

A quote from B.-P. in honour of B.-P. week.
"The real way to get happiness is by giving out happiness to other people."

May the following tips provide a little happiness.

Beavers & Cubs
Action Packed Baden Powell Story
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Here's how to play. Identify 5 groups and their actions. After reviewing the actions with each group, read the story.

England: drink a cup of tea

Africa: beat on a drum

Canada: yell out "Oh Canada"

Army: stand up and march

India: snake charmers

Two individuals should do these actions:

Lady B.-P.: stand up and say, "Girl Guides"

Lord B.-P.: stand up and say "Let's Go!"

Everyone needs to listen for these words and do the actions:

Scouts: throw imaginary hats in the air and yell "Hooray!!"

World: say "Big Round World" and make a circle with your arms

Guides: stand up and say, "Be prepared".

The Story

On February 22, 1857, Robert Baden-Powell was born in England. This man would later become famous as the person who founded Scouts and helped found Guides. Around the world, people simply called him B.-P.

After spending a number of years in boarding school, he joined the Army at 18. As a soldier, B.-P. traveled to many countries including Africa and India. He became famous during the Boer War as a Colonel in the Army. After the war, B.-P. returned to England where he found that many of the books he had written for the Army were being used by teachers and other leaders to help them in their work with youth.

He decided to try out his own ideas and held a camp at Brownsea Island with a group of children from London. These kids later became the first Scouts. The girls of that day, seeing what fun their brothers were having, decided they would become Scouts too. Soon patrols of girls calling themselves such things as lions, tigers and vultures sprang up all over England. In 1909 B.-P. invited all the Scouts of England to a parade at the Crystal Palace in London. This huge building was actually made of glass. B.-P. stood at the front of the building and saluted the youth. Later he inspected the Scouts. Astonished at the number of girls following along (and their enthusiasm), he asked them what they wanted. They answered that they too would like to join his organization. Back home, B.-P. thought about the girls and talked about them with his sister, Agnes Baden-Powell. The result was not girl Scouts but Girl Guides.

Guiding and Scouting quickly spread throughout the world and soon there were Guides and Scouts not only in England and Canada, but also in Africa, India and many more countries.

B.-P. left the Army and devoted all his time to Scouting and Guiding. He traveled constantly. On one voyage he met Olave St. Clair Soames. He fell in love with her and they got married. Olave Baden-Powell later became the World Chief Guide. She is known to Guides all over the world as Lady B.-P.

Lord B.-P. and Lady B.-P. were both born on February 22. It was suggested to make this a special day. Scout – Guide week is when we remember youth members all over the world.

B.-P. and his wife Lady B.-P. are no longer alive, but their ideas will live forever through Scouts and Guides. Aren't we lucky to be part of such a great organization?