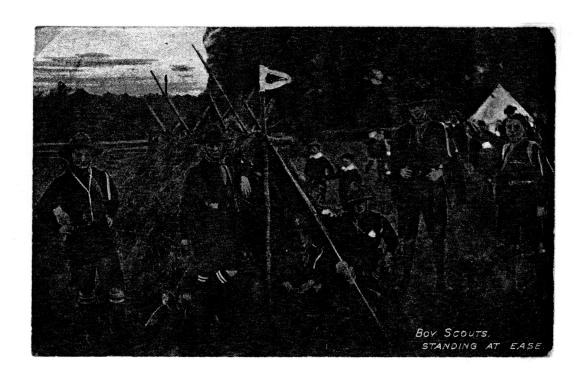
Scouts!

The story of the Boy Scouts is shown in this exhibit by going on a tour of the world with selected stamps and covers from many countries involved in the fellowship of Scouting. The Boy Scout aims of duty to God, their country and their fellow man have been honoured by over 160 countries issuing stamps in the last ninety years. Our tour starts in Great Britain, where Scouting started, continues to the rest of Europe, Africa, North and South America, Asia and the Pacific Each of these six sections are arranged in an approximate chronological order.



Scouts! - Outline

Europe

- Great Britain where Scouting began
- Czechoslovakia 1918
- Hungary 1925, 1933
- Czechoslovakia 1931
- Romania 1931
- Liechtenstein 1932
- Netherlands 1937
- Lithuania 1938
- Poland 1938

- Turkey 1938
- Iran 1956
- France 1947
- Nether lands 1949
- Ukraine 1950
- Liechtenstein 1953
- Greece 1960
- Switzerland 1963
- Denmark 1984

2. Africa

- Cape of Good Hope 1900
- Egypt 1956
- Muscat 1957
- Syria 1958, 1970, 1982
- Cyprus 1963
- Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania 1973

3. North America

- United States of America 1950
- Canada 1955, 1983

4. Caribbean

- Netherlands Antilles 1957
- Cuba 1954, 1957
- Trinidad and Tobago 1961
- Bermuda 1965
- Nicaragua 1957

5. South America

- Brazil 1960
- Argentina 1961
- Suriname 1964, 1974, 1984

6. Asia - Pacific

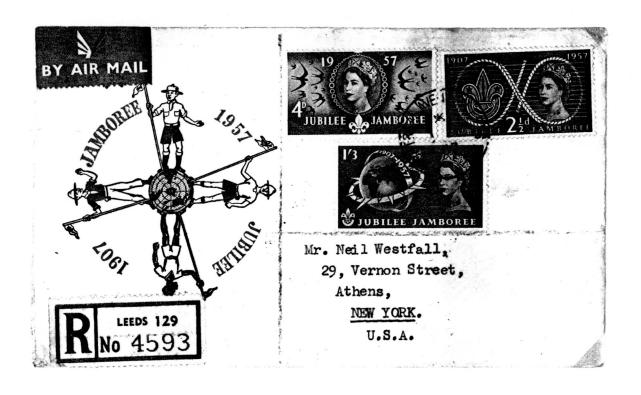
- Siam 1920
- Philippines 1949, 1959
- Australia 1948, 1953
- Japan 1948, 1962
- New Zealand 1953
- China 1957

- Korea 1957
- Pakistan 1958
- Indonesia 1968
- Bangladesh 1971
- Papua New Guinea 1971, 1976

