SUB.: CELEBRATION OF CENTENARY YEAR OF RANGERING - 2019

Dear Sir/Madam,

Rangering emerged: - "Rose Kerr recounts a conversation with Robert Baden-Powell in 1920 where he suggested "Ranger", one of the rejected suggestions for the Senior Scouts (by then called Rovers). In June 1920, Olave Baden-Powell, then the Chief Guide, wrote suggesting new name: "Ranger" explaining the meaning:-

"To range" means to travel, or to rove over wide distances, whether in your mind or your body. A Ranger is "one who guards a large tract of land or forest," thus it come to mean one who has the wide outlook, and a sense of responsible protective duties, appropriate to a Senior Guide. Another definition is "to sail along in a parallel direction," and so we can feel that the Ranger Guides are complementary to the Rover Scouts. And so we hope that this new title will have the approval of all".

The name received approval at a Conference on County Commissioners in July 1920, and was thereafter the official name".

Thus in July 2019 this will be 100 years of Rangering. We expect that the WAGGGS will be organizing various events and programmes to celebrate the year 2019 as Centenary Year of Rangering.

We invite proposals for States, District and Unit Leaders and ideas to celebrate the year 2019 as Centenary year of Rangering to submit a proposal to respective committees for approval and prepay including the activities in schedule of events for 2019-2020. Your suggestions should reach to info@bsoindia.org by 30th November, 2018.

Thanking you,

Yours in Scouting,

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