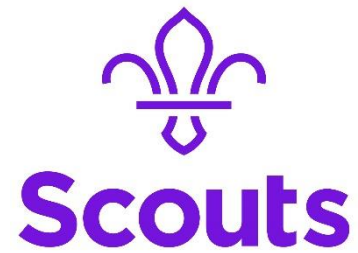


The story of Scouts



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The story

Robert **Baden-Powell** was born in London in 1857. He was the eighth of ten children and he was always going off on **adventures** with his brothers. **Baden-Powell** loved having **fun** in the outdoors.

When **Baden-Powell** grew up, he joined the army. He was sent all over the **world**, and he helped to train other soldiers. He wrote a book called 'Aids to **Scouting**' to teach soldiers outdoor skills such as how to track, take messages, and build useful things like bridges and shelters.

The activities in **Baden-Powell's** book were so **fun** that teachers started to use them to run outdoor games in schools. This made **Baden-Powell** think that children might be interested in being **Scouts**. In August 1907, he set up a camp for 20 boys on Brownsea Island. The boys had a lot of **fun**. They enjoyed the **adventure** so much that **Baden-Powell** decided to write a book for children. His book was called '**Scouting** for Boys' – it gave children lots of **fun** ideas so they could teach themselves skills including tracking and making things.

Soon, boys and girls all over the country were becoming **Scouts** and having their own **adventures**. The **Scout** movement was born. Two years later, a separate movement for girls (the Guides) was set up. Today, girls can choose to be **Scouts**, Guides, or even both.

Younger children wanted to become **Scouts** and have their own **adventures** too. In 1914, Wolf Cubs began. It was based around Rudyard Kipling's story 'The Jungle Book'.

In 1920, the very first **World Scout** Jamboree was held in London and **Baden-Powell** was given the title of Chief **Scout** of the **World**.

During the first and second **world** wars, **Scouts** helped the coastwatch, worked on farms, and carried messages.

Baden-Powell became Lord **Baden-Powell** of Gilwell. Even though he died in 1941, the **Scout** Movement grew and grew all over the **world**.

Beaver **Scouts** officially started in the 1980s so people could have **fun** and **adventures** before they were old enough for Cub **Scouts**.

Thanks to **Baden-Powell** and his spirit of **adventure** and **fun**, there are millions of **Scouts** across the whole **world**. If you're a **Scout**, you're a member of a very large family.

Baden-Powell left a message for all **Scouts**: 'Try and leave this **world** a little better than you found it.'