

# HISTORY OF GIRLGUIDE



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It was September 1909 in London. Inside a giant glass palace, eleven thousand Boy Scouts shouted and cheered. Their leader, Robert Baden-Powell, marched proudly through the crowd. Suddenly, he stopped. Right in front of him stood a small group of girls! They wore khaki shirts, neckerchiefs, and big hats. Each girl held a tall wooden stick. Baden-Powell blinked in surprise. What were girls doing at a boys' rally?



Baden-Powell walked closer to the girls. 'Who are you?' he asked. The tallest girl stepped forward. Her chin was high and proud. 'We are the Girl Scouts!' she announced loudly. The other girls nodded firmly. Baden-Powell scratched his head. He had never heard of Girl Scouts before. The boys around them whispered and pointed. But the girls stood tall and did not move. They looked brave and ready.



Baden-Powell frowned gently. 'Scouting is only for boys,' he explained. The girls shook their heads quickly. 'No! We want to do the same as the boys!' the leader said. Her friends agreed loudly. 'We can camp too!' 'We can track animals!' 'We can tie knots!' they shouted. Baden-Powell was very surprised. In those days, most people thought girls should only stay home. But these girls were different.



The leader stepped even closer. 'We bought your scouting books in secret,' she said. 'We formed our own patrols!' another girl added. 'We sneaked into the woods!' a third girl said excitedly. 'We tracked wild animals and learned to tie all the knots!' they told him. Baden-Powell's eyes grew wide. These girls had been training themselves! They had been practicing everything the boys learned. He started to smile.



Baden-Powell thought hard. Society said girls should only cook and sew. Girls were supposed to wear heavy skirts and stay clean. Camping in the mud was unthinkable! But these girls were determined and brave. They deserved a chance to have adventures too. Baden-Powell made a decision. 'I will help you,' he promised. The girls cheered happily. Their dream was coming true! But Baden-Powell knew he needed help.



Baden-Powell went to visit his sister Agnes. Agnes was brilliant and brave. She flew in hot-air balloons high above the clouds. She studied the twinkling stars at night. 'Agnes, I need your help,' Baden-Powell said. He told her about the determined girls. 'They want to be scouts like the boys.' Agnes smiled widely. 'What a wonderful idea!' she exclaimed. 'Let us help them together!' she said excitedly.



In 1910, Baden-Powell and Agnes created something new. They called it The Girl Guides. The name came from brave soldiers known for amazing survival skills. Those soldiers were the best at finding their way and helping others. Now girls could be just as brave! The news spread quickly across London. Girls everywhere got excited. Finally, they could have real adventures! Many girls rushed to join.



**The Girl Guides**

The first Girl Guides met in a big hall. They wore their khaki shirts proudly. Agnes stood at the front. 'Welcome, Girl Guides!' she called out. The girls cheered loudly. 'You will learn so many things,' Agnes promised. 'You will camp under the stars!' 'You will track animals in the forest!' 'You will become strong and brave!' The girls could hardly wait. Their adventure was just beginning!



By 1912, Agnes had written a special book. It was the very first Girl Guides handbook. Inside were exciting lessons. Girls learned how to pitch tents in the woods. They learned to find their way by looking at stars. They learned to treat burns and help hurt people. They even learned to stop runaway horses! The handbook was different from other girls' books. It was full of real adventures!



The Girl Guides practiced hard every week. They tied knots with strong rope. They built campfires safely. They hiked through forests and fields. They learned to read maps and use compasses. When someone got hurt, they knew how to help. They became strong and confident. The girls proved they could do anything the boys could do. Many people were amazed and impressed by them.



More and more girls joined the Girl Guides. Soon there were groups all over England. Then Girl Guides started in other countries too! Girls in America, Canada, and Australia wanted to join. The movement grew bigger and bigger. Everyone heard about the brave girls who crashed the boys' rally. Those girls had changed everything! Now girls everywhere could have adventures. They could explore and learn and grow.



Girl Guides

Today, millions of girls are Girl Guides and Girl Scouts. They camp, hike, and explore just like those first brave girls. They learn skills and help their communities. They make friends and have fun. It all started with a small group of determined girls in 1909. Those girls refused to give up their dreams. They proved that adventure belongs to everyone! And that is the wonderful history of the Girl Guides.



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