

Action-Packed Baden-Powell Story

Identify five groups and their actions:

England: drink a cup of tea

Africa: beat on a drum

Canada: yell out "O Canada"

Army: stand up and march

India: snake charmers

Two individuals should do these actions:

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

Baden-Powell or B-P: stand and say, "Let's go!"

Everyone should listen for these words:

Scouts: throw imaginary hats into the air and yell, "Hurray!"

World: say, "Big round world!" and make a circle with your arms.

Guides: stand and say, "Be prepared!"

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 called him simply **B-P**.

After spending a number of years in boarding school, he joined the **Army** at 18. As a soldier **B-P** travelled 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. In 1909 **B-P** invited all the **Scouts** of **England** to a parade at the Crystal Palace in London. **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, he asked them what they wanted. They answered that they too would like to join his organization. Back home **B-P** talked about the girls 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 travelled constantly. On one voyage he met Olave St. Clair Soames. He fell in love with her; they

got married. Olave **Baden-Powell** later became the **World Chief Guide**. She is affectionately known to **Guides** all over the **world** as **Lady B-P**.

Lord **B-P** and **Lady B-P** were both born on February 22. A Belgium **Guider** suggested that we make this a special day. We have expanded the celebrations to include **Scout-Guide** Week where 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 you, our Beavers, Cubs and **Scouts**.