








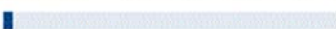



















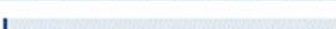

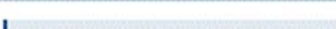







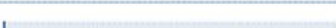


Swastikas in Scouting

I wrote an article over a year and a half ago entitled “Swastikas in Scouting.” I posted it on the Las Vegas International Scouting Museum’s website (<http://www.worldscoutingmuseum.org/>) as I am their webmaster and they provided much helpful information. That article has continually been hit by readers from all over the world. On a recent inspection, people from over 30 countries have visited the site. The address of the site is <http://www.worldscoutingmuseum.org/swastikas.shtml>.

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I never expected such worldwide interest. My interest came from collecting tokens made by the Excelsior Shoe Company. The tokens were an advertisement for Boy Scout Shoes. The tokens were possible because BSA did not receive its charter from

Congress until 1916. There are many varieties of these tokens and the starting point for viewing is <https://www.sageventure.com/coins/scout.html>. On the reverse of the tokens was a swastika. At that time, and up until the mid-1930's, the swastika was a good luck symbol and used by many countries, including the Scouting program. It was not until Hitler and his Nazis took over Germany and raised their Black Swastika flag in 1935, that the emblem could no longer be used for anything else.

Anyway, I am happy to say that I have provided an article that so many people worldwide have visited. I hope that the readers interested in the article also have the best of intentions – that they learn the history of the swastika and how it applies to the positive aspects of scouting.