7. Conclusion

Great Britain



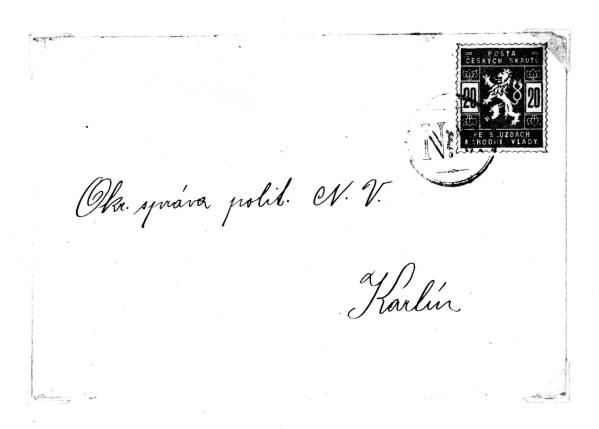


Czechoslovakia





The first official Scout stamps were issued by Czechoslovakia. Sea Scouts provided postal service from Nov. 7 to 25, 1918 for the National Committee of Liberation, while the nation was having a renewed birth of freedom. The top lines mean "Czech Scout Post", the lower inscription means "In the service of the National Government". The cancellation "N.V." in a circle stands for National Committee, Gilbert is an expertizing mark.



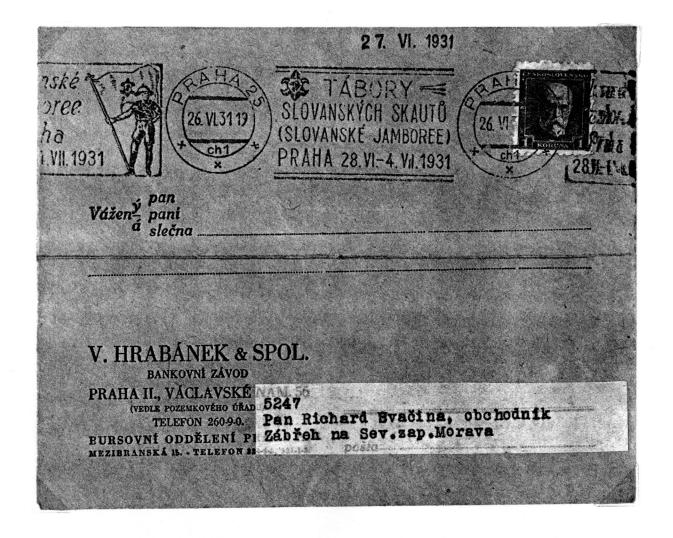




The first picture of a Boy Scout appeared on the 1925 sports issue of Hungary. These stamps sold at double face value and the inscription on the back certified that the extra cost went to support the activities. Another first for Hungary was at the 4th World Jamboree. This was the first World Jamboree to be commemorated by postage stamps.



Czechoslovakia



A special machine cancellation was used to advertise the National Jamboree held June 24 to July 4, 1931. The cancel was used from June 16 to July 5 and has two types, this is type "a" with a complete inner circle – type "b" has the circle broken between the two horizontal bars.

Romania











These semi-postals were the first to show Scouting activities and the surtax was for the benefit of the Boy Scouts. The Boy Scout Exposition in July, 1931 was the reason for the issue, Prince Nicholas and King Carol II in Scout uniform are shown on the highest values.

Liechenstein



This registered cover was mailed two days after the Child Welfare Fund set was issued and shows two Boy Scouts with blanket rolls on the 30 + 10 rappens value. The 20 + 5r has girls in native costume and not Girl Guides as once thought.

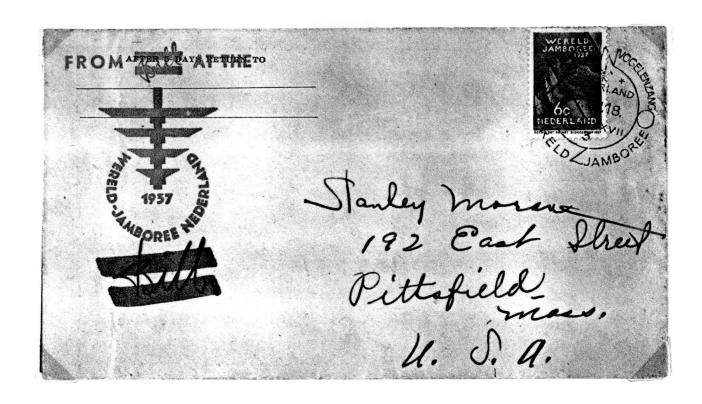
Netherlands







The Netherlands hosted the 5th World Jamboree held in Vogelenzang from July 31 to Aug. 9. Issued April 1, 1937 these stamps were valid until and including Dec. 31, 1937 as the inscription "Gildig Tot En Met" below the frame of each stamp states.



