



## BEHIND THE SCENES BROWNIE TRY-IT

Solving mysteries means learning how to find and understand information and clues. These activities will help you to see how you can be an investigator in many different ways.

1. **\*TOOLS OF THE TRADE:** Police officers have to use information and clues to solve crimes. Use a fingerprint kit to learn how this clue can help police identify a suspect, or learn about police artists and mug shot books to see how, when a witness describes someone it can be used to solve a crime.
2. **ARE YOU TELLING THE TRUTH?** People look, act, and speak differently when they tell the truth versus when they don't. Get with a buddy or in a small group and in turns each of you share two true things about yourself and one lie. See if you can guess which is which. Did something the person said or did make it easier to figure out?
3. **READ ABOUT IT:** Read a mystery book and see if you can solve the mystery before the ending. What clues helped you out?
4. **\*FOLLOW THAT SCENT:** Animals are often good at sniffing out clues. What are some ways investigators might use a dog or other animal to help them solve a mystery? Find out and share with your group or troop, or ask someone from your police department to come and bring a police dog for you to meet.
5. **\*GO SEE IT:** Mysteries can be a lot of fun. Go see a play or watch a television show/movie about a mystery. What did you like about it?
6. **\*PROTECT YOURSELF:** Mysteries can also be dangerous, such as when a stranger tells you to come with him because he has a wonderful surprise for you or when your friends dare you to go into the empty house down the street because there is a ghost in there. Learn from an adult how to recognize when you should walk away from a mystery.