

How It All Began --Baden-Powells

This game is an active way to learn about the early history of Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting.

Resources: the following story
Large playing area
Base for each team of players

To Play: Form teams of 5 or 6 players with each team of players in a line and name in this way:
Player 1: **Robert Baden-Powell**
Player 2: **Agnes Baden-Powell**
Player 3: **Olave Baden-Powell**
Player 4: **Boy Scouts**
Player 5: **Girl Guides**
Player 6: **Girl Scouts**

Note: If you are playing with teams of 5 make Player 5 Girl Guides and Girl Scouts

The game leader reads the following story. Whenever any of the names are mentioned, the player concerned run up to tab the bases 10 yards away and back to their places. When **Thinking Day** is mentioned, the whole team joins hands and runs in the same way. The game can be played cooperatively with the teams cheering their teammates, or can be done with teams winning points for members who return to their places first

Story

ROBERT BADEN-POWELL was a well-known soldier. When he came back from the wars early last century he thought it would be a good idea to teach boys to be **BOY SCOUTS**, so in 1907, he ran an experimental camp at Brownsea Island for all sorts of boys and he wrote out lots of ideas for scouting for different youth clubs to use. The ideas were such fun that lots of boys who weren't in clubs wanted to be **BOY SCOUTS** and started practicing and making their own Patrols. There was a big rally at the Crystal Palace in England in 1909. More than 11,000 **BOY SCOUTS** turned up. **ROBERT BADEN-POWELL** was surprised and pleased. There was a big parade. After the **BOY SCOUTS** came a group of girls in khaki shirts and skirts, with whistles and Scout hats and belts. He asked, "Who are you?" They said, "We are the **GIRL SCOUTS**." **ROBERT BADEN-POWELL** said, "There aren't any **GIRL SCOUTS**." "Yes, there are." They replied, "because we are them."

So, **ROBERT BADEN-POWELL** talked and planned with his sister, **AGNES BADEN-POWELL** and they decided to start a movement for girls call **GIRL GUIDES**. In 1910, the **GIRL GUIDES** were begun.

AGNES BADEN-POWELL was very keen and worked very hard with the **GIRL GUIDES**. The King of England asked **ROBERT BADEN-POWELL** to give up his other work and just organize the **BOY SCOUTS**.

Two years later he married, and his wife was **OLAVE BADEN-POWELL**. She didn't know much about **GIRL GUIDES**, but helped **AGNES BADEN-POWELL** and soon became very enthusiastic. She later became the Chief Guide of the world.

ROBERT-BADENPOWELL was later made Lord for his great work with young people.

When the **GIRL GUIDES** decided to have a special day each year to remember all the **GIRL GUIDES** and all the **GIRL SCOUTS** in the world, they chose February 22nd, which was the birthday of both **ROBERT BADEN-POWELL** and **OLAVE BADEN-POWELL**, and they called it **THINKING DAY**

So, now you know that **BOY SCOUTS** began in 1907. **GIRL GUIDES** started in 1910. **ROBERT BADEN-POWELL** and his sister **AGNES BADEN-POWELL** and his wife **OLAVE BADEN-POWELL** are the founders of the movements, and we all think of each other on **THINKING DAY**.