



The 8th Sharjah International Scout Gathering **"Sharjah- the World Capital of Book "**

Sharjah, United Arab Emirates
(1-10/2/2018)

On the occasion of choosing the Emirate of Sharjah governorate as **the World capital of Book**, and under a patronage and sponsorship of H.E. Shaik **Dr. Sultan Bin Mohammad El- Qasemmi** the member of the supreme council of United Arab Emirates and the governor of Sharjah; we would like to extend the cordial invitation of United Arab Emirates (UAE) Scout Association & the Arab Regional Office to all WOSM NSOs to participate in the: **The 8th International Scout Gathering, Sharjah- the World Capital of Book**, which will be held during the period **1-10/2/2018**, Sharjah, United Arab Emirates to visit and get to know the authentic Arab Cultural heritage and exchange experiences, according to the following:

Objectives:

The main objectives of the Gathering are as follows:

- Strengthen ties of friendship and brotherhood among the participants from all over the world.
- Capacity building of the participants and encouraging them to exchange their cultures.
- Being introduced to the importance of reading.
- Being introduced to the landmarks in Sharjah governorate as buildings established, traditional houses, squares and government offices, the different museums, universities and Scientific and Cultural bodies.

Date: from 1-10/ 2 /2018

- **Arrival:** 1/2/2018
- **Activities:** 2-9/2/2018
- **Departure:** 10/2/2018

Organization:

In cooperation between the Arab Regional Office & United Arab Emirates (UAE) Scout Association.

Venue: Sharjah, United Arab of Emirates

Participants:

Each National Scout Organization – worldwide- is invited to nominate one male rover to participate in the event according to the following eligibilities:

1. The nominated Rover should be of a high interest in reading and has an experience on the importance of reading and its impacts and role in

developing nations at national or regional levels that can be shared among other participants.

2. He should be a registered member in his NSO.
3. Age between 18-23 years old
4. The applicant/s must be nominated by his NSO officially.
5. With good command of English to be able to exchange his experience with others.
6. **Deadline is Sunday 17th of Dec. 2017**
7. A Complete registration should be submitted by email to the **Arab Support Center** (arab@scout.org) **including the following items:**
 - A complete registration form endorsed stamped by the NSO,
 - A colored scanned copy of the nominated rover's valid passport (**6 months at least**).
 - A colored passport – sized recent photograph (4×6) with a white background.

Sponsorship & Costs:

- The sponsorship will cover travel expenses of **ONE ROVER** (economy class) from all applying WOSM NSOs that will be sent in due time as an e-ticket.
- Each participant should cover – by himself - any extra days before or after the event duration.

Visa/s:

- Emirates Scout Association will issue all necessary entry visa/s for all the approved participants.

Worksheets and presentations required:

- Each participant (contingent) should prepare a presentation (10 minutes) on the importance of reading and its role in developing nations and the experience of his country in the named field to share with others

Cultural exchange:

- An International Evening where all the participants are invited to present different types of their traditional dishes, folklore, songs, dances, scouting souvenirs, gifts...etc}.

What is to bring? and what should you share?

- Traditional costume which is unique to the country as part of the International Evening.
- A presentation (**including**: CD, video, Guidelines, documents ...etc) on the **Relevant topic of the event** as well as to introduce the culture of his country to share during the event.
- Scouting Uniform for the official activities.
- 2 flags of the participant's country 60×120 cm (will be delivered and left in the venue hosting the event).
- A copy of the renewed scouting curriculum of his NSO of all scouting sections to the library of the named hosting Arab NSO.
- Identifying the size/s of T-shirt, training suit.
- Documents, publications, handouts, posters, video tape, CD, and traditional dishes. .etc for exhibition and for any audiovisual presentation exchange.
- Swimming suite, suitable cloths for water and beach games.
- Comfortable shoes for walking in the desert and personal equipments.

The Climate

The climate is mostly moderate in February; it is between 14 and 24 centigrade and there is a chance of expecting light rains.

For more information please do not hesitate to write to me or call the Arab Scout Regional Office:

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