

## ***Opening Ceremony of the World Scout Jamboree – Arrowe Park, 1929***

In the summer of 1929, 50,000 Boy Scouts from around the world assembled at **Arrowe Park** for the first World Scout Jamboree. One of the highlights of the visit was the visit of the Prince of Wales (later King Edward VIII). Above you can see an aerial photograph the Arrowe Park camp on the first day.

On the opening day of the Jamboree the Chief Scout Lord Baden Powell addressed the gathering and spoke of the Scouting Spirit and of the need for friendship.....

### **THE CHIEF SCOUT GREETES YOU.**

**Welcome**, every one of you Scouts who comes to Arrowe Park. You are taking part in the biggest concourse of boys that has ever come together in the history of the world; not only that, but also it is a concourse of jolly fine boys, the best from every civilised country in the world. Fifty thousand of you!

You have all got the Scout spirit inside you, and I expect you will have plenty of opportunity for showing this. For one thing, it is probably going to rain like fits - well, that will be the very best test as to whether you can whistle and smile under difficulties.

The title which I won for myself at the Copenhagen Jamboree and again at the Rally in Budapest was that of **Bathing Master**, because I brought down a downpour of rain on each occasion!

I expect it will be the same again at Arrowe Park - so **Be Prepared** for it.

Don't expect to be made comfortable in camp. Any comfort that you need must be made by yourselves. You will get lots of discomforts and disappointments, and I know you will take them all in the right spirit.

When you find that you are not getting the amount of attention from others that you feel you are entitled to, just remember for a moment that we are all brothers and all equal in camp, and as Scouts we are able to look after ourselves and at the same time to lend a hand to others in need of help.

Another way of proving that the Scout spirit is in you will be by making friends with Scouts from other countries. The main and great object of this camp is that you should meet your brother Scouts of different nations and **Make Friends** with them. Don't forget this, and don't waste any time in starting to do it.

The camp only lasts a fortnight, and the time will pass horribly quickly, and with it will pass this one great opportunity of getting to know your brother Scouts.

Make up your mind to make at least two new friends each day, and set about it at once. Find out from them what hobbies or games you have in common, and exchange addresses with them, so that after the camp is over you can keep up correspondence and possibly some day visit them in their own countries.

If this is the only thing you can accomplish at Arrowse Park, it will be worthwhile.

But I want you also to show the public by our smart appearance and good behaviour what true Scouts are like. Outsiders are apt to judge of whether our Movement is good or bad by what they see of individual Scouts. So your own particular appearance and behaviour may do a world of good for the Movement.

Lastly, another thing I want is that you shall have a jolly good time and enjoy this camp as much as I shall myself.

**Robert Baden Powell.**



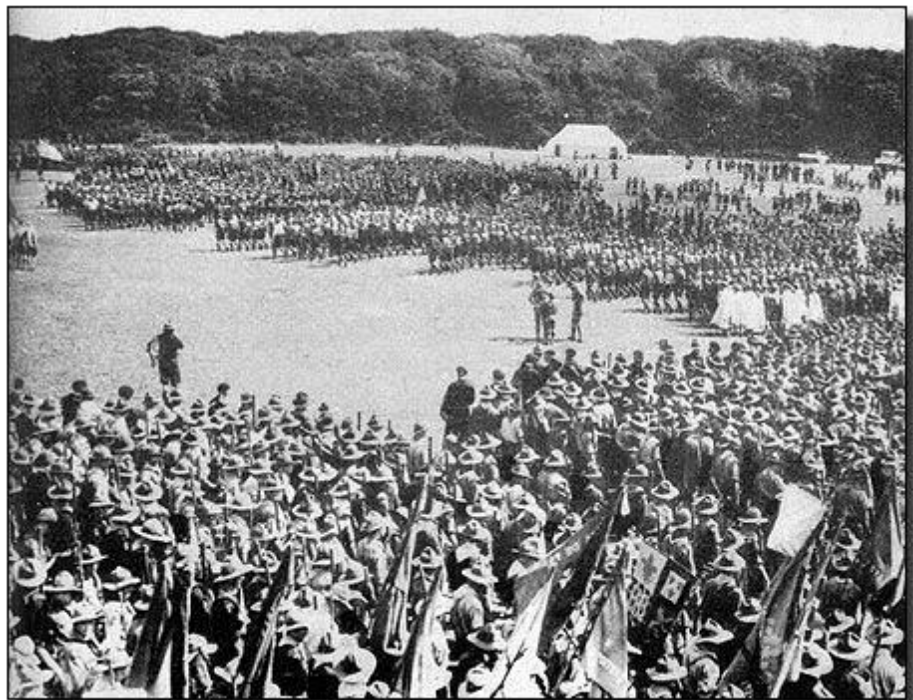
Memorial of the Jamboree now situated in grounds of Arrowse Park Hospital

# Photographs From 1929 World Scout Jamboree



Lord Baden Powell sounds the Kudu Horn to open the meet at Arrowe Park

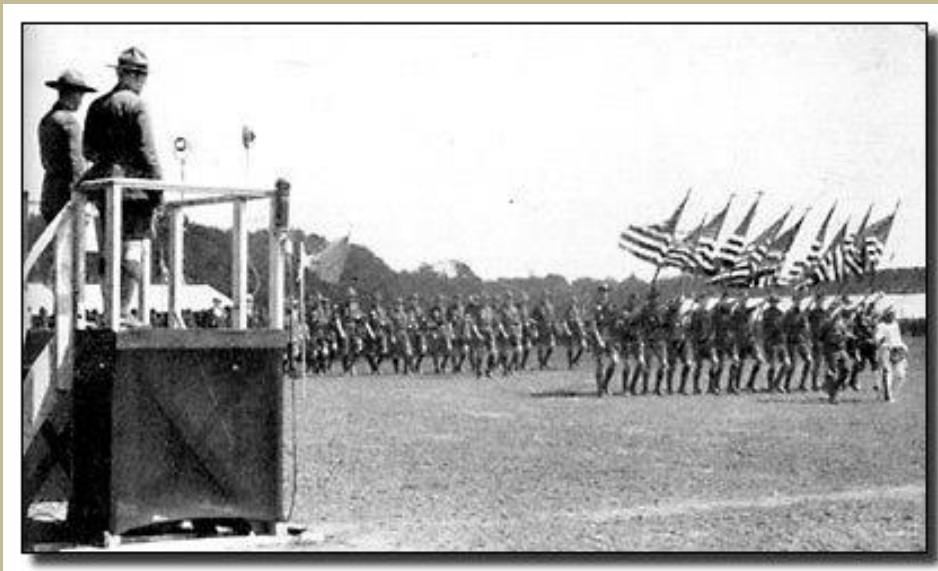
Gathering for the opening ceremony



Baden Powell speaks to scouts







March past of scouts.  
(here the scouts from  
USA)

Duke of Connaught  
and Baden Powell  
outside Arrowe Hall



*21<sup>st</sup> Birthday of the Boy Scouts, 1910. Baden-Powell  
The Duke of Connaught and Sir Robert Baden-Powell*

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