

100 YEARS OF SCOUTING IN THE CHURCH—A TIMELINE

1875

Young Men are organized by Junius F. Wells on June 10. To be called “Young Men’s Mutual Improvement Association.”

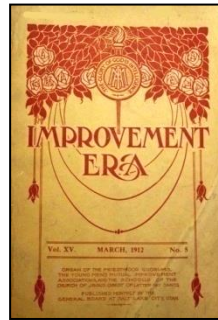


Contributor magazine becomes voice of new Y.M.M.I.A., 1879.



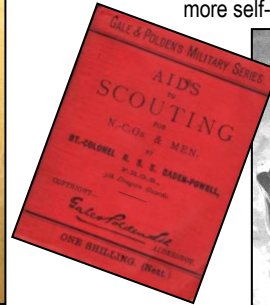
1897

Improvement Era replaces *Contributor* as voice of Y.M.M.I.A.



1899

Robert Baden-Powell writes *Aids to Scouting* to train his soldiers of the 5th Dragoons to become more self-reliant.



1907

Brownsea Island is site of first Scout camp. Baden-Powell asked to rewrite *Aids to Scouting* with boys in mind and tests theories August 1-8.



1908

Scouting for Boys, Part I of VI, hits the newsstands in January and is an instant success. Scout units form around the world.



1910

William D. Boyce incorporates the Boy Scouts of America on Feb. 8, thanks to a good turn from an unknown English Scout.



1911

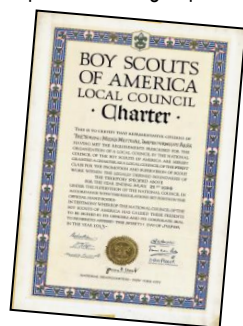
First Utah Scout unit is formed by T. George Wood in the Waterloo Ward on Oct. 12, 1910.

M.I.A. Scouts formed by the Church on Nov. 29, following the format and activities found in Scout books of the day.



1913

The Church joins the Boy Scouts of America on May 21, 1913, as BSA’s first chartered organization. It sets the pattern for other organizations wanting to sponsor Scout groups.



John H. Taylor becomes the first LDS Scout commissioner, serving all LDS units in the Western U.S.



1916

Congressional charter granted to the Boy Scouts of America on June 15.



1917

War Service. Scouts perform many “good turns” such as planting war gardens and selling Liberty Bonds and Thrift Stamps.



1919

Local councils created. Ogden and Salt Lake Councils are formed in 1919, and Utah County Council in 1921. Salt Lake Council’s first Scout executive is Oscar Kirkham.

