

STORIES "BEHIND THE" SCOUT STAMPS

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LOOK "BEHIND" THE STAMP



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POSTAGE STAMPS HONORING GIRL AND BOY SCOUTS . . .

1918 Czechoslovakia	1957 (Continued)	1963 (Continued)	1967 (Continued)
1920 Siam (Also Post Cards)	Liechtenstein	Nigeria	Dubai
1925 Hungary	Luxembourg	Maldiv Islands	Gabon
1931 Romania	Muscat	Switzerland	Ghana
1932 Romania	Nationalist China	1964 Afghanistan	Guatemala
1933 Hungary	Netherlands Antilles	Dubai (Also Post Cards)	Haiti
1934 Romania	Nicaragua	Egypt U.A.R.	India
1935 Romania	Philippines	Fiji	Iran
1936 Romania	Qatar	Haiti	Iraq
1937 Dutch Indies	1958 Pakistan	Iceland	Kathiri
Netherlands	Syria U.A.R.	Jamaica	Kingdom of Yemen
1938 Lithuania	1959 Indonesia	Libya	Korea
Poland	Nationalist China	Malagasy	Lesotho
Turkey	New Zealand	Panama	Liberia
1939 France (Post Card)	Philippines	Ryukus	Luxembourg
Hungary	Vietnam	St. Vincent	Mahra
1940 Hungary	1960 Australia	Sharjah	Mali
1941 Hungary	Brazil	Surinam	Manama Ajman
1944 New Zealand	Canada	Trinidad & Tobago	Mauritania
1946 Turkey	Canal Zone	Yemen Republic	Nepal
1947 France	Denmark	1965 Bermuda	Niger
1948 Australia	Greece	Brazil	Pakistan
Philippines	Iran	Central African Republic	Qatar
U. S. A.	Pakistan	Iran	Qu'aiti
1949 Japan	Tunisia	Jamaica	Ras Al Khaima
Netherlands	U.S.A.	Jordan	Saudi Arabia
Nicaragua	1961 Afghanistan	Khor Fakkan	Somalia
Turkey	Argentina	Liberia	Upper Volta
1950 Iran	Germany	Mexico	U. S. A. (Post Card)
U. S. A.	Haiti	Nicaragua	1968 Algeria
1951 Austria	Korea	Nigeria	Anguilla
1952 Australia	Liberia	Paraguay	Barbados
Jamaica	Philippines	Ryukus	Burundi
1953 Liechtenstein	Surinam	Qatar	Costa Rica
New Zealand	Thailand	1966 Algeria	Egypt U.A.R.
1954 Brazil	Togo	Dahomey	Gibraltar
Cuba	Trinidad & Tobago	Egypt U.A.R.	Grenada
Philippines	1962 Afghanistan	Gabon	Haiti
1955 Canada	Austria	Guatemala	Indonesia
Indonesia	Barbados	Haiti	Iran
1956 Egypt	Canal Zone	Korea	Israel
Iran	Ceylon	Kuwait	Italy
1957 Bahrain	Colombia	Libya	Korea
Belgium	Egypt U.A.R.	New Zealand	Maldiv Islands
Brazil	Haiti	Philippines	Paraguay
Cuba	Japan	Saudi Arabia	Republic of So. Yemen
Dominican Republic	Korea	Upper Volta	Salvador
Finland	Lebanon	Qatar	Sharja
Great Britain	Libya	1967 Ajman	Uruguay
Korea	Morocco	Algeria	Togo
	Paraguay	Bahamas	1969 Barbuda
	Portugal	Bhutan	Botswana
	Turkey	Burundi	Cook Islands
	U. S. A.	Ceylon	Guyana
	1963 Cyprus	Chad	Iran
	Greece	Congo Republic	Philippines
	Japan	Dahomey	Ras Al Khaima
			Qatar

An Introduction to Collecting Scout Stamps . . .

Since 1907 when the Boy Scouts were first organized by Robert Baden-Powell in England, the slogan "do a good turn daily" has earned this movement the gratitude of people in all the Scouting countries of the world.

By their deeds in times of war, floods, or national disasters, governments have been grateful for the many services performed by Girl and Boy Scouts. Therefore, it is not surprising to find this recognition in the form of commemorative stamps in one hundred and six different countries. The stories behind the stamps relate some of the history of the Scouts throughout the world, their "good turns" and the people who have helped make this the largest youth organization in the world.

