to travel with their contingents
  - (c) Requesting that International Division BSA contact WOSM International Commissioners for approval of international applicants who will not be traveling with national contingents
3. Contacting approved applicants to inform them that their application has been accepted and they should send in their paper application and check if they have not already done so.
4. Providing a list of staff applications that we have received to MIC Executive Committee members so they can identify people they expect to staff their areas who have not yet submitted applications and contact those people about submitting staff applications

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

The procedure was explained to host units at the hosting units meeting and to all units by email. Applications are available online. Revised web instructions will be added soon, but the basic process will remain the same.

##### B3. US/CANADIAN YOUTH - PROCESS - CURRENT STATUS

The procedure was explained to host units at the hosting units meeting and to all units by email. The word version of the unit-specific application is available in the Files section of the yahoo groups. This section of the web site will be completely redone. The draft version has been sent out for comments.

##### B4. INTERNATIONAL CONTINGENT ROSTERS - PROCESS - CURRENT STATUS

One roster has been received, for Costa Rica. A number of others have been promised. The form for submitting a contingent roster is now posted on the [www.micamporee.org](http://www.micamporee.org) web site with a deadline for emailing a roster to us of January 20, six months before home stay week begins.

#### C. COMMUNICATIONS

##### C1. MIC WEB SITE [www.micamporee.org](http://www.micamporee.org)

Final decisions on wording on forms that will go on our web site -  
Excel - Campsite Troop Leader Application Form, Scout/Venturer Application form, Group youth info form  
Word - Fee transmittal forms, International Leader & International Scout Information Sheets, International Day form, International Performance form, International Contingents Travel Plans form  
Word or .pdf - Media Release Form (individual and group versions)  
Chief Okemos Council .pdf forms we will use (council = country) - Adult Health & Medical Record, Youth Health & Medical Record, Camper medication form, Swim test results form

Since the meeting:

1. Three Media Release Forms, adult, individual youth, and group youth, have now been converted to .pdf files and will be accessed by contingents in that format.

2. A "Forms for International Contingents" section of the web site has gone "live." That section contains instructions and deadlines for the forms with links to International Contingent Roster Form, International Leader & International Scout Information Sheets, International Day form, International Performance form, International Contingents Travel Plans form, Adult Health & Medical Record, Youth Health & Medical Record, Camper medication form, Swim test results form, and Media Release Forms
3. The web site has been updated with the addition of the new host troops, links to the new email addresses (see below) and the statement that checks should be made out to CHIEF OKEMOS COUNCIL BSA (see below)

## C2. YAHOO USER GROUPS

INTERNATIONAL CONTINGENTS - mic2008int@yahoogroups.com (note name change)

HOST UNITS - mic2008hosts@yahoogroups.com

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

WEB SITE, ETC. - mic2008tech@yahoogroups.com

STAFF (NOT YET IN USE) - mic2008staff@yahoogroups.com

SCOUTS - mic2008scouts@yahoogroups.com

SCOUTS SPANISH LANGUAGE - mic2008scouts\_sp@yahoogroups.com

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

## C4. @micamporee.org EMAIL ADDRESSES

registration@micamporee.org

international@micamporee.org

troopoperations@micamporee.org

sitehelp@micamporee.org

Who should receive messages to each address?

Are there other useful email addresses?

Possible web access to those who are designated to receive messages to use as outgoing email address

Those addresses are now active with:

registration@micamporee.org going to John Gardner and Sheila Robbe

international@micamporee.org going to Allyse Anderson and Bruce McCrea

troopoperations@micamporee.org going to Kristen Ball and Jim Pickard

sitehelp@micamporee.org going to Thom McGraw and Tim Musson

There are links in the "Contact Us" section of our web site

C1. EMAIL LISTS - Still in use for those who are not members of yahoo groups

## D. ADMINISTRATION

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

Administration will follow up on unit deposits that are not yet in

D2. EXPENDITURES - PROCESS FOR PRE-APPROVAL

D3. CREATION OF DATABASES

D4. TRADING POST OPERATIONS + PROGRESS ON PATCH DESIGNS - Possible postage stamps with MIC logo - If we order at least 200 stamps, our cost = 65¢ to 75¢ for a 41¢ stamp.

A trading post manager has been recruited and is now on board. He will meet with John Gardner soon to begin planning trading post orders. Electronic versions of two possible patch designs were presented. They will be posted in the Steering Committee section of the web site. We still need a council strip design that is general enough it can be adopted by a number of councils.

E. PROGRAM (Rick Corbett, head of program, had to work Sunday evening and was not at the meeting)

E1. DAILY PROGRAM - POSSIBLE CHANGES IN PROGRAM AREAS FROM MIC 2004

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.

To enable each of our 13 campsite troops to visit every program area, the program areas will need to be scheduled for campsite troops during 13 of the 15 possible two hour M-F program periods (one each morning and two each afternoon). At MIC 2004, program areas were scheduled for 12 of those 15 possible periods. They were not open during the Monday morning period to allow for both program area and campsite setup to be completed. They were unscheduled "open program areas" during the late afternoon period before the international dinner, which would be Thursday in 2008, and during the late afternoon period on Friday.

Question #1 - Which of those 3 periods should we convert to a scheduled program period?

