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ord Robert Baden-Powell, called B.-P. for short, started Scouting in Britain in 1907. From his experience as a General in the British army, B.-P. had discovered that children could be trusted to do important jobs once they had been shown what to do. B.-P. had written a book for adults about camping and survival and called it *Aids to Scouting*. In 1907, he decided to write a similar book about Scouting just for children. It was an instant success! Scouting became so popular, that by 1916 he had to write a second book for younger children who wanted to join Scouting. B.-P. called this second book, *The Wolf Cub's Handbook*. The Cub Handbook was based on Rudyard Kipling's *The Jungle Book*. And so Wolf Cubs started.



Canadian Cubs have since played an important part in history. During the First and Second World Wars, Cubs helped to collect tons of scrap material for war victims. In peace time, Cubs used their training to help others through community service projects. Every year, Cubs use their first aid training to help injured friends and even save lives.

Cubs also protect the environment. Since 1973, thousands of Cubs have helped plant 3 million trees a year in Canada as part of the Scoutrees for Canada program. In 2002, Scouts Canada celebrated the planting of its 70 millionth tree.

Today, there are over 28 million Scouts worldwide in 155 countries. Thanks to Baden-Powell, his idea of using Scouting to promote world peace and understanding is continuing with your help.



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