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### Who is Baden-Powell?

Robert Stephenson Smyth Baden-Powell (22 February 1857 - 8 January 1941) also known as B-P or Lord Baden-Powell, was a lieutenant-general in the British Army, writer, founder and Chief Scout of the Scout Movement.

### What is a BSA Troop?

A Boy Scouts of America Troop is a youth development organization for boys from 11 to 17 years of age, using the patrol method and other methods to enable boys to become self-confident, useful citizens, and capable leaders with high ethical standards.

The Aims of Scouting:

- Character development
- Citizenship training
- Mental and physical fitness

### Thiếu Đoàn Nam Hướng Đạo là gì?

Là một tổ chức phát triển nam thiếu niên từ 11 đến 17 tuổi, dùng phương pháp hàng đội cùng với những phương pháp khác để rèn luyện nam thiếu

niên tính tự tin, trở nên những công dân hữu dụng, và những nhà lãnh đạo có khả năng và đạo đức cao.

Các mục đích căn bản của Hướng Đạo:

- Phát triển đức tính
- Thực tập tinh thần công dân
- Kiện toàn tâm trí và thể lực

### What are some year-round Scouting activities?

- Camping and other outdoor activities, with emphasis on group games for boy scouts
- Learn and practice scout skills for Merit Badges, rank advancement, and leadership requirements
- Do Good Turns, community services, and nature conservation projects

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### Những sinh hoạt Hướng Đạo chính yếu trong năm là gì?

- Cắm trại và sinh hoạt ngoài trời với các trò chơi Hướng Đạo
- Học và thực hành kỹ năng cho các chuyên hiệu, các đòi hỏi cho thăng cấp, và khả năng lãnh đạo
- Làm việc thiện, các việc công ích xã hội, và các dự án bảo tồn thiên nhiên

### What is the Patrol Method?

Within the larger community of the troop, the patrol is a Scout's family circle. Often made up of boys who are close in age and experience level, each patrol helps its members develop a sense of pride and identity. The boys themselves elect their patrol leader, divide up the jobs to be done, and share in the satisfaction of accepting and fulfilling group responsibilities. [BSA Scoutmaster Handbook, p. 8]

*"The Patrol System is the one essential feature in which Scout training differs from that of all other organizations, and where the System is properly applied, it is absolutely bound to bring success. It cannot help itself! The formation of the boys into Patrols of from six to eight and training them as separate units each under its own responsible leader is the key to a good Troop."* --Baden-Powell

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### What are the methods of Boy Scouting?

#### 1. **Ideals**

The ideals of Boy Scouting are spelled out in the Scout Oath, the Scout Law, the Scout motto, and the Scout Slogan. The Boy Scout measures himself against these ideals and continually tries to improve.

#### 2. **Patrols**

The patrol method gives Boy Scouts an experience in group living and participating citizenship. It places responsibility on young shoulders and teaches boys how to accept it. The patrol method allows Scouts to interact in small groups where members can easily relate to each other. These small groups determine troop activities through elected representatives.

#### 3. **Outdoor Programs**

Boy Scouting is designed to take place outdoors. It is in the outdoor setting that Scouts share responsibilities and learn to live with one another. In the outdoors the skills and activities practiced at troop meetings come alive with purpose. Being close to nature helps Boy Scouts gain an appreciation for the beauty of the world around us.

#### 4. **Advancement**

Boy Scouting provides a series of surmountable obstacles and steps in overcoming them through the advancement method. The Boy Scout plans his advancement and progresses at his own pace as he meets each challenge. The Boy Scout is recognized with a badge for each achievement, which helps him gain self-confidence.

#### 5. **Associations with Adults**

Boys learn a great deal by watching how adults conduct themselves. Scout Leaders can be positive role models for the members of the troop. In many cases a Scoutmaster who is willing to listen to boys, encourage them, and take a sincere interest in them can make

a profound difference in the lives.

6. **Personal Growth**

As Boy Scouts plan their activities and progress toward their goals, they experience personal growth. The Good Turn concept is a major part of the personal growth method of Boy Scouting. Boys grow as they participate in community service projects and do Good Turns for others.

7. **Leadership Development**

The Boy Scout program encourages boys to learn and practice leadership skills. Every Boy Scout has the opportunity to participate in both shared and total leadership situations. Understanding the concepts of leadership helps a boy accept the leadership role of others and guides him toward the citizenship aim of Scouting.

8. **Uniform**

The uniform makes the Scout troop visible as a force for good and creates a positive youth image in the community. Boy Scouting is an action program, and wearing the uniform is an action that shows each Scout's commitment to the aims and purposes of Scouting. The uniform gives the Scout identity, a sense of belonging, in a world brotherhood of youth who believe in the same ideals.

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**What do I do to help the troop?**

You can help in many ways. The troop needs help in the **Troop Committee** (many positions to help with specific tasks Outdoor/Activities, Secretary, Training, Advancement, Chaplain, etc.), in the **Board of Review** to help reviewing Scouts as they are advancing to higher ranks, in the **Scout Program** to get trained as Scoutmaster or Assistant Scoutmasters to help with coaching the Scouts, or in the **Troop Parent Association** to help with other important things (such as cooking and setting up things at the Scouts & Families picnics, summer camps, fundraising activities, hauling camping gear to places, driving the Scouts to places, etc.) There are tons of work running a troop; and we will have to get all the help from parents. For all helpers, the online "[Youth Protection Training](#)" is a minimum requirement. Other positions will need more or less required classes.

Below are links to details on "What makes a trained leader" and Santa Clara Council Training Calendar:

[Required training courses for adult leaders](#)

[Silicon Valley Monterey Bay Council Training Calendar](#)