



George Bush Library and Museum

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The George Bush Presidential Library and Museum is pleased to invite Boy Scouts, Scout leaders and family members to the Bush Library on Saturday, November 14th to participate in a question and answer session with Ambassador Sichan Siv. This event will help Scouts partially complete the requirements of their Citizenship in the World Merit Badge. Prior to the event, Scouts are strongly encouraged to read Ambassador's Siv's best selling autobiography, *Golden Bones*, published by HarperCollins in July 2008 in honor of America's 232nd Independence Day.

Sichan Siv was nominated by President George W. Bush in 2001 and unanimously confirmed by the Senate as the United States Ambassador to the United Nations, serving until 2006. In June 2005, Ambassador Siv addressed the 60th anniversary assembly of the U. N. in San Francisco, following the precedent set by Presidents Truman in 1945, Eisenhower in 1955 and Johnson in 1965, Secretary of State Schultz in 1985, and President Clinton in 1995.

From 1989 to 1993, during the administration of President George Bush, Ambassador Siv served as Deputy Assistant to the President for Public Liaison, and as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for South Asia. In the private sector, he has held positions in social services, educational exchange, financial management, and investment banking. Currently, he provides global strategic advice and gives motivational speeches around the USA and the world.

Ambassador Siv holds a master of international affairs from Columbia University. He escaped Cambodia's killing fields in 1976 and was resettled as a refugee in Wallingford, Connecticut. He and his wife, the former Martha Pattillo of Pampa, Texas, spend their time in San Antonio, New York, and beyond.

Event Schedule

9:30 – Doors open at the George Bush Library. Bush Library staff will be available to direct guests to the Bush Library theater. Scouts and Scout leaders will be seated to the front and parents and siblings will be seated to the rear.

9:55 – Pledge of Allegiance and Scout Oath led by Scouts.

10:00 – Ambassador Siv is introduced to the Scouts. Microphones will be available for Scouts to address questions to the Ambassador.

10:45 – The event concludes. Ambassador Siv will proceed to the rotunda to greet the Scouts and inscribe copies of *Golden Bones*. Scout leaders will also be available in the rotunda to initial the merit badge application cards. Scouts and their families are then invited to visit the George Bush Library for the group discount of \$5.00 per person.

Event Details

Location: The event with Ambassador Siv will take place in the theater at the George Bush Presidential Library and Museum on the campus of Texas A&M University.

Parking: Free parking will be available at the George Bush Library. Please park in lot PA41 or PA43. Please see <http://transport.tamu.edu/parking/maps/campus.pdf> for further information.

Registration: Although this is a free event, reservations are strongly encouraged to guarantee a seat. Please email Robert Holzweiss at Robert.Holzweiss@nara.gov or Tracy Paine, the Bush Library Special Events Coordinator, at Tracy.Paine@nara.gov to make your reservations. You can also call Robert at 979-691-4074 or Tracy at 979-691-4014. Please provide one name as a point-of-contact, your troop number, phone number/email and a total number seats requested for members of your troop/family. There is no need to provide the names of every member of your group. Seating in the theater will be on a first-come-first served basis.

Because Scouting is a family activity, family members are invited to the session with Ambassador Siv. However, we ask that family members allow Scouts priority seating if the event is oversubscribed.

Seating: Doors will open at 9:30 a.m. All participants should be seated no later than 9:50 a.m. so the event can begin with the Pledge of Allegiance and Scout Oath at 9:55. Ambassador Siv will arrive promptly at 10:00. The event will conclude sometime between 10:45 and 11:00. At the conclusion of the event, the Ambassador will be available in the rotunda to meet the Scouts and inscribe copies of his book.

Cost: The event is free, however, there will be a \$5.00 per person charge to enter the George Bush Museum if you choose to tour the exhibits at the conclusion of the event.

Question and Answer Format: Because of limited time available with Ambassador Siv, please approach the microphones in an orderly manner to ask the questions. Follow-up questions are encouraged so long as they remain relevant to the topics under consideration.

Food and Beverages: Food and beverages (including gum) are prohibited in the Bush Library and Museum. For lunch, please visit one of more than 100 restaurants within five miles of the library. Library admission tickets are good for the entire day and can be used for re-admittance to the library after lunch.

After the Event: After the event, you are invited to visit the George Bush Library.

We at the Bush Library hope you will consider spending some time working on your Citizenship in the World Merit Badge here at the library. For information on the current exhibits and directions to our facility please visit our web site at <http://bushlibrary.tamu.edu/>.