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Scouting design contest results in stamp

The results of the Canadian Scouting stamp design contest can be seen on the new 32¢ commemorative slated for release July 6.

Canada Post announced last year a nationwide poster contest on the theme, "What Scouting Means to Me." Scouts between the ages of 5-17 were eligible to enter.

From the thousands of entries submitted, the judges selected finalists in the Beaver, Cub, Scout and Venturer categories from across Canada. The winning poster chosen to appear on the stamp was drawn by Marc Fournier.

Fournier, 12, is a scout in Edmundston, N.B. His design illustrates a flag-lowering ceremony at sunset at an overnight camp.

The poster entry of Michael Timms, 6, a Beaver from Delta, B.C., was chosen for the official Canada Post first day cover cachet design.

The stamp design is also being used for a multicolor postcard from Canada Post. The winning poster, international scouting symbol and details of the winning design are shown on the picture side.

The reverse side includes the date and location of the 15th World Scout Jamboree, July 4-

14, Kananaskis Country, Alta. It also leaves room for a message, address and postage stamp (it is not a postal card).

The card measures 148 by 105 millimeters, and sells for 25¢ each.

A first day ceremony for the new Scouting stamp will be held in Kananaskis in conjunction with the jamboree. Official first day covers will carry only the Kananaskis cancellation.

The jamboree site is an area of mountains, foothills, lakes and forests 80 kilometers west of Calgary. It completes celebrations marking the 75th anniversary of Scouting.

Approximately 15,000 scouts from about 100 countries will attend the World Jamboree, the second Canada has hosted.

Two separate but affiliated organizations run scouting in Canada today: the Boy Scouts of Canada; and L'Association des Scouts du Canada. The movement involves young people ages 5-23 and many volunteer leaders.

The new Scouting stamp will be available at post offices across Canada or by mail order through Canada Post's Philatelic Service.

Official first day covers, with the winning 6-year old poster design as cachet, are available



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for 20¢ above the face value of the stamps affixed. Customers preparing their own covers pay a service charge.

The charge is 15¢ per cover where postage is affixed by the Philatelic Service, with covers to be forwarded to the Philatelic Service (in Ottawa) by the date of issue for servicing. Covers must arrive no later than July 6.

If customers affix their own stamps and

submit them on the date of issue (in Kananaskis only), the charge is 10¢ per cover.

Despite the Kananaskis first day canceling site, customers sending covers by mail for servicing are reminded to send them to the usual Ottawa address of the Philatelic Service.

Such covers, orders or requests for additional information or order forms should be sent to Philatelic Service, Canada Post, Ottawa, Ont. K1A 0B5, Canada.

All values are expressed in Canadian currency. Local banks should be consulted for the present rate of exchange.

The Scouting stamp was designed by Francois Dallaire, a Montreal graphic designer using the winning poster as the basis. The printer is Ashton-Potter Ltd., Toronto.

Printing quantity will be 20 million in four-color lithography in panes of 50. Plate inscriptions in the side margins facing in at the four corners include the 12-year old artist, the graphic designer and the printing firm.

Paper is one-side-coated lithographic stock with PVA gum. Each stamp measures 36 by 30 millimeters from opposite perforated edges, perf 13+. ■