



The 5th International Gathering for

"Scouting & Young People with Special Needs"

Sharjah, United Arab Emirates

(4-12/2/2012)

With a very great pleasure, I would like to extend the cordial invitation of the Arab Regional Office & United Arab Emirates (U.A.E) Scout Association; under a patronage and sponsorship of H.E. Shaik Dr. **Sultan Bin Mohammad El- Qasemmi** the governor of Sharjah, to participate in the: **The 5th International Gathering for " Scouting & Young People with Special Needs "**, which will be held during the period **4-12/2/2012**, Sharjah, United Arab Emirates, according to the following:

Objectives:

The main objectives of the Gathering are as follows:

- To perceive the highly concern of H.E. Shaik Dr. **Sultan Bin Mohammad El- Qasemmi** with young people with special needs.
- Exchanging experiences among participants on the role of the scout movement and its high concern with young people with disabilities and special needs and how to integrate them into the community.
- Developing ties of friendship and brotherhood among the participants from the different countries.
- Increasing the awareness, knowledge & skills of the participants on how to deal with young people with special needs and integrating them into the community.

Date: from 4-12/ 2 /2012

- ✓ **Arrival:** 3/2/2012
- ✓ **Activities:** 4-12/2/2012
- ✓ **Departure:** 13/2/2012

Venue: Sharjah, United Arab of Emirates

Axes of the Gathering:

1. **Young people with special needs axis:**

- Being introduced to the different relevant services which U.A.E. provides to young people with special needs & disabilities in scouting.
- Perceiving the important role of all relevant organizations, NGOs, associations in the named field.
- Exchanging relevant scouting experiences & projects among the different participating NSOs and the relevant partners on the same topic.

- Holding a workshop on developing the concept and mechanisms of the scouting integration of those responsible for the programs of young people with special needs.
- Uniting the concepts of sign language & Braille and integrating them as skills in the scouting program.
- Field visits to number of rehabilitation centers, CSOs and scout groups for young people with special needs.
- Acknowledging International agreements for young people with special needs.
- Revising the laws & legislations for the rights of young people with special needs and how far they are suitable for this targeted group.
- Activating the guidelines of the Integration of young people with special needs in the Scout program at Units (in the different scout sections).
- Sharing the standards of scout of scout premises & centers which friendly to young people with special needs.
- Holding an exhibition where relevant experiences of the participating NSOs, all relevant agencies and associations will be shared.

2. Cultural exchange axis:

- An International Evening where all the participants are invited to present different types of their traditional dishes which could be cooked, folklore, scouting souvenirs, gifts...etc}.
- Visits to the most famous locations and touristic places in the United Arab Emirates.

3. General Activities axis:

- Different sports & adventure activities and challenging desert safaris.
- Free tours.

Eligibilities:

All National Scout Organizations – worldwide- are invited to nominate **ONE ROVER** (males only) and who are interested in the relevant activities to participate in the named event according to the

following eligibilities:

1. Each Rover should have his own pioneering project which can be a model and through which he can represent himself and his NSO.
2. He should be a registered member in his NSO.
3. He needs to send an abstract or brief profile of (his / NSO) experience in dealing with Young people with special needs & disabilities.
4. Age between 18-23 years old.
5. With good command in English to be able to exchange his experience with others.
6. The applicants must be nominated by their National Scout Organizations.
7. **Deadline is 10/12/2011**

8. Complete **registration form** should be submitted by fax to the **Arab Scout Office** (Fax No. **00202 24014495**), or by email (Email: **arab@scout.org**)
- an approved stamped headed **letter** from his National Scout Organization.

Costs:

- H.E. Shaik Dr. Sultan Bin Mohammad El- Qasemmi, the governor of Sharjah State and the patronage of the event, sponsors travel expenses of **ONE ROVER** (economy class) from each NSO.
- U.A.E. will **provide** the granted e-ticket/s for all participants in due time via their NSOs.
- Each participant should cover – by himself - any extra days before or after the above mentioned duration of the event

Visa/s:

- Emirates Scout Association will issue all necessary entry visa/s for all the approved participants.
- A clear scanned **copy of nominees' passports** and **a personal colored photo** (passport size) should be enclosed to a complete & stamped registration form/s to facilitate issuing the entry visa/s.

What is to bring?

- ♦ Traditional costume or shirt which is unique to the country as part of the International Evening.
- ♦ A presentation (including: CD, Video, Guideline, Document ...etc) on the **Relevant project** which the participant will present during the event.
- ♦ Scout Uniform for the official activities.
- ♦ 2 flags of the participant's country 80×120 cm.
- ♦ 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, compass 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 falling light rains.

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

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