

## BP 3

**OBJECTIVES:** To increase awareness of the founder of Scouting and some of the methods he used.

**Preparation:** The Leaders should read the introduction to *Scouting for Boys* by Baden Powell and the chapter 'Boys of Mafeking'.

5 minutes

### Opening: Hop, flag break and welcome

10 minutes

### Let's talk about: Baden Powell

From the information you have read, explain to the Joeys how Scouting began, who BP was, what happened at Mafeking and how boys from the town were used as messengers. Show photographs, maps etc. Mention Founder's Day and explain why we celebrate it.

15 minutes

### Activity: Hidden envelopes

Get the Joeys to organise themselves into small groups. Each group must ask a parent or Leader to be part of their group. Each group then has to find an envelope hidden somewhere in the hall. They open the envelope and complete the activity described inside.

1. Find the Joey Scout Promise and read it together.
2. Find an animal track and identify it.
3. Find leaves from two different trees and identify them.

Every group then has to answer two 'share questions', which are:

1. What is the date of Founder's Day?
2. What is the colour of the Joey Scout flag?

The groups which answer correctly get a special surprise. Each group that does know the answers must decide whether they are going to share them with any other group that asks them, and so help that group qualify for the special surprise, too.

10 minutes

### Let's talk about: The activity

Return to the hall and discuss what the Joeys found. Ask whether everyone could answer the share questions. If a group did not know and had to ask, find out if the group that was asked did share the answers and why.

15 minutes

### Activity: Secret messages

Write a message in milk on a blank sheet of paper, put it in a sealed envelope and leave it in the hall. The Joeys find the envelope, open it and discover a blank page inside. To find out what it contains, they have to heat the page and see what appears. It could be telling them where to find the special surprise. Have them write their own secret message and take it home to surprise their mum and dad.

**5 minutes**

## **Closing: Hop, and lower the flag**

### **Prayer**

Thank you for our founder BP.  
Thank you for the fun we shared today.

Amen.

Farewell and any notices.

## **RESOURCES**

You will need a copy of *Scouting for Boys*, four envelopes containing activity instructions, an envelope with a secret message written in milk, a heat source, and paper, milk and implements for writing messages.