Probably Friday afternoon

With 13 scheduled program periods, there are at least 3 possible options:

1. Add a 13<sup>th</sup> program area. One possibility is an additional initiative games area. A campsite troop would visit one of these program areas during each of the 13 scheduled program periods.
2. Continue with 12 program areas. Schedule each campsite troop for a "free" period during the rotation. During each scheduled program period, 12 troops would go to program areas while the 13th would have free time in their campsite. They could not go to program areas during their "free" period because other troops would be there. Each campsite troop would be scheduled for one "free" period some time in the M-F schedule.
3. Reduce the number of program areas to 11. Perhaps delete Nature which has never worked that well. Make the other two of the 13 scheduled program slots for each MIC campsite troop "campsite visit periods." During each scheduled program period, 11 campsite troops would go to program areas like in 2004. The other two campsite troops would share a campsite visit, with one troop visiting the other troop's campsite. Each troop would be guests during one of their campsite visit periods and hosts during their other campsite visit period. Program staff would assist with get-acquainted games, etc., in the host troop's campsite.

Question #2 - Which of these options is best?

There was discussion of possible program areas that could be added, possibly ones that involve two troops at the same time. No decision was made.

Since the meeting, when it became apparent that Austria and Hungary will both have a significant number of MIC staff members, the leaders of those contingents were contacted asking if they would be interested in proposing an MIC program area to be run mostly by Austrian and Hungarian staff. They were enthusiastic about doing this and will work out some proposals.

## E2. RECRUITING OF HEADS FOR DIFFERENT PROGRAM AREAS

### F. PHYSICAL ARRANGEMENTS

#### F1. LOCATION OF ADMINISTRATION AREA, INTERNET CAFÉ, ETC.

Because of wiring, the Administration building will be the location for both.

#### F2. INTERNET CAFÉ EQUIPMENT AND CONNECTION TO THE WEB

The question was raised of where we will get 18 computers for the Internet Café. We will need to follow up on that.

#### F3. PROGRESS ON NEW CABINS AND OTHER NORTHWOODS IMPROVEMENTS

New cabins will be available for MIC

#### F4. ARRANGEMENT OF TRADING POST OPERATIONS

There will be a single trading post located at the "new" Northwoods trading post instead of separate trading posts for food and merchandise as we have done in the past. Purchases of merchandise will involve completing and turning in an order from that will then be filled by trading post staff.

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 is plenty of room at the MIC campfire bowl for such a stage. A stage will be ready for MIC 2008 performances.

F6. CAMPFIRE BOWL CAPACITY - We are currently expecting over 150 more Scouts and leaders in MIC campsite troops in 2008 than we had in 2004. Where will we fit everyone at the campfire bowl? Will the new sound/lighting building or other campfire bowl improvements impact space available for seating?

Projected OA improvements to the campfire bowl area will include a lighting and speaker system plus seating for up to 900. This will satisfy MIC needs and perhaps allow for a few invited guests for the Tuesday International Night and Thursday Kwahadi Dancers performances.

#### F7. POSSIBLE TRANSPORTATION OF OUTPOST TROOPS TO/FROM SOME ACTIVITIES

Plans are being developed involving ranger transportation of these troops.

#### F8. REQUEST FOR SCOUTER-RUN HAM RADIO AT MIC 2008

#### F9. OTHER

A prototype "MIC 2008 Golden Arrow" has been developed to be presented to international contingents. It looks great!

#### G. TROOP OPERATIONS

##### G1. REPORT ON CAMPSITE TROOP LEADERS MEETING

The meeting was very productive. Every host unit was represented except one.

##### 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

A form for host units to list requests was distributed during the host units meeting with the statement that nothing is promised at this point. Representatives of some troops and crews said that they would like to consult their Scouts before making an international contingent request and to then make that request by email. Since the meeting, all host units have been sent an email message listing the expected sizes of the international contingents. Leaders of two patrol international contingents are being contacted about the possibility of having their two patrols be part of two different MIC campsite troops

G3. SCHEDULE OF GROUP ACTIVITIES FOR MIC HOME STAY WEEK - The final decision was to hold the afternoon and evening activities at Lake Lansing Park on Tuesday, July 22, and the Cedar Point trip on Thursday, July 24. The Lake Lansing bandshell and pavilions are now reserved, free of charge, starting at 11 AM that Tuesday.

#### H. STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

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? - Attempts to contact Northwest Airlines

There have not yet been any responses to the messages to Northwest Airlines.

J. CHIEF OKEMOS COUNCIL INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

J1. UPCOMING SCOUTING MAGAZINE ARTICLE

J2. CHIEF OKEMOS COUNCIL INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE WEB PAGES -  
<http://www.micamporee.org/COCIC/cocic-menu.htm> or link on the left at <http://www.micamporee.org/> -  
Additions? - Permanent location?

J3. BSA INTERNATIONAL DIVISION TRIPS - JAPAN - SWITZERLAND

Congratulations to Brian Goulet of Troop 417, Lansing, Chief Okemos Council, who was one of 6 Scouts/Venturers nationwide selected for the trip to the World Scout Winter Games in Switzerland. We have not heard anything yet about our applicants for the Japan trip.

Since the meeting, we have learned that none of our Chief Okemos Council applicants for the Japan trip were selected for the February trip. However, they were informed that there will be a summer trip and that they will be sent nomination forms for that trip. The summer trip will also be open to Scouts and Venturers who did not apply for the February trip. We learned on Friday, November 15, that BSA decided to send a second 6 Scout/Venturer BSA team to the World Scout Winter Games in Switzerland and that Eli Gaugash of Troop 417 was invited to be part of that team. That means that, out of 12 Scouts/Venturers from all over the country selected to be part of the 2 BSA teams, 2 are from Chief Okemos Council!

J4. International Scouting Trek at Philmont

The Chief Okemos Council International Committee will set up a Chief Okemos Council essay contest and select the best essay to send to National BSA. Rules will be announced in the December SIGNALS. Rules and the essay cover sheet will be posted on the Chief Okemos Council International Committee web pages.

Please email any ideas about MIC 2008 to [mccreab@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mccreab@sbcglobal.net)