

Report, ISGF Info Center at the World Scout Jamboree 2007



Summary

- To have large, white tents (actually 2) available was very good.
- Have an ISGF information centre at every international camp
- Try to run a smooth operation: have enough personnel available so there would be no stress for them (I argued with the age of our team members and the organisers accepted that)
- The team members paid for themselves and provided most of the material needed
- The quiz, Leny made, was highly appreciated and the give away articles were asked for
- Personal contacts (e.g. Werner had from previous Jamborees) had helped a lot
- Asking someone saved ISGF a lot of money and time!
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Suggestions:

Structure, relationship ISGF-WOSM-WAGGGS should be available

Have information available from the host country

The blue polo shirts we wore should be shown again on such occasions (the colour is different from the Girls & Boys uniforms)

Have a list of all NSGFs and WEB sites available

As eye catcher there could be small (triangle) flags on the tent outside

Have one or two large sun-umbrellas with "ISGF" and the emblem on it

Ask for a reserved sleeping area for our team

Sweden: be prepared to fight mosquitos!

Expectations

Make as many contacts as possible.

Attract new members.

Interest people to join our organisation

Team, hours of work

We were 15 persons coming from:

Czech Republik – Jan Adamec -(1),

Austria – Werner Weilguny, Ewald Brauner, Helmut Salat (3),

Germany – Manne Bosse, Ingo Bosse (2),

Mexico – Raul Alvarado (1),

Belgium – Etienne Raulier, Roselyne Daenens, Pierre Decoene (3),

France – Jean-Francois Levy, Pascal Poumailloux (2),

Netherlands – Leny Doelman (1),

UK – Dave Mowbray, Beryl Aldridge (2)

Covering 6 languages

Although from several cultural background we had been a very good team!

Initially 21 members had been interested (offer appeared on the ISGF Web) and 16 members returned the registration form. Maria Clara Blengini from Argentina did not respond afterwards – but she was at the Jamboree. We had been able to cover the following languages: English, French, Dutch, German, Spanish and Czech. Leny Doelman as World Committee member was mainly working on all the subjects concerning the Flame and provided most of the info material.



Working hours:

There had been 3 groups with four members working from 10-15:30 and then 15:30 to 21:00. Leny Doelman, Werner Weilguny and Manne Bosse were mostly additional present. The first 3 days we ended at 22:00 but from 21:00 to 22:00 we had only 1 visitor.

Tea, Coffee and Soup could be prepared in our “kitchen” because we had our own coffee machine and water cooker.

The team members paid their own costs of 425 GBP = 635,-- € as International Service Team members(IST). No reimbursements were given..

Each team member bought 1-3 polo shirts (€ 13.--) in blue with “ISGF-AISG” “ International Scout and Guide Fellowship” on the back and the ISGF logo on the front.

The team-members had a very good relationship with each other and they had a lot of fun.

Each team member was supposed to be friendly, have answers ready (Leny Doelman did the briefing) and ask visitors to sign our guest book.

We had to cover several tasks besides being in the front of the tent:

- Fetch the daily newspaper
- Provide tea and coffee
- Photographer
- Postmaster
- Teamleader
- Quartermaster
- Take away the rubbish
- Update the “Flame-Website”

Receptions

Since many countries invited us to their receptions we tried to have Leny Doelman and some other team member to participate.

The Flame

The Scout & Guide Spirit Flame” arrived at the Jamboree on August 1. Allan and Sue Page in charge of the Flame in the UK brought the Flame to the Jamboree. We arranged a Brazilian drumband, megaphone, collected one Scout or Guide from each Flame country via their Contingent and arranged the Jamboree director to guide the Flame to our booth. Leny Doelman wrote a press release for the Jamboree newspaper but this was not published before the arrival of the Flame but the day after the arrival of the Flame. That was a pity as we could had more interest in the Flame. Earlier in the week Leny Doelman had an interview on the local Jamboree radio station. However, some representatives of Flame countries did not show up and also the Brazilian drum band failed to appear. Martine Levy, our Chair, had a speech and so had Bill Cockcroft, director of the Jamboree. He did not know anything

about the Flame and Leny Doelman had to tell him the main aspects on the way to our booth. Everything in his speech were her words. The Flame was the centrepiece during the Jamboree and on August 7 the Flame was officially blown out. We sold some Flame souvenirs in order to assist Score, the World Scoutshop, as it was officially not allowed and also we got donations, in total € 221,70 In the booth we had a special exhibition about the Flame.



Costs

We have listed all expenses whether we had to pay or we got them as donation.

Sponsors: Germany, Switzerland and Austria sponsored part of the give away articles.

Badges	645.-
ISGF Banner	175.-
Welcome banner	65.-
Gifts	80.-
Guest books	5.-
Adminmaterial	40.-

total	1010.- €

(Leny Doelman had a budget from ISGF of 500,00 € to produce Jamboree badges and the ISGF banner).

The display boards, value 2.200.- had been provided by Dave as a loan.

Suggestions

- 1 or 2 parasols with the ISGF logo on it to have outside the tent
- Have a “pigeon hole” at contingent support to get the information all contingents receive.
- Have a stamp with the ISGF logo available to stamp the participants book
- Host a reception with some information (3-5 minutes what ISGF is all about) at the beginning. In UK there was a charge of 7 £ per person, which is unacceptable. So other areas should be considered.
- (Have 1 or 2 field cots for midday naps)

Tents & Content and Equipment

We had 2 tents 4x8meters, 6 tables, 10 chairs and 5 benches, provided by the organizers.

Over the whole length there was a display wall (Dave provided it) and behind a private space 8x1m for the “kitchen” (coffee machine, water cooker), also 1 table for our 2 PCs including one printer.

1 pin board.

1 flag pole with the ISGF flag

1 ISGF banner (3x0.8 meters) outside



1 “WELCOME” banner (2x0.4m) weatherproof

“100 years of Scouting” banner

4 aluminium boxes

Fabric to cover the tables

Guest books

Office material and -equipment

We had a mailbox at the contingent support tent to get all the distributed material (invitations, etc.) from the contingents

We could use the copy machine at the contingent support tent.
Laminating items could be done at the Wiener Kaffeehaus but we provided our own lamination foils.

Material

Since we had electricity and lighting in our tent we provided distributors and adapters and extension cords .

Give away articles:

When visitors answered 7 questions they could choose between: Badge (we had a total of 3800), Key ring (250), Keycord to carry things on your neck)

These questions forced you to read the documents available and this had been highly accepted)

Visitors

We had 1019 visitors from 26 countries plus 200-300 not having signed our guest books.

To take a quiz and to earn a badge was highly accepted even by the adults.

Some success stories:

Werner Weilguny made contact with the “Old Scouts” of **Hungary**, which belong to the Scout Movement and to the new President and the chief executive and Werner scheduled a visit possibly this year in Budapest.

Mexico: There was a lady from Mexico being interested to cooperate with the national Scout and Guide Fellowship of Mexico or the Central Branch members and arranged this with Raul Alvarado, Fellowship member of Mexico.

USA Several Scout visitors were interested in ISGF and 4 new members entered Central Branch.

ASA, UK-Trefoil Guild Some new members enrolled.

Participation on this report:

Leny Doelman

Werner Weilguny

Manne Bosse

with additions of our team members.