

Chief Scout, Dwayne Fields Congratulates Bermudian Conor Sinclair on achieving King's Scout Award

On the 26th of April, Chief Scout Dwayne Fields had the honour of celebrating Conor Sinclair at a special event held at Windsor Castle. The Chief Scout was in Windsor congratulating the young awardees for achieving the King's Scout Award – the highest recognition in Scouting for adventure and skill development.

Set against the historic backdrop of the Castle's Quadrangle, the occasion brought together Scouts, families and supporters to mark an extraordinary milestone in the lives of these remarkable young people.

Scout Ambassadors, including Astronaut Tim Peake were also there to join in the celebration and cheer on these outstanding young people for their amazing achievement.

The Award recognises outstanding personal achievement and is earned by Scouts aged 16 to 25. To achieve it, young people complete a series of ambitious challenges, including volunteering in their community, undertaking an expedition in wild country, and taking part in a five-day residential experience in a new environment. They also develop an existing talent or learn new skills that build on what they've gained through Scouting. Along the way, they deliver projects that make a remarkable impact and leave a lasting legacy within their local communities.

Joining scouts at the age of eight, Conor progressed through the 19th Cub Scouts, 1st Bermuda Explorers, and ultimately completed his journey as a Network Scout. Conor has represented Bermuda numerous times. In 2015 he was one of six scouts selected to attend the 23rd World Scout Jamboree in Yamaguchi, Japan. After forming strong bonds with the Welsh scouting contingent during his time in Japan, Conor was invited to join the Welsh Explorer Unit K2 in Budapest, Hungary. In 2019, he attended his second World Scout Jamboree in West Virginia, USA as a member of the International Service Team.

Conor has been recognised for his commitment to the Scouts with numerous awards, including the Chief's Scout's Platinum and Diamond Awards. He also received his Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award through an expedition in the Bahamas.

Chief Scout, Dwayne Fields said “*Huge congratulations to every single one of you on achieving your King's Scout Award. This is something truly special. It shows the grit, determination and passion you've put into your Scouting journey.*

You've stepped up, shown leadership, pushed yourselves, and made a real difference to the people around you. That's what being a Scout is all about.

This award isn't just a pat on the back for what you've done so far, it's a reminder of the incredible potential you've got for whatever comes next. I'm

excited to see where you go from here. Keep pushing forward, keep saying 'yes' to new challenges, and keep leading the way"

King's Scout Conor Sinclair, said: "I am extremely proud and humbled to have achieved the King's Scout Award. I will always cherish the memories and life skills I've gained along the way. I hope that I can inspire other young scouts in Bermuda to pursue their King Scout Award and embrace all that scouting has to offer."

This annual event at Windsor Castle has taken place since 1934 on the Sunday closest to St George's Day (23 April) and is dedicated to celebrating the achievements and development of young people. The day is a moment of celebration, with award holders and their families coming together to share in the occasion.

It's a special day for loved ones to watch with pride as the young people receive their well deserved recognition and to join in the sense of celebration. For the awardees themselves, the event is not only an opportunity to be acknowledged for their hard work, but also a chance to reflect on their journey alongside peers, creating meaningful memories and a deep sense of pride that will stay with them for years to come.

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The King's Scout Award

- The King's Scout Award is achieved by completing the following requirements:
- Providing service to the community for 12 months. Briefing and training should be given in order to gain the necessary skills.
- Learning a new skill for 12 months, and show progress and lasting interest. The skill can be the development of an existing interest or something entirely new.
- Completing a four-day and three-night expedition in open or adventurous country by foot, cycle, horse, canoe, boat or dinghy. The expedition should involve careful preparation, training, responsibility and review demonstrating leadership and teamwork skills
- Completing a five-day and four-night residential project in an unfamiliar environment with people who are not known. This project should be environmental work, activity based, service to others or personal training
- Completing 18 nights away, of which 12 must be camping.

- Making a presentation, to a suitable audience, of your achievements so far in working towards the King's Scout Award.

About Scouts

- Scouts, the world's largest youth movement, was founded on 1 August 1907.
- In the UK, Scouts is supported by The Scout Association, enabling 7,000 Scout Groups across the country to provide opportunities to over 475,000 young people aged 6-25.
- There are now more than 638,000 individuals actively involved in Scouts in the UK.
- All genders, races and backgrounds are welcome at Scouts. Every week, it gives almost half a million people aged 4-25 the skills they need for school, college, university, the job interview, the important speech, the tricky challenge and the big dreams: the skills they need for life.
- Scouts helps members gain these skills by encouraging them to ask the big questions and listen with wide open minds. It helps them to take a deep breath and speak up, think on their feet, ignore the butterflies and go for it. With Scouts, young people don't give up – they get back up and try again, often with the support of the friends they've made there.
- Over 200 activities are offered by Scouts around the UK, from canoeing and caving to coding and community projects, made possible by the efforts of over 163,000 adult volunteers.
- Worldwide, Scouts has over 50 million members, both male and female, and operates in nearly every country in the world.
- UK Scouts has over 250 Scout Activity Challenge badges. These require participants to achieve a level of understanding and skill realistic and appropriate to their age range.