Lithuania

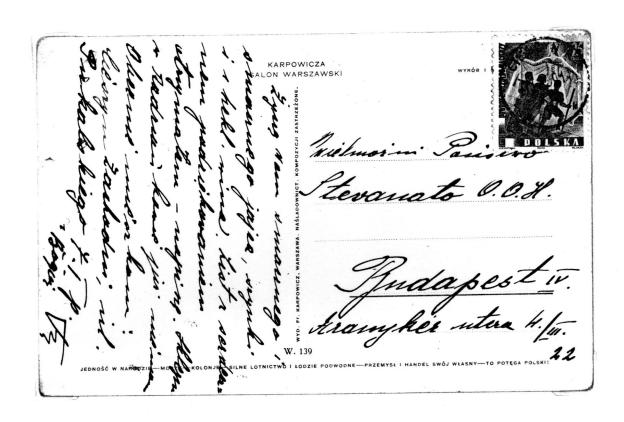




The 20th anniversary of Scouting in Lithuania and the National Jamboree were commemorated by overprinting Olympic stamps. The overprint means "National Scouts Jamboree", Skautu means Boy Scouts and Skauciu means Girl Scouts.







A Boy Scout was shown with allegorical figures, in this stamp commemorating the restoration of territory ceded by Czechoslovakia. Issued in 1938, this was the only stamp issued by Poland showing a Scout.

Turkey & Iran

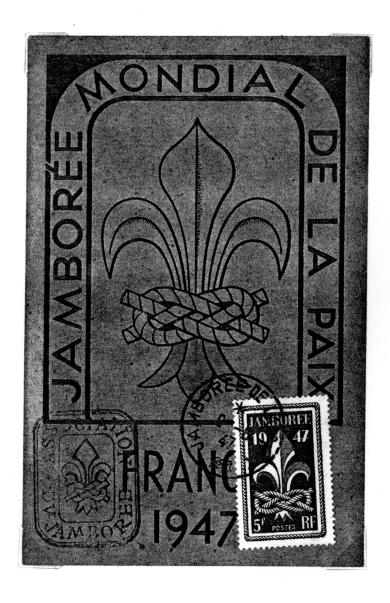


This is one of a set issued Oct. 29, 1938 honouring the 15th anniversary of the Republic of Turkey and the only one to picture a Boy Scout.





Iran issued these stamps to honour the 1956 Iranian National Jamboree held in Tamborg. The higher value shows the Shah in his Scout Leader uniform.

