

1ST NEWSLETTER

- 4th Western Hemisphere Regional Conference.
- 15th to 19th September 2026.
- Theme: *Many Cultures, One Fellowship.*
- Trinidad and Tobago.



WELCOME TO TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

➔ **Host of the 4th Western Hemisphere Regional Conference**





Greetings from Trinidad and Tobago!

Good day brothers and sisters in fellowship!

On behalf of Trinbago Scout and Guide Fellowship (TSGF) from the twin islands of Trinidad and Tobago. We are excited to present our 1st Newsletter of the 4th Western Hemisphere Regional Conference in 2026 which we believe will have a positive impact on our National Fellowship, the Western Hemisphere Region and ISGF at large.

Here's a brief overview of the island and what's in store for all!!

HISTORY OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

- The **history of Trinidad and Tobago (T&T)** began with the settlements of the islands by Indigenous First Peoples, including the Arawakan and Cariban. Trinidad was visited by Christopher Columbus on his third voyage in 1498.
- Trinidad and Tobago became a single political entity in 1889 and gained Independence from Britain in 1962. The country became a Republic on August 1, 1976, however, the event is celebrated as a public holiday on September 24th, being the date that the 1st Parliament met under the new Republican Constitution.
- Trinidad and Tobago is the Caribbean's strongest economy. Unlike most Caribbean islands, Trinidad has a large industrial sector, including manufacturing and heavy industry. The **energy sector**, which includes oil, natural gas and petrochemicals has accounted for as much as 80% of the country's exports. **Tourism, mainly concentrated in Tobago**, and agriculture are also central components of the economy.

NATIONAL SYMBOLS OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

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► **Our** national flag has three colors – Red representing the courage of the people, Black symbolizes strength and unity and White stands for the purity and the seas that connects the islands.

► **The** coat of arms of Trinidad and Tobago serves as a powerful symbol of the nation's identity, reflecting its history, culture and aspirations.

► **Our** national flower, the Chaconia, also called "Pride of Trinidad and Tobago" was named in honor the last Spanish Governor of T&T, Don Jose Maria Chacon. It is said to represent the imperishability of life and the continuity of our Nation.





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A CULTURAL MOSAIC

- ▶ Our country has a rich blend of Indo-Trinidadians, Afro-Trinidadians, European, Chinese and Mixed Ethnicities. We've always been known for our great sense of humor. From the rhythms of steelpan and calypso to the spices in our mouth-watering dishes.
- ▶ T&T has a rich spiritual landscape, with Hinduism, Christianity, Islam, Spiritual Baptiste and Orisha.
- ▶ We are proud of our unique blend of Indian, Creole, Chinese and European influences, with foods like Roti, Pelau, Doubles and Bake and Shark.
- ▶ We are a nation built on rhythm and culture, proudly showcasing Calypso, Soca, Chutney, Steelpan, and Tassa as our signature musical styles.
- ▶ T&T offers a unique and unforgettable experience!



10 FUN FACTS ABOUT T&T

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Bacolet Bay Beach was rumored to be the inspiration for the movie Treasure Island

- The twin-island nation got one of its name from Christopher Columbus
- Pitch lake is the world's largest natural asphalt deposit
- Trinidad's Janelle Penny Commissiong was the first Black Miss Universe
- The limbo dance originated in Trinidad
- The steel pan was Trinidad and Tobago's musical gift to the world
- The world's largest brain coral is located at Kelleston Drain, a dive site near Little Tobago
- Carnival is the greatest show on Earth
- T & T ethnic groups fuse East Indian, African, Chinese and European traditions in culture, religion and food
- T & T is an island country with a powerhouse economy

➤ Meet the Hosts

➤ The Trinidad and Tobago Scout and Guide Fellowship has a tradition of selfless service and leadership. Under the capable guidance of our President – Mr. Anand Rameshwar Singh, we have actively participated in many National, Regional and Global events.

➤ **We are now proud and ready to host the 4th Western Hemisphere Regional Conference in Tobago with the help of a very vibrant, enthusiastic and capable team.**

YOUR NEXT DESTINATION

- **Occasion** – Our 4th Western Hemisphere Regional Conference
- **Date** – September 15th 2026 to September 19th 2026
- **Venue** – Comfort Inn and Suites, Scarborough, Tobago
- **Registration Fee** – US\$700.00
- **What's Included** –
 - Transfers to and from the Airport to the Hotel
 - Meals – Dinner on the 15th to Breakfast on the 19th
 - Tour of the famous Buccoo Reef and Nylon Pool
 - Tour places of interest on the Western Side of Tobago
 - Campfire Dinner on the iconic Pigeon Point Beach



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A post-conference tour to Trinidad is also being planned at an additional cost, which will include a 3-day stay with guided tours. More details will be shared soon.



