

Some General Information about **SCOUTS**

As researched by Scouter Laurie Blackwell

DID YOU KNOW...

- that B.-P. developed his ideas on scouting for soldiers in the Army around 1893 and completed a book with those ideas called " Aids to Scouting " in 1899.

DID YOU KNOW...

- before re-writing "Aids to Scouting " and " Scouting for Boys " for youth organizations already in existence, B.-P. took 20 boys drawn from all segments of English society and held an experimental camp on Brown Sea Island in August 1907.

DID YOU KNOW...

- that " Scouting for Boys " was published in 1908 in fortnightly parts.

DID YOU KNOW...

- that at a gathering of Scouts in the Crystal Palace in 1909, it was found that girls were just as fond of the Scouting movement and wanted to join as well.

DID YOU KNOW...

- that as a result of girls joining Scouting, the Girl Guide organization was started.

DID YOU KNOW...

- that Scouts are boys and girls 11 to 14 years old.

DID YOU KNOW...

- that there were approximately 17,000 Scouts last year in Canada.

DID YOU KNOW...

- that the Scout program is based on the book entitled " Scouting for Boys."

DID YOU KNOW...

- that the Scout Law is " A Scout is helpful and trustworthy, kind and cheerful, considerate and clean, wise in the use of all resources. "

DID YOU KNOW...

- that the Scout Promise is " On my honour I promise that I will do my best, To do my duty to God and the Queen, To help other people at all times, And to carry out the spirit of the Scott Law. "

DID YOU KNOW...

- that the Scout Motto is " Be Prepared. "

DID YOU KNOW...

- that the Scout Slogan is " Do a good turn daily. "

DID YOU KNOW...

- that the Program Elements for Scouts are - Acting, Campcraft, Exploration, Games, Naturecraft, Sports, Activities, Competence, Field Trips, Handicrafts, Observation, Vocations, Adventure, Conservation, Fitness, Hobbies, and Spirituality.

DID YOU KNOW...

- that the Program Goals are Spirituality, Good Citizenship, Co-operative Relationships, Self-discipline, Respect, Tolerance, Service to Others, Leadership Skills, Good Environmental Practices, Self-discipline and Self-reliance, and Hobbies and Personal Interests.

DID YOU KNOW...

- that the Scout Salute is the middle three fingers of the right hand held together while the thumb and little finger touch, at the same time the hand is held to the head with the palm facing the front.

DID YOU KNOW...

- that the right hand is held in the same position for the Scout Sign as it is for the Scout Salute except the hand is not held to the head.

DID YOU KNOW...

- that the three upright fingers represent the three parts of the Promise: Doing Your Best; Doing your Duty to God, Queen, and other people; carrying out the spirit of the Scout Law.

DID YOU KNOW...

- that the thumb and little finger meet to represent the ties in friendship.

DID YOU KNOW...

- that the Scouts wore a hat called the Stetson that was phased out beginning in 1968. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police currently wear the Stetson.