
 **Newsletter #3 – February 2026**

# **4th Western Hemisphere Regional Conference**

*Friendship • Fellowship • Shared Purpose*

**Hosted by the Trinidad and Tobago Scout and Guide  
Fellowship**

 **Trinidad and Tobago**

 **A Message from the Chairman –  
Host Country Welcome**

**President: Anand Rameshwar Singh**

Dear Fellowship Friends,

Warm Caribbean greetings!

Every conference begins as an idea – but it becomes meaningful through people. Today, that vision is becoming a reality because of you.

We are delighted to share that **62 participants have already registered**, representing friendships and fellowship from across continents. Each registration strengthens our shared commitment to service, unity, and lifelong connection.

To those who have already confirmed participation – thank you for your confidence and support.

To those still considering joining us – there is still time. We warmly invite you to become part of this special gathering where conversations inspire action and

friendships cross oceans.

Guided by the ideals of the **International Scout and Guide Fellowship**, this conference is more than a programme – it is a reunion of hearts and a celebration of lifelong Scouting and Guiding spirit.

We look forward to welcoming you personally to our islands.



## **Registration Momentum Is Growing**

Delegates are joining steadily from across the Western Hemisphere and beyond.

## **Confirmed Participating Countries (11)**

Argentina • Bangladesh • Chile • Curaçao •

India • Ghana • Nigeria • Suriname •  
Netherlands • Venezuela • Trinidad &  
Tobago

 **Current Registrations: 62 Participants**


Payment information remains unchanged  
from Newsletter #2.


Early confirmation assists planning and  
ensures the best possible conference  
experience for everyone.


 **Programme Highlights —  
Experiences That Matter**


The conference programme blends  
meaningful discussion with Caribbean  
fellowship experiences.

Participants can look forward to:

 Complimentary transportation for non-delegates to a popular Tobago beach during conference sessions.

 Anticipated participation from a representative of the **Tobago House of Assembly** (confirmation pending).

 Fellowship engagement sessions designed to strengthen cooperation across regions.

 A vibrant cultural exchange celebration on the final conference day featuring music, traditions, and shared storytelling.



# Accommodation & Local Logistics

Hotel information and pricing packages remain as detailed in Newsletter #2.

Local participation options have been circulated via the TSGF WhatsApp communication platform.

## Transportation

Visitors will find travel simple and accessible:

- Taxi services readily available.
- Reliable public transportation options throughout Tobago.

# Host Country Spotlight — A Caribbean Welcome

## Culture

Expect warmth, music, laughter, and genuine hospitality. Trinidad and Tobago blends African, Indian, European, and Indigenous traditions into a uniquely welcoming culture.

## September Climate Expectations

September is typically warm and tropical:

Average High: 89°F (31.5°C)

Average Low: 75°F (24°C)

Mean Temperature: 83°F (28°C)


The sea is beautifully warm at approximately 84°F (29°C).

As part of the rainy season, expect

refreshing tropical showers and lush green landscapes.

## Food & Flavours

Authentic local cuisine will be featured throughout conference meals.

 Many dishes are flavourful and spicy. Delegates may request milder preparation when ordering.

## Currency

Approximate exchange:

 US \$1 ≈ TT \$6.80



## Travel & Arrival Information

# Visa Requirements

Most nationalities do not require visas. Delegates should verify requirements online.

# Airport Arrival

Most international flights arrive at:

 **Piarco International Airport**

After clearing customs in Trinidad:

- Proceed to domestic check-in for Tobago flights.
- Fellowship volunteers will be present at both airports to assist delegates.

# Recommended Arrival

Delegates may arrive prior to the conference opening on 15 September.

Special conference accommodation rates are available at:



**Comfort Inn and Suites Tobago**

Invitation letters can be provided if required.



**Trinidad Post-Conference Experience**

✨ Don't Just Attend the Conference – Experience the Caribbean

After meaningful fellowship and shared

learning in **Tobago**, delegates and accompanying guests are warmly invited to continue the journey with an unforgettable *Trinidad experience*.

From rainforest mountains to coastal beauty, heritage treasures to wildlife encounters – this curated experience captures the spirit of the Caribbean.



Accommodation: **Runway Hotel & Restaurant, Piarco**



Saturday 19th – Monday 21st  
September 2026



3 Days | 2 Nights | Culture • Nature • Adventure




***Cost of Tour:***

***US \$300.00 (all inclusive)***




# Day 1 – Coastal Beauty & Relaxed Welcome

Arrival followed by a scenic Northern Range drive.


Highlights include:

-  Maracas Lookout photo stop.
-  Beach relaxation at **Maracas Bay**.
-  Authentic Bake & Shark experience.


Evening Welcome Dinner:

-  Live steelpan music.
-  Local cuisine buffet.
-  Cultural performances and tassa rhythms.

# Day 2 – Nature, Heritage & Wildlife

 Guided visit to the extraordinary **Pitch Lake**, the largest natural asphalt deposit in the world.

 Culinary and agricultural experience at **Pioneers Dragon Fruit Farm Ltd**, including fruit sampling and authentic Trinidad street foods.

 Sunset wildlife experience at the **Caroni Bird Sanctuary**:

Mangrove boat tour.


Scarlet Ibis viewing at sunset.

Ecosystem interpretation.

 Four-course dinner served onboard.

 *Evening Camaraderie filled with laughter, and fellowship.*


# Day 3 – Modern Trinidad & Farewell

 Leisure shopping experience before departure.

Perfect opportunities to purchase:

 Caribbean souvenirs.

 Local delicacies.

 Last memories of island hospitality.

 *Farewell departure at hotel check-out.*

 **A Final Invitation**

This experience is more than sightseeing.

It is fellowship shared beyond the conference – stories created together and friendships strengthened for years to come.

## **Volunteer & Sponsorship Update**

Dedicated volunteer teams continue preparations behind the scenes coordinating logistics, hospitality, airport reception, and programme support.

Corporate partnerships are currently being finalized.



## **Featured Fellowship – Country**

# Corner

## Coming Next Edition:

A spotlight introduction featuring one participating fellowship through a short message or interview – strengthening ownership across the region.



## Countdown

Excitement continues to build as preparations move forward steadily.



Contact Email: [trinbago.sgf@gmail.com](mailto:trinbago.sgf@gmail.com)

(Registration deadlines remain as published in Newsletter #2.)



## Photo Progress Gallery

Upcoming highlights will showcase:

- Planning meetings.
- Venue inspections.

- Committee coordination.

Because one message matters:

This conference is happening — and you are part of it.



## Did You Know?

- *Western Hemisphere Regional Conferences continue strengthening lifelong friendships across continents.*
- *Fellowship members have travelled globally sharing service and cultural understanding.*
- *Each gathering leaves a legacy for future generations.*

***More Information will be posted in bulletin #4.***

***Registration Link***

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfNOfm7JnIIV8tYmHEj9Bii4xAkPtouu3VremxMywcPs\\_6F6Q/viewform?usp=sharing&oid=104616160414645168268](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfNOfm7JnIIV8tYmHEj9Bii4xAkPtouu3VremxMywcPs_6F6Q/viewform?usp=sharing&oid=104616160414645168268)