



General Information

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7th APR Scout Youth Forum
Dhaka, Bangladesh
17 - 21 November 2012



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The BRAC Centre, Mohakhali, Dhaka, Bangladesh
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Information for Participants

Theme:

The theme for the Youth Forum is the same as the theme for the conference, which is "Bridging the Gap"

Date and Duration:

17 – 21 November 2012. Four full days, including a half-day educational tour on 19 November 2012. These dates exclude arrival and departure days.

Opening Ceremony will be in the morning of 17 November 2012 and the Closing Ceremony will be in the evening of 20 November 2012.

Venue:

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BRAC CDM at Savar is only 15 Kilometres drive from Hajrat Shah Jalal International Airport. One would find a whole new world of architectural excellence, set amidst picturesque natural beauty and tranquillity, with the purpose of hosting different Conference, meeting and events by providing excellent facilities- but with a unique and serene touch.

Participants:

Around 120 Scouts from 26 National Scout Organizations(NSO) in the Asia-Pacific Region. To make the discussions colourful, kindred youth organizations from the host country will also be invited to join, such as Red Cross, YMCA, Girl Guides.

Participants must be endorsed by their NSOs and must be between 18 to 26 years old on date of the forum. Born between 21 November 1986 to 17 November 1994.

Each NSO may appoint two [2] delegates and eight [8] observers - a total maximum of ten [10] participants, while 20 participants will come from the host organization.

Youth Forum Objectives:

Based on the "Guidelines For Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Youth," the objectives of the Youth Forum are the following:

- 1) Provide a learning environment through discussions on interesting topics and sharing of experiences;
- 2) Enhance their decision-making skills for Scouting and society in general;
- 3) Develop friendship among the participants; and create networks that can be continued beyond the forum; and
- 4) Give relevant input, proposals, and recommendations, which shall be presented at the Regional Scout Conference.

Topics for discussion:

There are three main topics, which are pre-selected based on the discussions of young people. Three more main topics will be decided when you register during the youth forum. The three pre-selected main topics are, as follows:

- 1) Bridging the gap with less privileged communities;
- 2) Bridging people and the environment;
- 3) Bridging the digital divide

The pre-selected topic was announced on 18 May 2012 through APR Circular no.20/2012, sent to all NSOs, and available in the conference website.

Since the topics are broad, participants are encouraged to actively participate in the online discussion to the parameters for each topic. Please register at –
<http://7apryouthforum.proboards.com/>

Fee:

The fee is set to USD100.00. The fee includes forum kit and materials, inland transportation, and accommodation for five nights (check-in on 16 November and check-out on 21 November), food for five days and educational tour.

The Youth Forum Fee can be paid in any currency but should be equivalent to the fee specified in US Dollars. Any charges or exchange rate difference shall be paid by the NSO or by the participant, as the case maybe. If there will be any outstanding amount, the host organization will notify the respective NSO to settle it.

If your NSO has already remitted the fee prior to arrival, you need to bring with you a copy of your NSO's remittance document. This is to ensure that the host country can resolve the issue immediately, in case it is not yet recorded or shown as payment not yet received by the host country.

Those participants who have not yet remitted the Youth Forum Fee must pay upon arrival at the time of registration. No credit card payment will be accepted at the time of registration for the Youth Forum.

Please note that Youth Forum participants who are also attending the 24th APR Scout Conference, needs to fill-up the Conference Registration Form and should be a member of the NSO Delegation. Youth Forum participants, who will attend the 24th APR Scout Conference need to pay another USD125.00 as registration fee for the conference. This registration fee DOES NOT include accommodation during the conference.

Arrival and Departure:

Participants are expected to arrive at Hajrat Shah Jalal International Airport (DAC) on 16 November 2012. Young Adult Members Group and the Planning Committee members are expected to arrive on 15-Nov 2012. All those who are not attending the conference, may leave Dhaka on 21-Nov-2012.