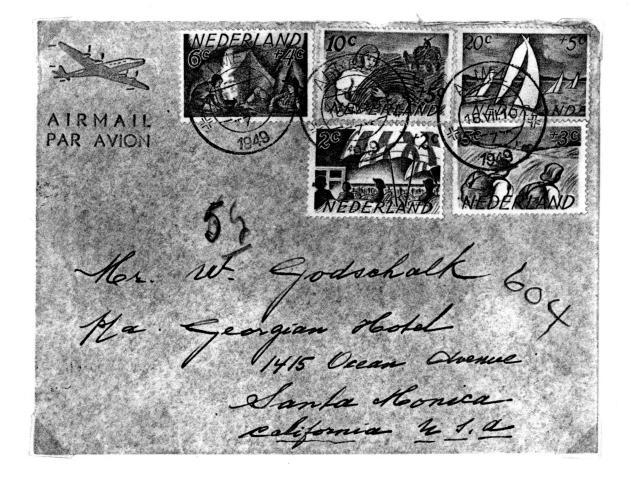


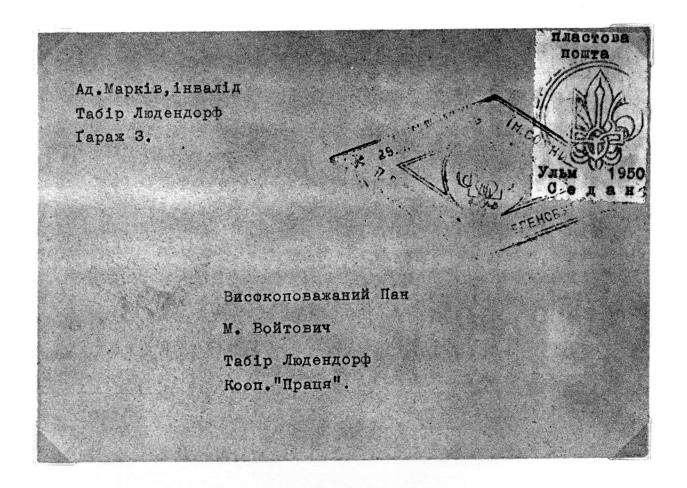


The Jamboree of Peace was hosted by France and used the double carrick bend knot as its emblem. The stamp and maximum card were issued Aug. 2, 1947 to honour this World Jamboree held in Moisson, France.

Netherlands

Hiking and camping are activities that Scouts are well known for. The popularity of Scouting is shown in this set of youth and adult activities issued in 1949.





After the Second World War many Displaced Persons camps were set up and Scouts helped in various ways, including working at the Post Office. These stamps recognized Scoutings' contribution on some stamps such as this Ukrainian stamp. This camp, located near Stutgart, had few facilities so the stamps were created using a typewriter and perforated by sewing machine.

Liechtenstein

Sir Robert Baden-Powell, Founder and Chief Scout of the World, was first honoured philatellically by these stamps issued Aug. 4, 1953 on the occasion of the 14th International Boy Scout Conference in Vaduz.









Scouting was in Greece for 50 years when they were honoured on St. George's Day in 1960. St. George is the patron saint of Scouting and is shown on the 20 lepta stamp with various Scouting activities.









Switzerland







A Scout in uniform holding his Patrol pennant honours the 50th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of Switzerland. This stamp, issued on April 21, 1963, was also used as postage due as the two overprints "T" indicate. Switzerland is presently the location of the World Bureau (the coordinating body of Scouting).

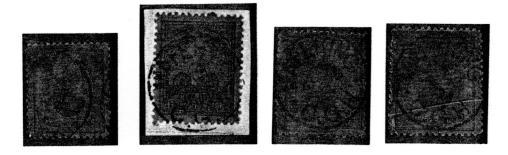
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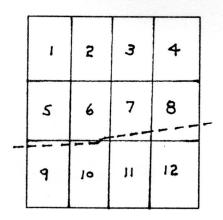


This is the only Scout stamp issued in booklet form. The booklet issued April 12, 1984 for the 75th anniversary of Scouting features the badges of the four Scouting organizations of Denmark.

Cape of Good Hope



These stamps issued in April, 1900 during the seige of Mafeking picture Cadet Sergeant-Major Goodyear and Colonel Baden-Powell, who was the commanding officer. Although Scouting started seven years later, these are considered the first Scout stamps. It was here that Baden-Powell conceived of a youth programme of first aid, camping and service to others.



The cracked plate variety (above, far right) occured when the glass negative was dropped and broke into two pieces. Fortunately the glass didn't shatter and the two pieces still fit together. The drawing to the left indicates the crack across the plate. The earliest known usage date is May 2, 1900 and the latest is May 14. Since the seige was lifted on May 17 very few of this variety exist (Sheldon Levy estimated the number at less than 50 sheets).



Egypt issued these stamps honouring their three sections of Scouting – land, sea and air Scouts. The Christian date 1956 and the Moslem date 1375 are included in the design surrounded by the "Arab Chain", a motif found on classical Arab architecture.

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Jamborees are large camps and every Scout hopes to go to a national or international Jamboree where they can join in the fun and fellowship of Scouting. This cover is from Muscat, one of three Persian Gulf agencies who overprinted the ninth World Jamboree stamps of Great Britain.









Camping is a well known activity of Scouting and Syria chose to illustrate pitching a tent as a commemoration of the Third Pan-Arab Jamboree on Aug. 31, 1958. The centre of this design was repeated for the 75th anniversary of Scouting in 1982, while another camp scene was used in 1970.

Cyprus, just north of Africa, is a long time supporter of the Boy Scouts. Being an island, Sea Scouts as on the 20m value are very popular. The Commonwealth Conferences are one of many ways of improving the Scout programme.