TSGF is committed to crafting a truly extraordinary conference for all the participants.

We are dedicated to going above and beyond to deliver an outstanding, unforgettable and exceptional experience. One that will be truly memorable.

We recognize the potential benefits for the participants who will share their experiences in making our world a better place. Hence our unwavering commitment.

We will work under the guidance of our brothers and sisters from the ISGF to provide an amazing conference that will adhere to the protocols of the WHR.

The conference will also cater for exciting outdoor activities, dinners, excursions and more.

JOIN US IN 2026!!

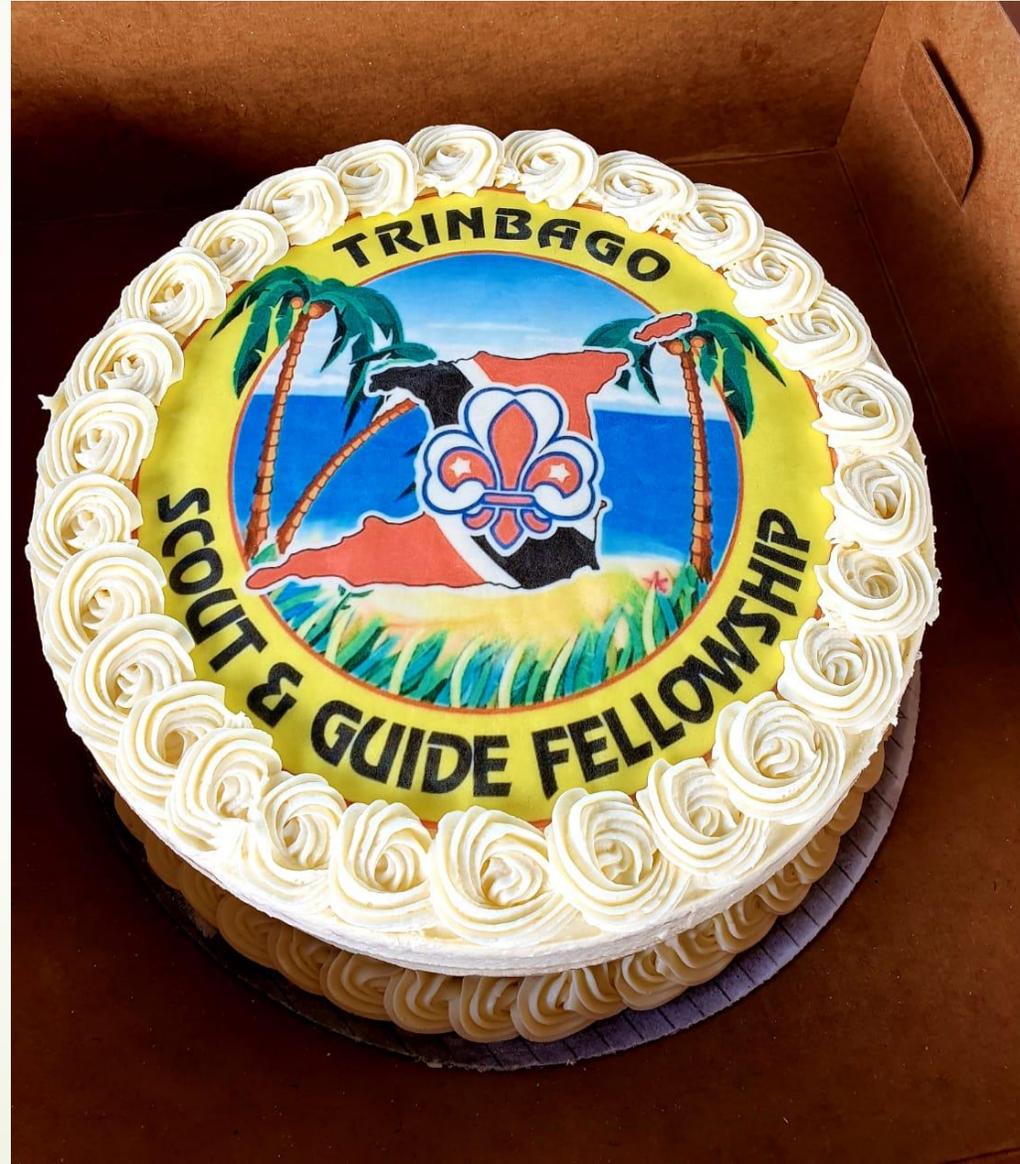
We warmly invite you to start planning your trip to Trinidad and Tobago.

Registration will open soon with banking and other relevant information.

Let's make the 4th Western Hemisphere Regional Conference the most vibrant one yet!

We can't wait to welcome you!

MORE DETAILS IN NEWSLETTER 2



Tobago

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Pigeon Point Beach



THANK YOU

