

Scouts and their families enjoy Hands Across the Border celebration

The annual Hands Across the Border celebration returned on June 9, bringing scouts from across Canada and the U.S. together at the Peace Arch.

Hands Across the Border has been a part of Blaine history since 1937, when the first celebration took place at the Peace Arch. Though the event didn't take place in 2013 and 2014 due to budgetary issues, it was revived by the

International Peace Arch Association in 2015. Since then, it has consistently drawn thousands of attendees.

This year, over 1,900 people came out to the Peace Arch state

and provincial parks, participating in scavenger hunts, educational projects, patch trading and a parade through the Peace Arch. Various booths and food vendors were also a hit with attendees.

Groups of scouts from both countries camped out at Blaine Marine Park, overlooking the Peace Arch and White Rock, becoming part of a lasting tradition of peace and fellowship.



▲ The day included a flag parade through the Peace Arch.



▲ This year's event attracted more than 1,900 attendees.



▲ Kids had the chance to trade patches and make new friends.



▲ Other activities included a scavenger hunt and face painting.

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