

# Brownsea History

## Brownsea Island – The First Scout Camp

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The camp BP organised from the 31st July to 9th August 1907 was actually an experimental summer camp to test his ideas in his book “Scouting for Boys” on Brownsea Island, a 500-acre, windswept tract in Poole Harbour off England’s southern coast

### The Boys

The camp consisted of 20 boys from all kinds of backgrounds, 10 of them were from the Public schools of Eton and Harrow and were the boys of Army friends and other acquaintances of BP while of the remaining 10, 7 were from the Bournemouth Boys Brigade and 3 from the Poole Boys Brigade, there was also Donald Baden-Powell, BP’s 9 year old nephew and Simon Rodney, older brother of George, James and William on camp.

The boys were divided up into 4 Patrols called Curlews, Ravens, Wolves and Bulls. For patrol identification, the boys were given long, wool streamers in different colours to pin on their left shoulder - green for Bulls, blue for Wolves, yellow for Curlews, and red for Ravens.

### Patrol Members

Wolves	Bulls	Curlews	Ravens
Patrol Leader	Patrol Leader	Patrol Leader	Patrol Leader
B Wroughton	T. Evans-Lombe	G. Rodney	H. Emley

Each boy was given a brass fleur de lys badge which was fastened on to his coat; when he had passed a few tests ( knots, tracking, the Flag) he was given another brass badge to fasten below the first, a scroll with the words “Be Prepared” on it. Kaki scarves were also issued.