



Learning Topic: Guiding History

In this Learning Topic, you could

- take the mystery out of history
- find out how Scouting and Guiding started
- join the first camp on Brownsea Island or attend the rally at Crystal Palace
- model the fashions of the past
- share your knowledge with your Guides and other Leaders.

Suggested Activities

The beginning of Guiding & Scouting

Find out about BP and his background (for suggestions, see the Learning Topic – Meet the Baden-Powells)

Visit a Brownsea Island website to find out about the experimental scout camp. Find or invent activities you could use in your program.

Attend the rally at Crystal Palace and find out about the first Girl Scouts.

The first 100 years

How did Guiding grow and spread to 145 countries? Find stories about how Guiding grew.

What can you learn about Girl Guides and Girl Scouts activities during the World Wars?

Find out about the Guide International Service and Australia's participants.

How did the Royal Family get involved in Guiding & Scouting? Who has been or is involved?

Choose a year and find out what activities Guides did then? What promise did they make? What did the promise badge look like? What other badges could Guides earn?

Have fun with fashion! What uniform did the first Girl Guides wear? How have our uniforms changed over time? Ask your State Office if they have any historical uniforms for loan or hire.

Large state and national events can be an amazing experience for Guides and Leaders. What events have inspired people in the past?

WAGGGS celebrated the centenary of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts from 2010 to 2012. How did Girl Guides around the world celebrate? What celebrations were held in Australia, your state and your local area?

Your local history

Who were the first Guides in your state and how did their Unit start? Contact your State or local archivist about the records available. Explore your State's Guiding history.

Does your Unit or District have historical records? What traditions have evolved? When is the next anniversary to celebrate? What are you keeping that will become the historical records of the future?

Invent some games or make a Learning Centre to help your Guides explore Guiding History.



Resources to help you

Brownsea Island

- <http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/brownsea-island/>
- http://www.thescoutingpages.org.uk/first_camp.html
- <http://scoutguidehistoricalsociety.com/brownsea.htm>

Crystal Palace

- http://www.thescoutingpages.org.uk/first_camp.html
- <http://scoutguidehistoricalsociety.com/brownsea.htm>

Guiding & Scouting during wartime

- <http://www.thesun.co.uk/sol/homepage/features/2871015/Girl-Guides-war-effort-revealed.html>
- <http://www.worldscoutingmuseum.org/files/GIS-SIRS.pdf>

Other

- <http://www.girlguides.org.au/About-Us/history-of-guiding.html>
- <http://www.pinetreeweb.com/B-P.htm>
- https://www.girlguides-nswact.org.au/library/media_library/girl_guides_australia_bacground_information_4_september_2009.pdf

YouTube

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O-gUcfaAEEU>

Attend a training workshop.

Many old books (including some of those listed below) are available from this website:

<http://www.thedump.scoutscan.com/nonfict.html>

- Recording of Sybil Cannadine talking about the Crystal Palace rally

Look out for or ask someone about borrowing these:

- Gardner, Helen D (2010). The First Girl Guide: The story of Agnes Baden-Powell. UK, Amberley
- Wade, Eileen K (1972). World Chief Guide Olave, Lady Baden Powell: The Story Of Her Life. London, Hutchinson.
- Drewery, Mary (1973). Window on my Heart: The autobiography of Olave Lady Baden-Powell. UK, Hodder & Stoughton.
- Hampton, Jane (2010). How Girl Guides won the War. UK, Harper Press.
- Eastick, Nancy. Guides can do Anything (<http://www.girlguides.org.au/leaders-and-volunteers/intranet/leaders-resources.html>)

Your State Guiding website pages

- http://www.girlguideswa.org.au/history_and_photos/?sid=1923310ddb84fda9a20e79826f77b669
- http://www.guidesqld.org/history_of_guiding
- <http://www.girlguides-nswact.org.au/history>
- http://www.guidesvic.org.au/GGV/About_Guiding/Archives.aspx

Your State Office may have historical uniforms to hire/borrow.

Record your Learning

What have you learned and how did you apply it in your Guiding role?

Record this in your Learning Log.



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