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1. Use the clean, sharp (non-beveled) edge of a flat surface (desk, counter, tabletop, etc.). Holding the baton at about a 45-degree angle, place the 1/8" gap of the cap so it catches on the edge of the flat surface and firmly pull the baton downward. The cap should pop off. (This is probably the easiest way.) OR
2. Place the baton on a flat surface with the end to be opened hanging over the edge. While one person holds the baton, another person can insert a flat-head screwdriver into the 1/8" gap. Using a rubber mallet or hammer, carefully but firmly strike the handle of the screwdriver. Usually, one hefty blow is enough for the cap to pop off. (This method may damage the baton and/or end cap.)

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