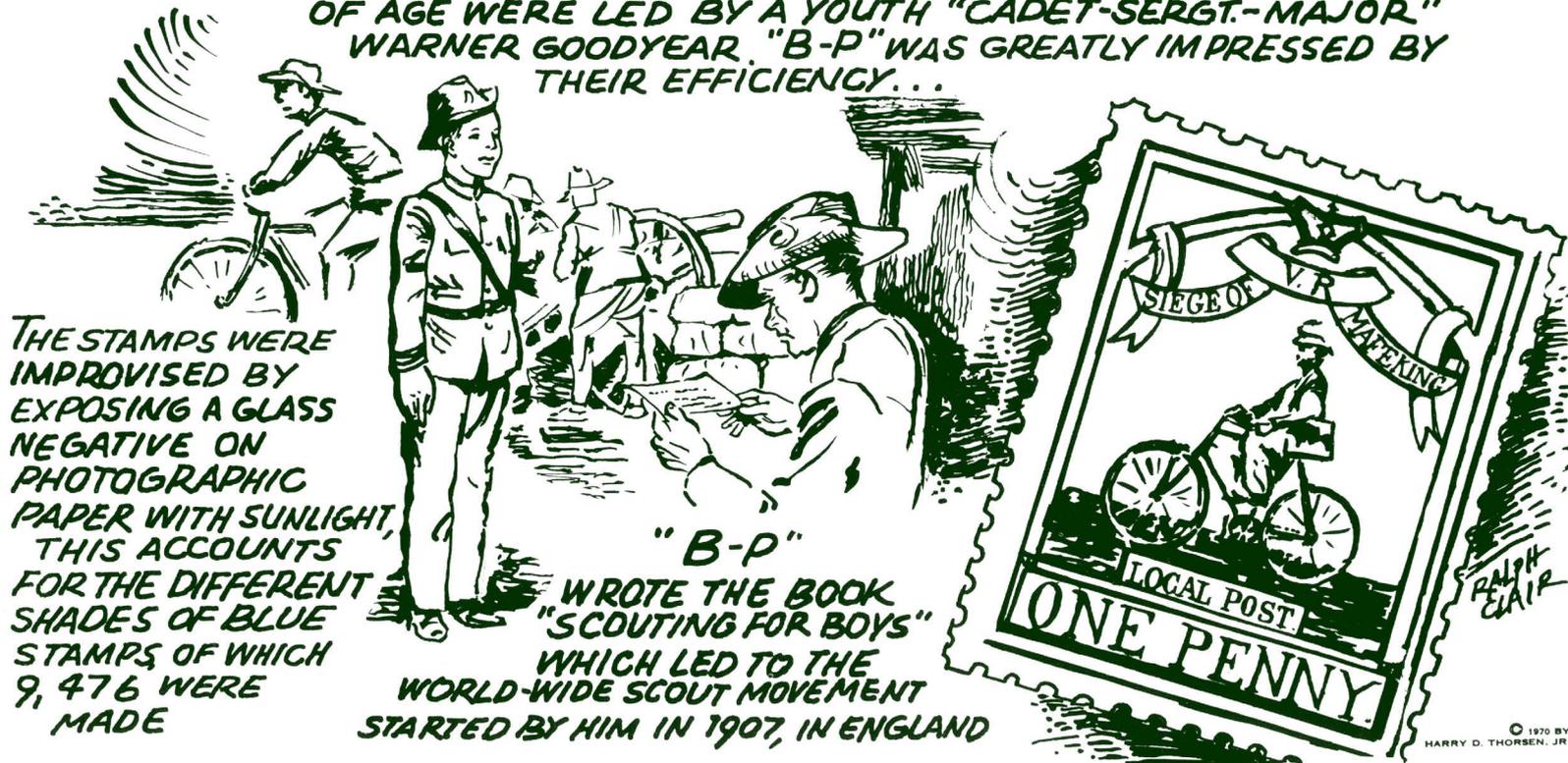
This booklet in cartoon style may introduce to you a new hobby that has brought pleasure to thousands of collectors who belong to "Scouts on Stamps Society, International." Their monthly bulletin helps collectors buy, sell or trade Scout stamps, Scout first day "covers," Scout cancellations and read about the old and new issues of postage stamps honoring the Scout movement. If you are interested in membership, write to me for an application, and enclose a self addressed stamped envelope.

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BADEN-POWELL'S "FIRST" BOY SCOUT...

... WAS PICTURED ON A POSTAGE STAMP DURING THE SIEGE OF MAFEKING, SOUTH AFRICA.

