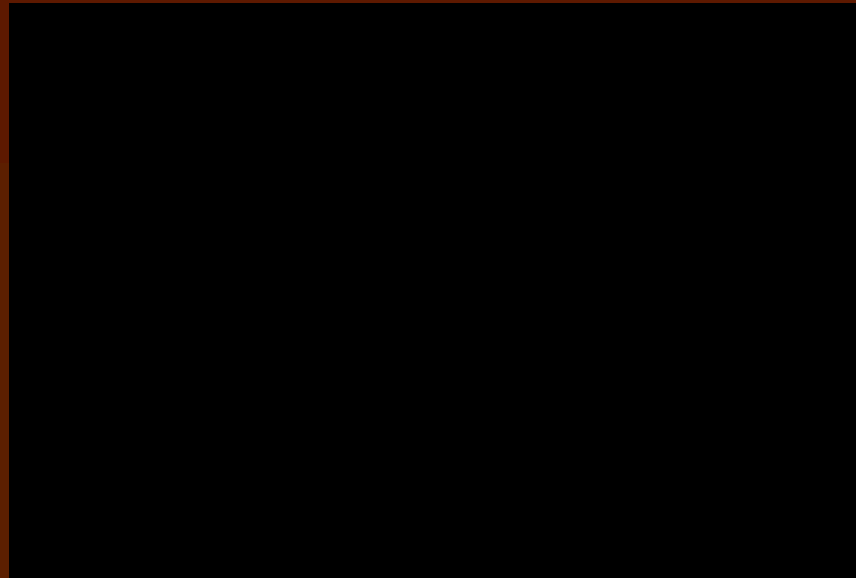


Scouting Heritage Merit Badge



“You can't know where you're going until you know where you've been”

Scouting's Legacy



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Robert Baden-Powell

A handwritten signature in black ink on a white rectangular background. The signature reads "Baden Powell of Gilwell" in a cursive, slightly stylized script.

- Born: Robert Stephenson Smyth Powell in London on February 22, 1857.
- His father was Rev. Baden Powell. Father died when Robert was 3 years old.
- As a tribute to Rev. Powell, the family name was changed to Baden-Powell.
- In Scouting, usually known simply as “BP”.
- In 1929, was created Baron Baden-Powell, of Gilwell. Thereafter known as Lord Baden-Powell

Robert Baden-Powell



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More on BP

- He enhanced and honed his military scouting skills amidst the Zulu in the early 1880s in South Africa.
- Engaged in Second Boer War. Defended town of Mafeking in South Africa for 217 days while being completely outnumbered by the Boers.
 - Used deception: fake mine fields, non-existent barbed wire.
- Once relieved by reinforcements, BP became known as the “Hero of Mafeking”.

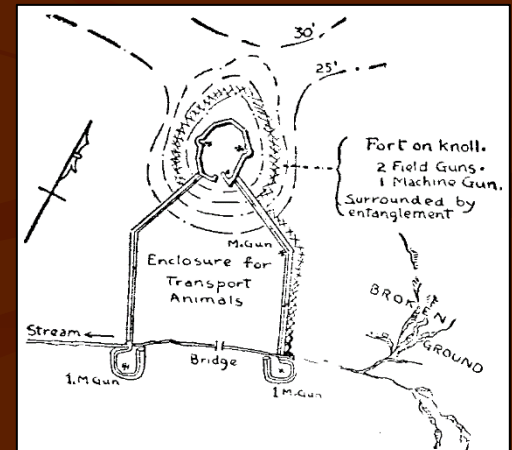
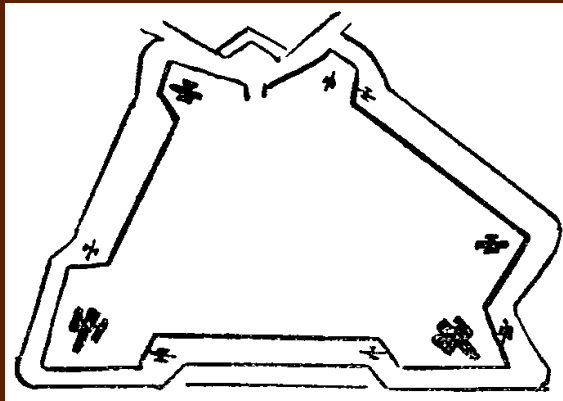
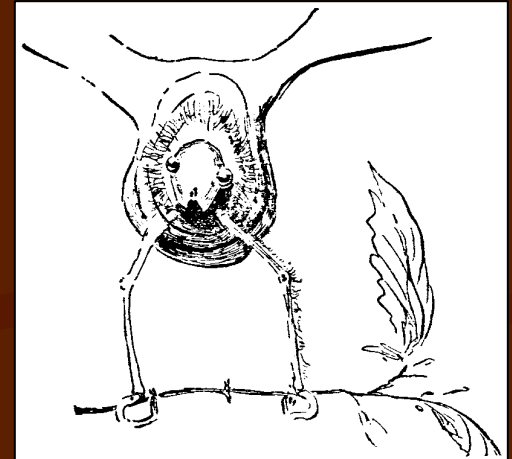
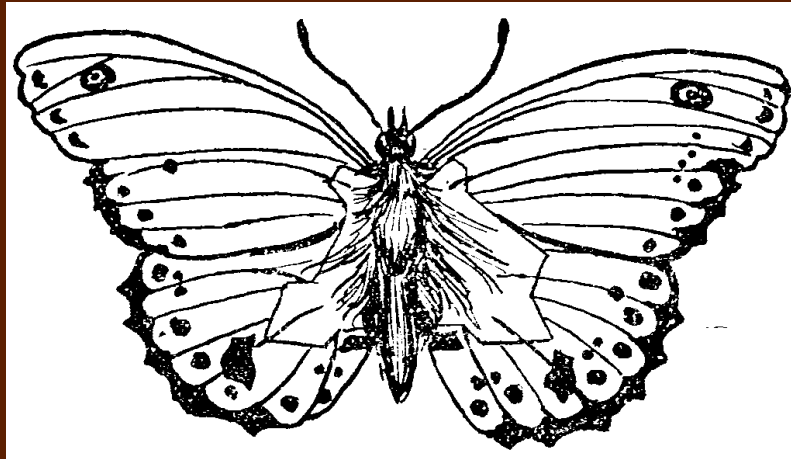
More on BP