Participants/Staff attending the conference may plan to leave from the BRAC Centre on 21 November 2012 to transfer to their respective accommodation during the conference. Please make sure that you have submitted your travel itinerary to Bangladesh Scouts well ahead of time.

Please wear your Scout uniform, or least a Scout scarf, so that you can be easily recognized, when you arrive at the airport. In case you are not met at the airport, please call:

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On advance request, pre-Youth Forum accommodation can also be arranged. Cost of accommodation for these extra days will be the responsibility of the participants.

If the participants are continuing to attend the conference after the youth forum, home hospitality can be arranged on advance request of the respective NSO.

Accommodation:

All participants will be accommodated at the BRAC CDM Savar, Dhaka, Bangladesh. Participants will be accommodated on a twin sharing basis (two persons in one room).

Meals and food:

Meals will start on dinner of 16 November to breakfast of 21 November 2012, which is included in the fee. If you are arriving earlier than the expected date because of flight availability, you need to arrange this individually with the host association.

Food will be of international menu and will try to cater to the needs of participants, especially those who have restrictions (vegetarian or those with allergies). Each food will be identified in English. Meals are served at buffet cafeteria in the BRAC CDM.

Foreign Exchange:

Foreign exchange WILL NOT be available at the BRAC CDM. It is highly recommended to change your money to Bangladesh Taka (BDT) upon your arrival at Hajrat Shah Jalal International Airport (DAC).

Electricity:

Electricity is 220 volts, 50Hz. For the most part, electrical sockets (outlets) in Bangladesh are one of three types: the "Type C" European CEE 7/16 Europlug, the "Type G" British BS-1363 or the "Type D" Indian 5 amp BS-546.



If your appliance's plug doesn't match the shape of any these sockets, you will need a travel plug adapter in order to plug in.

For more information, please visit:
<http://www.kropla.com>

Telephone and Internet Access:

In Bangladesh both CDMA and GSM mobile networks are available.

Local SIM can be purchased and it cost BDT200.00 (approximately USD2.50) each, without credit or load. Please note that there is no mobile phone rental in BRAC CDM.

BRAC CDM Savar is Wifi connected. Each participant will be able to use Wifi facility with a payment of BDT380.00/day (approximately USD3.60).

Furthermore, there are no telephone booth facilities but intercom service is available.

Laundry/Ironing of Clothes:

Laundry service is available on payment.

Dress Code:

Scout Uniform in Opening and Closing Ceremonies and formal functions. For image building purposes, you may also be requested to wear the uniform when you go out for educational tour. You may be in (smart) casual attire during the rest of the forum.

If you are visiting mosques as part of the educational tour program, it is advisable to dress decently so as to avoid any unwanted attention.

This means full sleeves shirt/blouse and long pants/skirts for women; and long trousers for men.

International Night:

The International Night will be held together with the participants from the APR Course for Leader Trainers. It is also preferred if you can wear your traditional national dress during this night.

Each NSO is also requested to prepare for a five-minute game that reflects your country or culture and will be able to manage for everyone else as a fill in activity during the forum.

Climate:

Bangladesh has a tropical monsoon-type climate, with a hot and rainy summer and a pronounced dry season in the cooler months.

Most rain falls during the monsoon (June-September) and little during the dry season (November-February). Average Rainfall during November is 35.00 mm.

Maximum temperature will be 28.9 degrees Celsius and minimum will be 18.5 degrees Celsius.

What to bring:

Participants are recommended to bring light clothes like t-shirts, short pants and Bermudas. Rain showers are common in Bangladesh, so it's better to wear light clothes that can dry up easily. To shield yourself from the bright sun, bring a head gear and sunglasses.

Please bring your own toiletries (towels, toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, etc.); sun bloc or sun screen lotion; Camera! Some badges for swapping. Bring small gifts that are unique to your country, when you go to home hospitality.

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