FORMED INTO A CADET CORPS, ALL BOYS FROM NINE YEARS OF AGE WERE LED BY A YOUTH "CADET-SERGT.-MAJOR" WARNER GOODYEAR. "B-P" WAS GREATLY IMPRESSED BY THEIR EFFICIENCY...



THE STAMPS WERE IMPROVISED BY EXPOSING A GLASS NEGATIVE ON PHOTOGRAPHIC PAPER WITH SUNLIGHT, THIS ACCOUNTS FOR THE DIFFERENT SHADES OF BLUE STAMPS, OF WHICH 9, 476 WERE MADE

"B-P" WROTE THE BOOK "SCOUTING FOR BOYS" WHICH LED TO THE WORLD-WIDE SCOUT MOVEMENT STARTED BY HIM IN 1907, IN ENGLAND

COLONEL BADEN POWELL'S "BIRTHDAY SURPRISE"

DURING THE BOER WAR
IN SOUTH AFRICA, BADEN-
POWELL'S BESEIGED TOWN
OF MAFEKING IMPROVISED
MANY NECESSITIES DURING
THE 219 DAYS THAT THEY
WERE COMPLETELY SURROUNDED.

MAJOR GODLEY WAS RE-

S-
SPONSIBLE FOR
BADEN-POWELL'S
PICTURE TO APPEAR ON
"LOCAL" STAMPS TO AMUSE THE
GARRISON. TODAY THESE STAMPS
ARE RARE AUCTION ITEMS
AND ARE LISTED WITH ALL OTHER
REGULAR ISSUES OF BRITISH
COLONIES.

TWO SIZES:

SMALL - 6,072 PRINTED

LARGE - 3,036 PRINTED



MAFEKING ★

CAPE
OF
GOOD
HOPE

CZECH SEA SCOUTS MAIL ADVENTURE!



10 HALERU STAMPS
WERE FOR POST CARDS,
20 HALERU FOR LETTERS.
THE PERFORATIONS WERE
CUT AT THE SAME TIME
THE STAMPS WERE PRINTED

AFTER WORLD WAR I
CZECHOSLOVAKIA WAS FORMED INTO
AN INDEPENDENT NATION.

FROM NOV. 7 TO NOV. 25, 1918
THE SEA SCOUTS PROVIDED MAIL SERVICE
FOR THEIR NATIONAL GOVERNMENT
IN PRAGUE.

CHIEF SCOUT ROESSLER OROVSKY
FORMED 96 SCOUTS
INTO TEMPORARY
OFFICIAL POSTAL
SERVICE
EMPLOYEES.





PAKISTAN JAMBOREE SCOUTS

WERE THE FIRST TO FLY THEIR COUNTRY'S FLAG OVERSEAS

AUGUST 4, 1947

DURING THE 6th WORLD JAMBOREE IN FRANCE, 1947, THE PAKISTAN SCOUTS WERE PART OF THE INDIAN CONTINGENT. . . . IN A NEWSPAPER ANNOUNCEMENT THEY READ OF THEIR COUNTRY'S INDEPENDENCE AND A DESCRIPTION OF THEIR NEW FLAG.

THEY HURRIEDLY IMPROVISED THE NATIONAL FLAG AND WERE, THEREFORE, THE FIRST TO FLY THEIR NATIONAL FLAG OVERSEAS.



FRANCE ISSUED THIS POST-AGE STAMP TO HONOR THIS JAMBOREE. THE DOUBLE CARRICK BEND KNOT WAS THE JAMBOREE SYMBOL.



JULIETTE LOW, FOUNDER OF THE GIRL SCOUTS in Savannah, Georgia in 1912 with 12 girls.

STARTING WITH A FRIENDSHIP IN ENGLAND WITH
LORD AND LADY BADEN-POWELL, JULIETTE LOW WAS
INSPIRED TO BRING SCOUTING TO AMERICAN GIRLS.

SHE WAS HONORED ON
THE FIRST U.S.A. SCOUT
STAMP IN 1948.
60 MILLION COPIES OF
THE STAMP WERE PRINTED.



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AN AMERICAN BOY ON A JAPANESE STAMP!

"GREEN BAR BILL" HILLCOURT'S 1938 PICTURE
OF AN AMERICAN BOY SCOUT IN THE U.S.A.
FIELD BOOK APPEARS ON THE
1949 JAPANESE SCOUT STAMP...



