WORLD SCOUTING MONTHLY MINUTE-DECEMBER

The purpose of the World Scouting Monthly Minute is to introduce and update Units, Scouters & Scouts to the area of International Scouting being promoted in the Daniel Webster Council. The DWC has an International Committee, chaired by Craig Donais (603) 624-7100 & <u>Craig.Donais@NHScouter.com</u>, to better educate, inform and to conduct a variety of world scouting programs throughout New Hampshire. Questions, comments or interest, please contact DWC International Representative R. Brian Snow at PMLSNOW @hotmail.com & (603) 882-4000.

This month's highlights include: Interpreter Strip Award



Youth and adult members (Cub Scouts, Webelos Scouts, Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts, Venturers, and Sea Scouts, plus Scouters in all programs) may wear this strip if they show their knowledge of a foreign language or the sign language for the hearing impaired. The interpreter strips are worn centered above the "Boy Scouts of America" strip on the uniform. Earn the interpreter strip by:

- Carrying on a 5-minute conversation in this language.
- Translating a 2-minute speech or address.
- Writing a letter in the language (Does not apply for sign language)
- Translating 200 words or more from the written word.

Earn the Morse Code interpreter strip by:

- Carrying on a five-minute conversation in Morse Code at a speed of at least five words per minute.
- Copying correctly a two-minute message sent in Morse Code at a minimum of five words per minute. Copying means writing the message down as it is received.
- Sending a 25-word written document in Morse Code at a minimum of five words per minute.

The requirements are verified by the unit leader, after receiving sufficient evidence of the Scout's or Scouter's ability to read, write, and speak the language. If available, use the <u>Interpreter Strip</u> <u>Confirmation</u> form. The unit leader should note the personal achievement on the local Council's Advancement Report for a youth or, a Training Report for adults and submit the from to the

DWC. The unit leader then purchases the interpreter strip from the DWC Scout Shop. The following Interpreter Strips are available:

French; German; Spanish; Hebrew; Dutch; Italian; Portuguese; Russian; Greek; Japanese; Cantonese (Chinese); Simplified Mandarin (Chinese); Traditional Mandarin (Chinese); Vietnamese; American Sign Language; Signing; Morse Code. If it is a rare language, the strip may need to be ordered from a different council or National Supply Division.

Earning the Interpreter Strip is also an element in achieving the International Spirit Award!! For more information: <u>http://www.boyscouttrail.com/content/award/interpreter_strip-542.asp</u>