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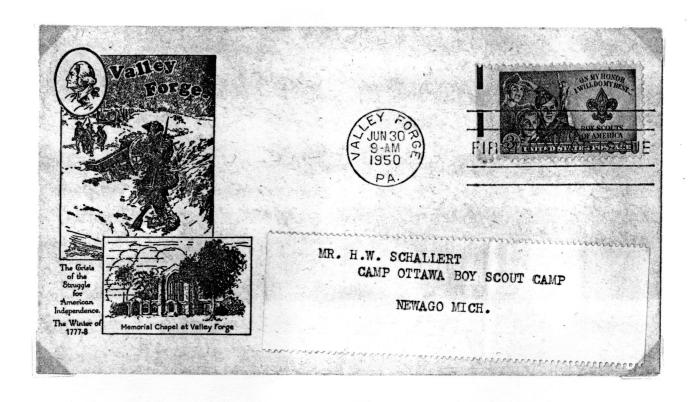






The 24th World Conference held in Nairobi, Kenya was the first conference to be held in Africa. It was honoured by these stamps issued on the opening day July 16, 1973. The 70¢ value reminds us that Kenya was where Baden-Powell died and was buried. The circle with a dot in the centre is the trail sign meaning "gone home".

United States of America



Moving across the Atlantic, the U.S.A. honoured the fortieth anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America with this stamp. An interesting story concerns William Boyce, who began Scouting in the U.S. An English Scout assisted him to find his way when lost in a London fog. When offered a tip, the Scout refused and said that Boy Scouts don't take money for good turns. Boyce learned more about Boy Scouts and, with the help of Baden-Powell, brought it to the U.S.

Canada







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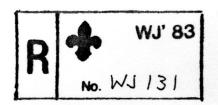
This First Day cover is from the first World Jamboree to be held in North America. The stamps were printed during the previous winter by the Canadian Bank Note Co. The slogan cancel was used on all outgoing mail from the Jamboree.

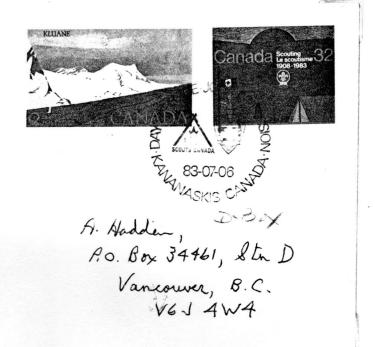
Canada





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Canada hosted the 15th World Jamboree at Kananaskis, just west of Calgary. The stamp was designed by Scout Marc Fournier, who attended the Jamboree with his Troop. The cover shows the special Registered hand stamp - this was the first registered piece to be mailed on the day of issue (130 registered pieces being mailed on the first two days of the Jamboree before the Scout stamp was issued).

Netherlands Antilles



Three stamps were issued by the Netherlands Antilles to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Scouting and the 100th anniversary of the birth of Baden-Powell. The Jamboree Committee refered to on the cover was probably for the World Jamboree that was held in England August 1-12, 1957.

Cuba





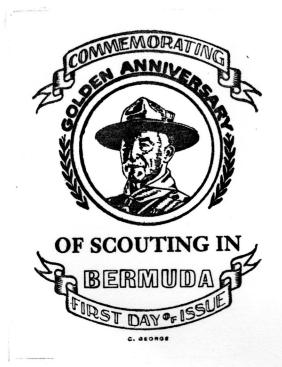


Cub Eduardo Almeyd and Scout Jose Antonio Mola are shown in this 1954 stamp commemorating the Third National Patrol Camp. Cuba joined many other countries in honouring the birth of Baden-Powell and the 50th anniversary of Scouting in 1957. When Castro took over the country, Scouting was banned as it is in all Communist countries.

Trinidad & Tobago



April 4, 1961 marked the beginning of the Second Caribbean Jamboree and the issue of these stamps. The design illustrates the friendships made at a Jamboree. The Scouts are from left to right: Howell Johnson, Robert Huggins-Chan, Donald Joseph and Brian De La Roas. Scouting's Gold Wolf Award presented to Queen Elizabeth II for exceptional service to Scouting is shown below her portrait.