- Accomplished artist



More on BP

- Would often travel in disguise, as a butterfly collector, to spy on other military.
- “Hid” his findings in sketches of butterfly wings.



Aids to Scouting

- On his return from Africa in 1903, Baden-Powell found that his military training manual, *Aids to Scouting*, had become a best-seller, and was being used by teachers and youth organizations.
- Baden-Powell decided to re-write *Aids to Scouting* to suit a youth readership (now called *Scouting for Boys*).
- In August 1907 he held camp on Brownsea Island for twenty-two boys of mixed social background to test out the applicability of his ideas.

The Scouting Movement

- In 1910 Lieutenant-General Baden-Powell decided to retire from the Army on the advice of King Edward VII, who suggested that he could better serve his country by promoting Scouting.
- Boys and girls spontaneously formed Scout troops and the Scouting Movement had inadvertently started, first as a national, and soon an international obsession.

Girl Guides/Scouts

- The Girl Guide Movement was subsequently founded in 1910 under auspices of Baden-Powell's sister, Agnes Baden-Powell.
- Baden-Powell's friend, Juliette Gordon Low, was encouraged by him to bring the Movement to America, where she founded the Girl Scouts of the USA.

More on Baden-Powell

- At 1st World Scout Jamboree in 1920, BP was proclaimed Chief Scout of the World.
- At 5th World Scout Jamboree in 1937, BP gave his farewell to Scouting, and retired from public Scouting life.
- Baden-Powell died on 8 January 1941 and is buried in Nyeri, Kenya, in St. Peter's Cemetery. His gravestone bears a circle with a dot in the center, which is the trail sign for "I have gone home."

Other Important People

- William D. Boyce
 - Brought Scouting to United States in 1910
- Daniel Carter Beard
 - Sons of Daniel Boone – merged with BSA
- Ernest Thompson Seton
 - Woodcraft Indians – merged with BSA
- James E. West
 - 1st Chief Scout Executive for 30+ years
- Waite Phillips (Phillips Petroleum – Phillips 66)
 - Built Villa Philmonte in Northern New Mexico as his summer home, which was later donated to BSA as Philmont Scout Ranch.

Other Important People (cont)



Seton

Baden-Powell

Beard



Boyce



West



Phillips

Other Important People (cont)



Roger C. Mosby
(current Chief Scout Executive)

Brownsea Island

- Small island off the coast of southern England
- Baden-Powell had visited the site as a boy with his brothers
- Birth of Scouting in August 1907
 - 20 Boys arranged in 4 patrols:
Wolves, Ravens, Bulls and Curlews
 - Boys received brass fleur-de-lis badges, the first use of the Scout emblem, and colored knot on shoulder indicating patrol.
 - After passing tests on knots, tracking, and the national flag, given another brass badge, a scroll with the words Be Prepared, to wear below the fleur-de-lis
- World Jamborees held in 1973 and 2007

