

Good Stuff

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11 out of the 12 people to walk on the moon were Scouts- and of the 294 people chosen to become astronauts, over 180 of them have also been Scouts.

The following men all walked on the moon:





[Barack Hussein Obama was a Cub Scout](#) when he lived in Indonesia. There are [28 million Scouts](#) worldwide today; 8 million of those Scouts are in Indonesia, compared to almost 6 million in the United States. Australia has lots.

More Famous Scouts

As I'm sure you all know, the last couple of weeks, if not months have been very busy in the United States of America. With their Presidential Election and Inauguration, Barack Hussein Obama has become a very important man. And that's an understatement. But before he became the first African-American President of the United States, and long before his trip to the top of politics, he was a Scout. He is one of 8 US Presidents to have formerly been involved in the Scouts Association, and was a Scout with Gerakan Pramuka, the Indonesian Scouting Association, as he grew up in Jakarta, Indonesia.

Other Presidents to have taken an oath both to become Scouts and Presidents include:

<i>John F Kennedy</i>	35th US President
<i>Gerald Ford</i> , Eagle Scout	38th US President
<i>Jimmy Carter</i> , Scout Master	39th US President
<i>Ronald Reagan</i> ,	40th US President
<i>Bill Clinton</i>	42nd US President
<i>George W Bush</i>	43rd US President
<i>Barack Obama</i>	44th US President

Many of their wives have been in on the game as well...

<i>Hillary Clinton</i>	Former First Lady of the US, Current Secretary of State
<i>Nancy Reagan</i>	Former First Lady of the US
<i>Laura Bush</i>	Former First Lady of the US
<i>Barbara Bush</i>	Former First Lady of the US



Now here are some more famous people that you may have heard of...

Jamie Durie, Australian TV host
Dave O'Neil, Australian radio host
David Parkin, AFL footballer and coach
Adam Spencer, Australian media personality
Michael Parkinson, British talk show host
Jamie Oliver, British TV Chef
Queen Elizabeth II (and most other members of the British Royal Family)
Billy Connolly, British comedian

Paul McCartney, member of the Beatles
Bill Gates, Founder of Microsoft
Michael Jordan, US Basketball player
JK Rowling, British Author (Harry Potter)
David Attenborough, British naturalist and TV personality
David Beckham, British footballer
Tony Blair, former British Prime Minister
[List of famous Scouts - Wikipedia](#)

Another interesting fact for those of us from Victoria to be proud of is that the first Chief Scout to succeed Baden Powell (as the founder of Scouting, he automatically became the first Chief Scout) was also the Governor of Victoria prior to taking up the position of Chief Scout upon the death of BP.

Arthur Somers Cocks, the 6th Baron Somers also has a town on the coast of Victoria named after the camp that he set up, Lord Somers Camp. This was originally a camp for teenage boys from different backgrounds, but continues to this day as a camp for year 5 and 6 students from Primary Schools across Victoria.

Another thing to note is that although many of the above people were Scouts, some have also been Girl Guides, Girl Scouts, Brownies, or in other similar organisations, as Scouts has only allowed girls in for the past few decades, and in some countries, such as the USA, the two organizations are still run separately as Girl and Boy Scouts.

So strive on Scouts- you never know what you can achieve or become, the sky's the limit!

Resources-

<http://www.boyandgirlscouts.com/international/barack-obama-was-a-boy-scout/>
<http://johnscout.wordpress.com/2009/01/22/scout-in-chief/>
<http://www.scouts.org.uk/cms.php?pageid=1668>
<http://blog.nawbus.co.uk/?p=632>
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Scouts
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arthur_Somers-Cocks,_6th_Baron_Somers
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Boy_Scouts_of_America
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_F._Kennedy
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gerald_Ford#Scouting_and_athletics
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jimmy_Carter
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ronald_Reagan
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bill_Clinton
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http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Laura_Bush
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Queen_Elizabeth_II
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jamie_Oliver
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paul_McCartney
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bill_Gates
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Michael_Jordan
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jk_rowling
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/David_Attenborough
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/David_Beckham
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tony_Blair
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Billy_Connolly
www.flickr.com/photos/croatoan_found/1040969500/
<http://www.theage.com.au/articles/2006/07/12/1152383751637.html>
www.fullpointsfooty.net/images/DParkinHaw.jpg



[Bear Grylls](#) has recently been appointed as [UK Chief Scout](#).

Watch a [video from the ABC](#) of when Bear visited scouts in Darwin.



Shane Jacobson

Shane Jacobson, who appeared in the movie *Kenny*, was once a Scout with the Melbourne scout groups of 15th Essendon, 1st Keilor, and Bundoora. He was a scout for 18 years, and participated in many Gang shows, starting at the age of 8.



John Ravenhall, Chief Commissioner of Scouts Australia, (2002-2009) grew up here in Strathmore and attended 2nd Strathmore as a Cub and a Scout, then moving on to Venturers and Rovers. He has earned his BP award, and is currently helping out with 2nd Strathmore Cubs.



In the photo on the left he is seen with some of our leaders.



Kieran Ault-Connell

Kieran Ault-Connell is an athlete with Cerebral Palsy. He has participated in several Paralympics, and many other big sporting events. He was a cub and a scout at the 1st Seaford group in Melbourne. He usually participates in the 4×100 metres, 100 metres, long jump and javelin. Kieran is a great example of scouts being for everybody, no matter what their abilities.



Nelson Mandela

Nelson Mandela was once a South African President, and has always been a great world advocate for world peace. He was awarded with the highest scouting award in South Africa in 2004, the Africa Elephant.



Bert Newton

Bert Newton is a comedian and actor and was with 7th Brunswick Scouts as a child. He believes his career to be a direct result of Scouting, due to a radio scouting program having been once hosted at his scout hall. From here his career started, and has been a recipient of many entertainment awards.