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Bermuda issued this single stamp to honour its fifty years of Scouting. The design includes the Crown representing Queen Elizabeth II, this also indicates that Bermuda is a Branch of the United Kingdom Scout Association.

Nicaragua

On the 100th anniversary of Baden-Powell's birth, this set of stamps show the various section uniforms. Baden-Powell on the one cordoba value is joined by a Cub on the $5\mathfrak{c}$, Boy Scout on the $85\mathfrak{c}$ and Explorer on the $75\mathfrak{c}$. Joseph A. Harrison is the Scout founder in Nicaragua.













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On the occasion of the 50th anniversary, Brazil released this stamp on the same day as the unveiling of a monument to Lord Robert Baden-Powell. With a large sparsely populated area, the Boy Scouts stresses service to the community.

Argentina



Two different First Day cancellations are shown on this stamp for the International Patrol Camp held near Buenos Aires.





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Suriname























Suriname, a Dutch colony, has honoured Scouting every ten years starting in 1964 on the occasion of the 40th anniversary of Boy Scouts in Suriname.



A visit by Baden-Powell resulted in the most enthusiastic support of Scouting by King Rama VI, who became the first president of the Siamese Boy Scouts. A total of three sets of semi-postals were overprinted to raise funds for Scouting in Feb., 1920. The first set had the overprint in Siamese, the second was bilingual and curved around the tiger head, and the third set had the wording in two straight lines.



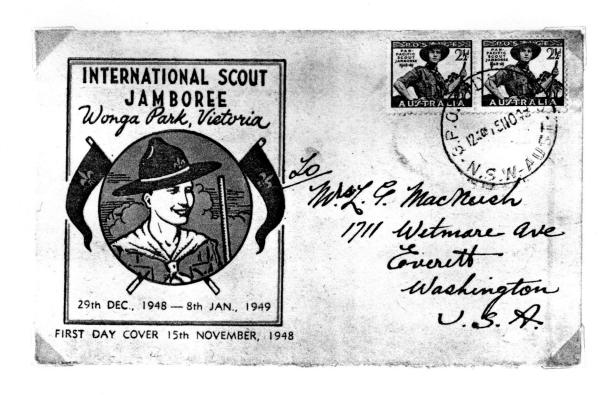
The Philippines, with one of the highest density of Scouts in the world, issued two stamps to honour the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Boy Scouts of the Philippines. Individual Troops existed as early as 1910. As shown in the covers below, the stamps were issued in both perforate and imperforate format. The 1959 Tenth World Jamboree is advertised in the slogan cancel.

Australia





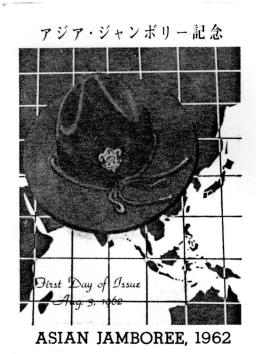
The same design with a change in value was used to honour two Pan-Pacific Jamborees. Rover Scout Kenneth Courtnay from Norwich, England and an eucalyptus tree formed the basis for the design. The 1952 Jamboree was at Greystances (near Sydney). A Scout with the Patrol Leader hat badge is included in the design of this 1948 first day cover.





The First National Jamboree held in Tokyo was commemorated by the above stamp. Interestingly the "Japanese" Scout is George Russell of New Jersey whose picture was in the 1948 issue of the U.S.A. Field book. The cover below shows the single stamp issued to honour the Asian Jamboree held at the foot of Mt. Fuji. Over 25,000 couts from 39 countries attended this Jamboree.

Scouting started in Japan in 1913, was dissolved in 1940 and reformed in 1946.



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These are probably the only stamps in the world with a Morse Code border. On the Girl Guide stamp the code spells "Health" and on the Boy Scout stamp it is "New Zealand Health".