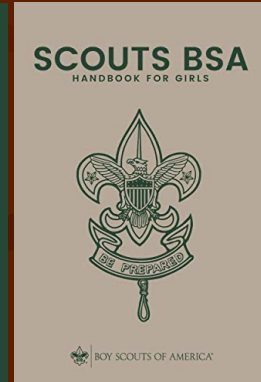
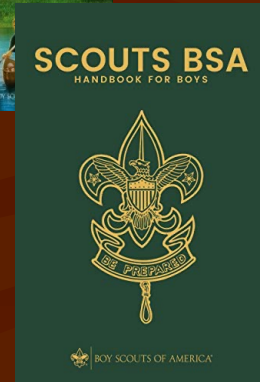
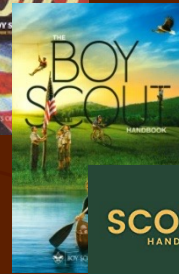
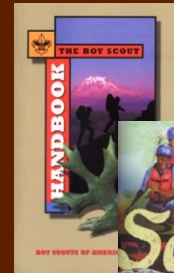
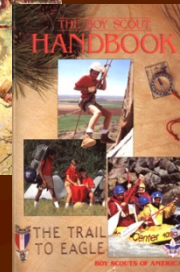
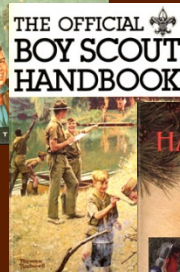
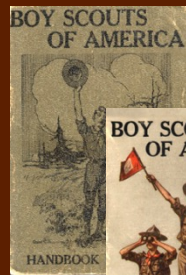
World Jamborees

- Jamboree: etymology is "19th century, origin unknown", possibly from Swahili word for hello: jambo
- Meaning: rowdy, boisterous gathering
- First World Jamboree – 1920
 - Kensington Olympia - London, England
 - 8,000 Scouts
 - 34 nations



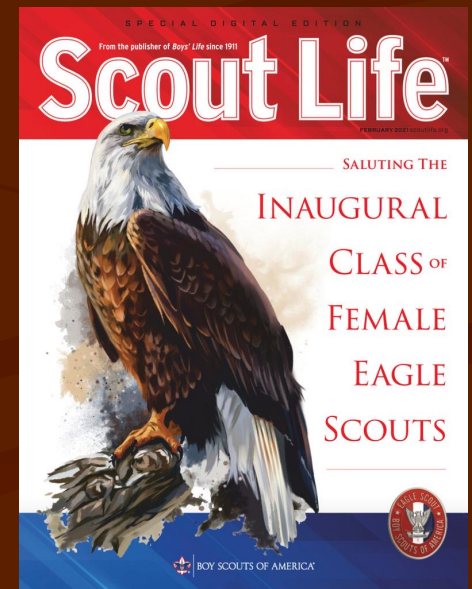
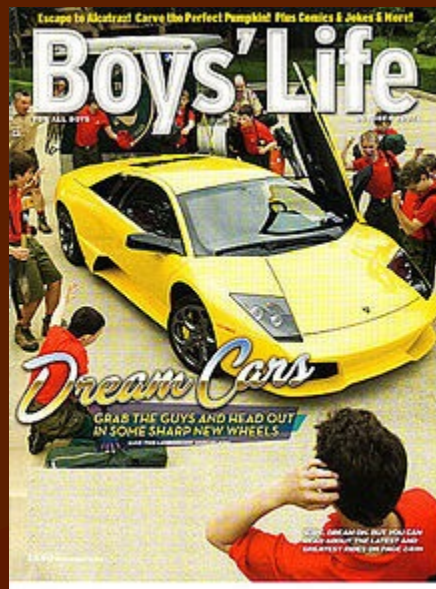
Boy Scout Handbook

- Official handbook of the BSA – Considered Scouting's “Bible”
- It is a descendant of Baden-Powell's original handbook, Scouting for Boys



Boys' Life Magazine (Jan 2021 – Scout Life)

- Monthly magazine of the BSA.
- Two demographic editions. Often have the same cover, but contents tuned to the target audience
- The first issue published on January 1, 1911
- Bought by BSA in 1912



Evolution of Scouting's Programs

- Boy Scouts - 1910
- Cub Scouts – 1930, but experimental until 1934
- Explorer Scouts - 1949
- Venturing - 1998



National Scouting Museum

- Moved from Texas to Philmont, New Mexico
- 17 Deer Run Rd.
Cimarron, NM 87714
- Opened in May 2018
- Displays
 - Artifacts relating to the history of the Boys Scouts.
 - Paintings by Norman Rockwell and Joseph Csatari
 - Artifacts of Arthur Rose Eldred, first Eagle Scout.
 - Man made mountain structure with virtual-reality features; to simulate bike-racing through the mountain or kayaking down its waters.

