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Scouts Canada Helps Break Cycle of Poverty for Kids in Kenya

*Canada Hosts Ten Kenyan Extension Scouting Members as Special Guests at **Canadian** Jamboree; Providing Youth with Hope for the Future*

CAMP TAMARACOUTA, Quebec ó July 31, 2007 ó Scouts Canada today announced that ten members from the Kenya Scouts Association are currently being hosted as special guests at the 11th Canadian Jamboree at Camp Tamaracouta, Quebec.

Kenyan Scouting youth and leaders are participating in the most significant week-long Scout Jamboree in the world. The 11th Canadian Jamboree is being held at Camp Tamaracouta, Quebec, from July 29 to August 3, 2007. Scouts from 11 different countries are participating in the jamboree, including Kenya, Canada, the United States, and others.

Scouts Canada has worked in partnership with the Kenya Scouts Association (KSA) for many years to help break the cycle of poverty. With assistance from Scouts Canada, KSA has been running a program commonly known as the Extension Scouts Program. This program provides a safe and supportive environment for street children in Kenya. More than 4,000 Scouts are enrolled throughout Kenya and the Program is continuously expanding.

The Extension Scouts Program organizes Scout groups for children living on the streets with nowhere else to turn. The Program also reaches out to children associated with orphanages that are only providing day support. In this latter case, such children return to the streets at night. Street children are encouraged to join the Program to learn valuable life skills. In many cases they receive basic health care, practical job training as well as the encouragement and support they need to re-enter the school system. As a result, some children are then able to reunite with their families. The Program has been so successful in Kenya that it is now spreading to many other countries in Africa, including Uganda, Tanzania and parts of West Africa.

“I was living on the streets of Nairobi at the age of six, I was living on the streets, scrounging through garbage heaps. Scouting changed my life, as it provided me with a chance to study social and community development. Scouting makes such an incredible difference in so many lives where children are homeless with little hope for a future. I want to contribute to this Movement by giving back to others what Scouting have given to me.”

Adam Baden-Clay, great-grandson of Baden-Powell, is currently participating in the 11th Canadian Jamboree. He is one of the ten Kenyan Scouts who are being hosted as special guests. Adam is a member of the Scouts Canada Council of Ontario and is currently a Scoutmaster. He is currently participating in the 11th Canadian Jamboree at Camp Tamaracouta, Quebec. He is currently participating in the 11th Canadian Jamboree at Camp Tamaracouta, Quebec.

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This summer Scouts Canada is funding a group of Canadian youth travelling overseas to work with local Scouts on a community development project in The Gambia. Furthermore, for 2008, Scouts Canada has already approved funding for Canadian Scouting youth to work in Namibia, Ghana, and Madagascar.

About the Canadian Scout Brotherhood Fund

Over the past 50 years, Scouts Canada has provided more than \$5 million to support projects in developing coun'k'gu'ct'q'w'pf 'vj g'y qtrf 0'H'w'p'f k'pi 'h'q't'Ueqwu'Ecpcf cœ'kpvgtpcvkpcnif g'xgrqr o g'pvr tqlgeu'ku'r tqxk'f g' 'd{ " The Canadian Scout Brotherhood Fund. Created in 1950, the Brotherhood Fund works to support and develop Scouting and community development in regions where a need is demonstrated.

The Brotherhood Fund supports three types of projects:

- Local capacity building activities -- infrastructure development of National Scout Associations in developing countries, such as management and business training of key volunteers, professional staff development, and business equipment purchases.
- Sponsored participation of Canadian Scouting youth ó expenses for youth undertaking a community development initiative in a developing country; including the funding of project material costs.
- Disaster relief projects -- taken on by local Scout groups in a developing country.

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About Scouts Canada

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Throughout 2007, the Scouting Movement marks its Centennial in 155 countries around the world. Since its founding in 1907 over half a billion young people from virtually every country and culture have enjoyed Scouting activities. Today, more than 28 million youth participate in Scouting worldwide. For more information please visit: www.scouts.ca and www.scouts.ca/cj07

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