

11th APR Scout Leaders Summit

24-27 April 2024
Bangkok, Thailand

General Information

Summit Dates

The Summit will be held from 24-27 April 2023. Participants are expected to arrive on 23 April and may leave on 28 April 2024.

Regional Scout Committee members, however, are expected to arrive on 22 April for the Regional Scout Committee meeting on 23 April 2024.

Venue

The venue for the Summit is **Montien Riverside Hotel, Bangkok**. A 5 star international luxury beside the legendary Chao Phraya River & next to Terminal 21 Rama 3 Shopping Mall - Bangkok, Montien Riverside Hotel welcomes guests to a tranquil oasis of pure Thai hospitality and sheer international excellence.

All of the hotel's 462 well-appointed and spacious guestrooms command panoramic river views, complemented by excellent facilities, gracious Thai hospitality and impeccable service.

For more information, you may visit the website at <https://www.montienriversidehotel.com/home-en.html>

Local Attractions

Aside from the usual shopping and night market in Bangkok, participants and guests may enjoy other attractions like:

1. Dinner cruise along the Chao Phya River to view the scenery and illumination of Temple of Don (Wat Arun), Grand Palace, Memorial Bridge of King Rama I and several temples along the cruise trip.
2. Grand Palace Tour
3. Temple Tour and passing China Town area
4. Enjoy shopping at MBK Shopping Mall with variety of famous street food at MBK food court during lunch time.

Registration Fee

US\$295.00 per person.

Fee will cover inland transportation, food and accommodation for 5 nights in twin-sharing rooms, educational tour, summit documents and souvenirs.

** All registration fees are based on a package price so there will be no refund if the stay is not maximized.*

Accommodation:

All participants will be accommodated on twin sharing basis at the same Summit venue, Montien Riverside Hotel Bangkok. If any participant wishes to stay in a single room, an additional amount of US\$100 for the whole duration will be borne by the concerned participant, making it at US\$395.

Accompanying person's fee

US\$295.00 per person.

Fee will cover inland transportation, food and accommodation for 5 nights in twin-sharing rooms, educational tour and souvenirs.

Accompanying person's programme

Spouses and other accompanying persons will have separate tours on the Day-1 and Day-3 of Summit business meeting. Details will follow.

Applications

Please send ASAP to the Host NSO, National Scout Organization of Thailand (NSOT) <nsot@scoutthailand.org> with a copy to Asia-Pacific Support Centre <asia-pacific@scout.org> the Reply slip which

is attached to regional [Circular No. APR-C15-2023](#) **latest by 15 December 2023.**

Please ensure that your itineraries are also communicated on time.

Visa

Please check with your travel agent or the nearest Royal Thai Embassy or Consulate for the visa requirements.

If you need invitation letter, please write to the Host NSO, National Scout Organization of Thailand, well ahead of time. In your request for visa letter, please provide your complete passport details (name, passport no., date of birth, date and place of issuance, date of expiry) to facilitate visa request letters.

Displays/Exhibits

Displays/Exhibits will be from 24-26 April. NSOs who are interested to put up a display/exhibit will have to set up their booth in the afternoon of 23 April before the Summit opening and remove it in the late afternoon of 26 April. The NSOs interested may kindly send a request letter to the Host NSO with a copy to the Asia-Pacific Support Centre **by 28 February** so that the Host NSO can arrange accordingly. Details on the booth size, etc. will follow.

Weather

April is the hottest month in Thailand with temperatures across the country soaring above 30°C (86°F). In some places, afternoon temperatures can reach 40°C (104°F). Temperatures in Thailand's capital city and the rest of central Thailand regularly hit 38, 39, and even 40°C (100–104°F) throughout April.

You can expect rain for some days, ranging from 8-15 days, more of them will happen in the southern islands. And it always happens at night. So, it won't affect your daytime trips.

Time Zone:

The local time of Thailand is seven hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (UTC/GMT +7 hours). Check your time zone [here](#).

Electricity:

In Thailand the standard voltage is 220 V. The standard frequency is 50 Hz. The power sockets that are used are of type A / B / C.



Type A: This socket has no alternative plugs



Type B: This socket also works with plug A



Type C: This socket also works with plug E and F

Airport Reception

NSOT Scout members in Scout uniform will be at the Suvarnabhumi International Airport and Don Mueang International Airport to welcome participants.

Participants are requested to wear a scarf or any other visible Scout insignia for easy identification.

Vegetarian, non-vegetarian and halal food will be served during the Summit. If you have any special requirements, please inform the host NSO in advance. Meals will be served from 23 April evening (dinner) until 28 April morning (breakfast).

What to bring

Scout uniform, personal/ light clothing, slippers, personal toiletries, medicine, etc.

Flags

Participating NSOs are requested to bring one (1) NSO flag with the size of about 120 cm x 180 cm.

Currency

The official currency of Thailand is the Thai BAHT (THB). USD1.00 is equal to about THB36.00 (or very close to it, [see current rate](#)).

Banknotes come in denominations of: 20, 50, 100, 500 and 1,000 baht. Coins come in denominations of: 1, 2, 5 and 10 baht, as well as 25 and 50 satang. (You may get some 25 or 50 satang coins in change at a supermarket.)

Exchanging cash in Thailand is EASY.

FOREX (Foreign Exchange) booths are very common and clearly post their daily exchange rates on an electronic notice board.

- Cash exchanges in Thailand incur NO commissions or fees.
- Do not buy any Thai currency until you arrive in Thailand. The rates offered in Thailand are ALWAYS BETTER than you could get back home (for "mainstream" currencies).
- FOREX booths accept ALL MAJOR currencies.

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