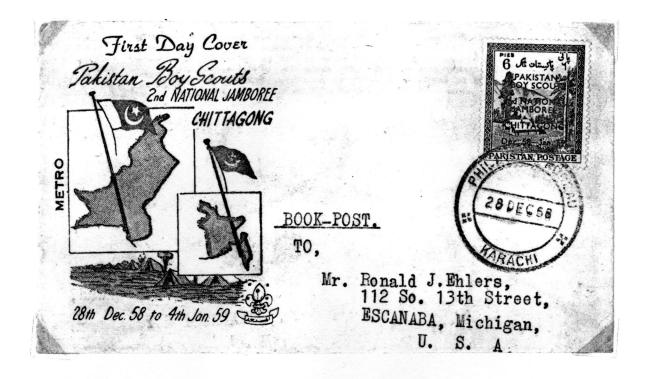
An interesting cover from Taiwan shows one of the three stamps issued Aug. 11, 1957. The printed cover Says "In memory of 50 years of Chinese Boy Scouts and 100 years of Sir Robert Baden-Powell". The small print is "Traffic & Postal Main Office". The left four columns are the sender's name and address (in Taipai) and the right is the addressee (in Taipai). Postmark is Oct. 6, 19??





This First Day cover from Korea illustrates their stamps issued for the 50th anniversary of the Boy Scouts. Scouting in Korea started in 1922 and remained active except during the Second World War when it was dissolved from 1937 to 1946.

Pakistan



The Second National Jamboree of Pakistan was honoured by these overprinted stamps. The Boy Scouts of Pakistan were formed soon after Pakistan appeared on the map in 1947 and have received many compliments from the President for their untiring help during natural disasters.





Indonesia

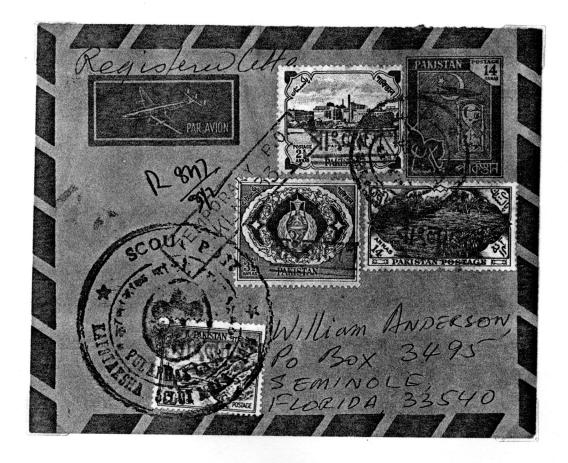






These semi-postal stamps were issued to raise money for the Wirakarya Scout camp. The field hat and beret are both shown in the scenes of the camp area. Indonesia has the third largest Boy and Girl Scout organization in the world.

Bangladesh



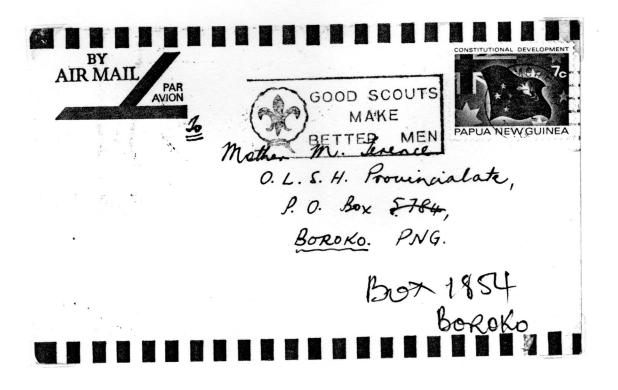
When Bangladesh split from Pakistan in 1971, the Boy Scouts followed their promise and helped to operate the Post Office. This cover shows a temporary Scout cancellation with Pakistan stamps overprinted Bangladesh.

Papua New Guinea





On April 18, 1976 Papua New Guinea honoured the 50th anniversary of Scouting with the above stamps. Although these were the first stamps issued for the Boy Scouts, a number of special cancellations have also promoted Scouts. The slogan cancel below was used between 1971 and 1974 in nine towns.





Finishing our world tour of Scouting, we end where we began. The 75th anniversary of Scouting and the 125th Anniversary of the birth of the founder, Sir Robert Baden-Powell, saw many countries honour the youth organization. Great Britain joined the celebration with two stamps and corresponding maximum cards.