

6th SAF Scout Friendship Camp

Mouchak, Gazipur, Bangladesh

12-18 October 2008

Primary Information

- Date:** 12-18 October 2008
- All participants are expected to arrive at Dhaka on 11 or latest by 12 October 2008 in the morning and depart from Dhaka on the afternoon of 18 October 2008.
- Venue:** National Scout Training Centre, Mouchak has been selected as the venue of the 6th SAF Scout Friendship Camp. Mouchak is located some 40 kilometers west of and an hour drive from Dhaka.
- Participants:** Each National Scout Organization is requested to send a contingent of Rover Scouts (50% male and 50% female) aged between 16-25 years old along with one male and one female leader.
- Aim:** The aim of the camp is to promote and strengthen regional peace, solidarity and cooperation among the young people of South Asia by providing them the opportunity to live together and engage in various activities fostering friendship and mutual understanding.
- Theme:** 'Scouting for Peace and Friendship'
- Objectives:** The participants of the camp will be able to:
- Share each other's culture in a spirit of solidarity, while discovering the rich culture and heritage of Bangladesh;
 - Enrich friendship with mutual understanding, tolerance and cooperation to promote peace in South Asia;
 - Create awareness among young people on Scouting in South Asia;
 - Undertake leadership role for personal development;
 - Learn more on the social and environmental situation of other countries of South Asia;
 - Make friends with other Scouts of South Asia; and
 - Have a better understanding about the function of the South Asia Foundation.
- Methodology:** The objectives of the 6th SAF Scout Friendship Camp will be achieved through various Scout activities to be organized during the camp. The activities will broadly be based on the following key areas:
- Youth Forum
 - Cultural exchange and cultural exhibition
 - Social events and entertainment
 - Scout activities
 - Sports
 - Home hospitality

Tentative Programme: The tentative programme of the 6th SAF Scout Friendship Camp is briefly mentioned below:

Date	Morning	Afternoon/Evening
11 October 2008		Arrival by afternoon/evening flights
12 October 2008	Arrivals, camp setting, opening rehearsal and rest	Inauguration
13-17 October 2008	Various programme activities, educational tour, cultural programme	
18 October 2008	Closing ceremony (from 9:00 am to 11:00 am)	Pack up and departure from 2:00 pm onward

Food and accommodation: The participants will be served cooked food. They will be accommodated in tents. Tents will be provided by Bangladesh Scouts.

Weather: The average temperature in Mouchak during October ranges from a minimum of 20 degree centigrade at night to a maximum of 30 degree centigrade during midday.

Display: There will be a display centre in the camp site. Participants are requested to bring photographs and posters depicting Scout activities of their own country. Other information regarding their country, namely: culture, geography, history, currency, education, population, etc., will also be displayed.

Cultural show: Participants are requested to bring appropriate clothing/dress/costumes depicting typical picture of their own country to display items especially on cultural heritage. Participants must prepare one cultural presentation, either in a form of dance or songs.

Visa: Formal visa request letter addressing the respective diplomatic mission of Bangladesh will be sent (if needed) after receiving the passport details of the participants.

What to bring: The participants are requested to bring Scout uniform, national flag, national Scout flag, sleeping bag, personal kit, light rain jackets, cades, trousers and other relevant camp items.

Ancillary event: On the occasion of the 6th SAF Scout Friendship Camp, a meeting of the Chief Commissioner or equivalent position holder from each SAARC country will be held on 13 October 2008. A tentative programme for the Chief Commissioners is as follows:

Date	Time	Activities
11/10/2008 (Sat)	Afternoon	Arrival at Dhaka and check in at designated hotel
12/10/2008 (Sun)	Morning	Arrival at Dhaka and check in at designated hotel
	Afternoon (at about 3:00 pm)	Attend the opening ceremony of SAF Scout Friendship Camp at National Scout Training Centre, Mouchak (an hour drive from the hotel)
13/10/2008(Mon)		SAARC Chief Commissioners' Meeting at Jamuna Resort (3 hours drive from Dhaka)

14/10/2008 (Tue)	Morning	Courtesy visit to the Honorable President of the People's Republic of Bangladesh (tentative)
	Afternoon	Sight seeing
15/10/2008 (Wed)	Sight seeing	
16/10/2008 (Thu)	Departure from Dhaka as per flight schedule	

All National Scout Organizations of SAARC countries are requested to send the list of the participants (including passport details) by **31 July 2008** to Bangladesh Scouts (scouts@bangla.net) with a copy to the APR office (asia-pacific@scout.org)

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