100 YEARS OF SCOUTING

Celebrating the Adventure ★ Continuing the Journey

The Boy Scout Movement was founded by British **Lord Robert Baden-Powell**.

Scouting's first manual was both written and illustrated by Baden-Powell in 1908. The early American troops took their cues from Baden-Powell's Scouting for Boys because there was no semblance of a national movement in the United States. The YMCA men who started most of the early troops saw Boy Scouting merely as a promising adjunct to their programs for boys.

Millionaire Chicago publisher **William Dickson Boyce** became involved in Scouting in 1909. He was visiting London in August of that year. One afternoon, the city was enshrouded in pea-soup fog. Boyce lost his bearings in the murk and was approached by a boy of about 12 carrying a lantern who offered to guide him to the address he was seeking. When Boyce produced a shilling, the boy replied, "No, sir, I am a Scout. Scouts do not accept tips for Good Turns."

The **unknown Scout** took Boyce to British Scout headquarters. From that moment forward, Boyce's interest in Scouting grew. Boyce came home determined to start Boy Scouting in America. He apparently knew nothing of the troops already operating or of the YMCA's promotion of Scouting.

On **February 8, 1910**, Boyce filed incorporation papers for the Boy Scouts of America in the District of Columbia. The purpose, he said, "Shall be to promote, through organization, and cooperation with other agencies, the ability of boys to do things for themselves and others, to train them in Scoutcraft, and to teach them patriotism, courage, self-reliance, and kindred virtues, using the methods which are in common use by Boy Scouts."

It did not take long for the Movement to move South. The first Boy Scout Troop started in the City of Atlanta was organized in the **early months of 1911**. A campaign was held in July of 1916 raising about $4,000 to form a local council. By the end of 1916, the Boy Scouts of America had a chartered local council in Atlanta, Georgia. Negotiations were completed whereby Allen A. Jameson was selected as the first Scout Executive of the Atlanta Council. He was the co-author of the first National Hand Book for Boys.

The new Boy Scouts of America quickly established a national office, developed a temporary handbook, sought out Baden-Powell's endorsement, and began to work to get a Congressional Charter from the US Congress (which they received in 1916).

Boy Scouts of America built a tradition of service that helped shape the nation.

On this **100th anniversary** of the founding of the Boy Scouts of America, we are **celebrating the adventure of Scouting, and look to continue the journey**.

ATLANTA AREA COUNCIL

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®

- The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their life times by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

- Serves 50,000 youth in 13 Atlanta area counties: Carroll, Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Dekalb, Douglas, Fulton, Gwinnett, Haralson, Newton, Paulding, Pickens and Rockdale.

- Includes assistance from more than 11,000 trained volunteers who share their time, talents and resources to provide our youth with a first class character education.

- Coordinates Scouting programs which emphasize character development, citizenship training, personal fitness, ethical decision-making and family values.

- Receives support and direction from a volunteer Executive Committee, Executive Board, District Board and Advisory Board.

- Supplies information via the Volunteer Service Center, the catalyst for volunteer support, planning, training and information.

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- Offers three year-round camping facilities for weekend use, long-term summer camps, adult volunteer training courses, unit activities, district camping events, Order of the Arrow special events and other Scouting activities throughout the year.

Bert Adams Scout Reservation	Covington, GA
Robert W. Woodruff Scout Reservation	Blairsville, GA
Allatoona Aquatics and Wilderness Base	Lake Allatoona

- Consists of 38 professional Scouters who provide training, guidance, support, and direct unit service to volunteers and chartered organizations.

- Promotes outreach programs to serve more young people and families of all races, religions and economic levels. **Learning for Life** is a program that incorporates Scouting values into a classroom environment through age-specific curriculum and activities for all youth.
Exploring is a segment of Learning for Life that provides teenage youth a career exploration and leadership program through partnering organizations. **Scoutreach** is a division within the Council with an emphasis on growing the Scouting program by removing barriers to ensure that all youth have the opportunity to join Scouting.