

World Rover Scout Moots








The first World Rover Scout Moot was held in 1931 and following ones were held almost every four years until 1961.

World Moots were replaced by World Moot Years between 1965 and 1982. This change was with the aim of increasing the number of events and accessibility to Rovers.

In 1985, the World Scout Conference decided to reinstate World Moots and in 1993 decided to hold them every four years.

A Moot is a gathering Rover Scouts on an informal basis with plenty of special activities, sight-seeing and getting to know each other, and useful discussion while all that is happening.

1931	1	<p>Venue: Kandersteg, Switzerland Participants: 3300 Countries: 20</p> <p>By 1931, Rovering had established itself internationally to the extent that it saw the organization of the first World Rover Moot in 1931 at Kandersteg, Switzerland.</p> <p>The only Official World Moot badge for 1931 was a metal badge as shown here.</p>	
1935	2	<p>Venue: Ingaro, Sweden Date: 30 July – 8 August</p> <p>"The Moot at Ingaro was a significant step in the history of International Scouting because these Rovers were the on-coming men of affairs in their respective nations, making actual friendship with one another, and thereby sowing the seeds of that mutual good-will which should go far in the future to prevent recurrences of those differences in politics or commerce, which in the past have led to war".</p> <p>This is an extremely rare VIP's pin (in those days in Sweden they used metal pins instead of pocket patches). The bronze was available with a solid background for VIP's or with a cut out background for participants. They were also made in silver and gold and used as prizes.</p> <p>Report by British Contingent</p>	
1939	3	<p>Venue: Monzie, Scotland Participants: 3500 Countries: 42</p> <p>A bronze Woggle from the 1939 World Boy Scout Moot at Monzie Castle in Scotland.</p>	 
1949	4	<p>Venue: Skjak, Norway Participants: 2500 Countries: 40</p> <p>Rover Scouts from the 4th World Rover Moot were the first guests at Skjåk Turistheim. In those days, campers formed the majority of the guests.</p> <p>Today at Skjåk Turistheim they offer camping, hotel standard accommodation, well equipped Norwegian cabins ("hytter") for self-catering holidays, guest lounges and conference rooms for up to 120 persons.</p>	

1953	5	<p>Venue: Kandersteg, Switzerland Participants: 3300 Countries: 38</p> <p>Scoutmaster R G Nuns of 5th Bloemfontein was the leader of the SA contingent.</p>	
1957	6	<p>Venue: Sutton, England Participants: 3500 Countries: 61 Date: August</p> <p>The 6th World Rover Moot was held concurrently with the 9th World 'Jubilee' Jamboree and the 2nd World Scout Indaba. The events marked dual milestones as it was both the 50th anniversary of the Scouting movement and the 100th anniversary of the birth B P.</p>	
1961	7	<p>Venue: Melbourne, Australia Date: 27 December 1961 – 7 January 1962 Participants: 969 Countries: 15</p>	
1990	8	<p>Venue: Gilwell Park, Victoria, Australia Date: December 1990 – January 1991</p> <p>From the 8th World Moot, the event was renamed World Scout Moot because the term Rover is not used in many countries.</p>	
1992	9	<p>Venue: Kandersteg, Switzerland Date: July 27 – 4 August Participants: 1410 Countries: 51</p> <p>The 9th World Scout Moot took place in the Swiss Alps and more than 1400 Rovers from 52 countries participated and spent unforgettable days in Kandersteg.</p> <p>Report by SA Contingent</p>	
1996	10	<p>Venue: Ransäter, Sweden Date: 15 - 26 July Participants: 2608 Countries: 79</p> <p>'Spirit into Action' The Moot site was at Ransberg, situated in the county of Värmland, in the west of Sweden, near the river Klaršiven and surrounded by forests and hills.</p> 	

2000	11	<p>Venue: Teotihuacan near Mexico City, Mexico Date: 11th - 24th July Participants: 5000 Countries: 71</p> <p>Great friendships made and experience had, one of the memorable moments of the Moot was to see 5,000 Scouts climb the pyramids at Teotihuacan. And then as we had a panoramic photo taken of all of us on the pyramid and surrounding temples, with one side shouting <i>Ogi, Ogi, Ogi</i> - to provoke a response from the opposite temple, it really was international friendship gone mad.</p> <p>Report by British Contingent</p>	 
2004	12	<p>Venue: Hualien, Taiwan Date: 28 July – 11 August Participants: 2500 Countries: 86</p> <p>This was the first time the World Scout Moot was held in Asia and never before have so many countries and territories been represented on a World Scout Moot.</p>	
2010	13	<p>Venue: Rowallan Scout Camp, Nairobi, Kenya Date: 27 July – 7 August Participants: 1600 Countries: 66</p> <p>The 13th World Scout Moot took place in Kenya and was the first time the World Rover gathering was staged on the African continent.</p> <p>Report by the South African contingent.</p>	
2013	14	Canada	

This then, briefly, is a History of the World Rover Moots.

It would be nice to add stories of South Africans who have attended these Moots and should you have a record of local participation, we would appreciate it if you could contact the Western Cape Heritage Centre or email cederscout@gmail.com

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