AFTER WORLD WAR II,
GENERAL MACARTHUR URGED
THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
TO ENCOURAGE SCOUTING IN
JAPAN. SEVERAL BOOKS OF
U.S.A. ORIGIN WERE REPRINTED
IN JAPANESE...



EVIDENTLY AN ARTIST RETOUCHEDED
THIS PICTURE BECAUSE ONE
SCOUT WAS REMOVED AND
THE OTHER SCOUT'S FEATURES WERE ALTERED

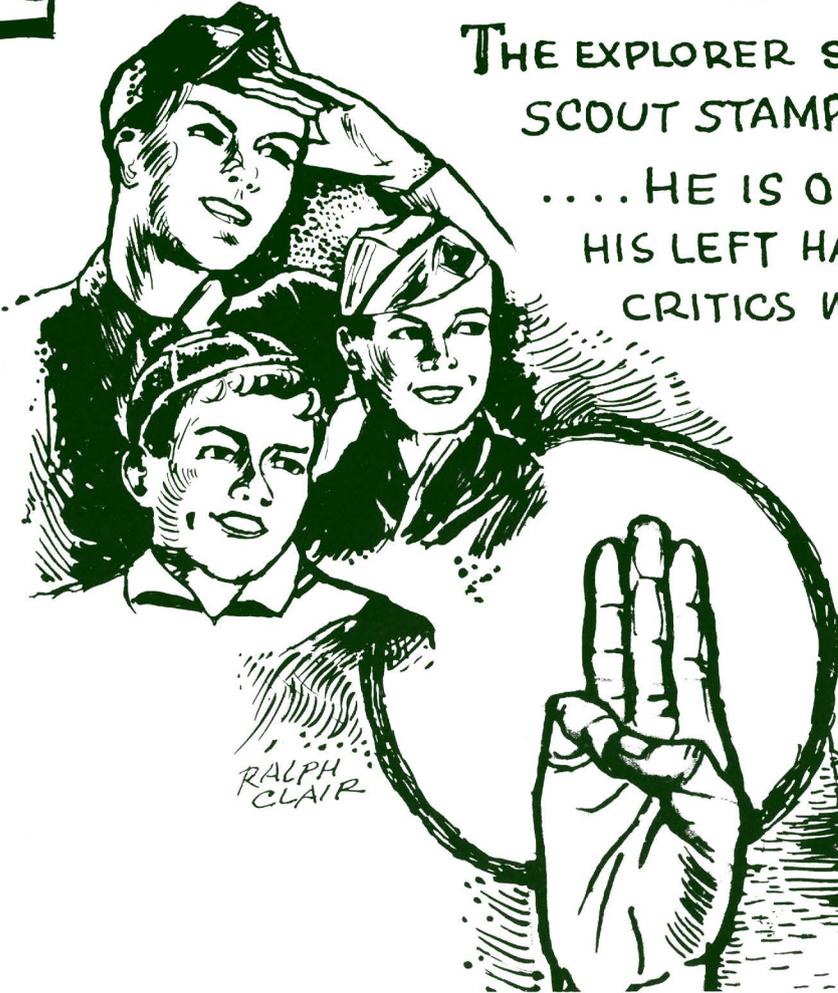
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LEFT HAND "SALUTE".. NOT AN ERROR !

THE EXPLORER SCOUT SHOWN ON THE 1950 SCOUT STAMP IS REALLY NOT SALUTING

.... HE IS ONLY SHIELDING HIS EYES WITH HIS LEFT HAND, SO THAT ALL OF THE CRITICS WHO CRIED "ERROR" WERE WRONG.

AN ACTUAL SCOUT SALUTE WOULD HAVE BEEN WITH THE RIGHT HAND AND THE THREE FINGERS EXTENDED.



NEW ZEALAND HEALTH



PERHAPS THE ONLY STAMPS IN THE WORLD USING MORSE CODE. THEY SPELL OUT THE WORDS... "NEW ZEALAND HEALTH" WITH DOTS AND DASHES IN THE BORDER DESIGN.

IN 1953 THE BOY SCOUTS DID THEIR NATIONAL GOOD TURN BY SELLING THESE STAMPS DOOR TO DOOR, TURNING THE PROCEEDS OVER TO THE POST OFFICE.

SINCE 1929 THIS COUNTRY HAS ISSUED HEALTH STAMPS (SEMI-POSTALS)... THE SURCHARGE AIDING NATIONAL HEALTH PROGRAMS.

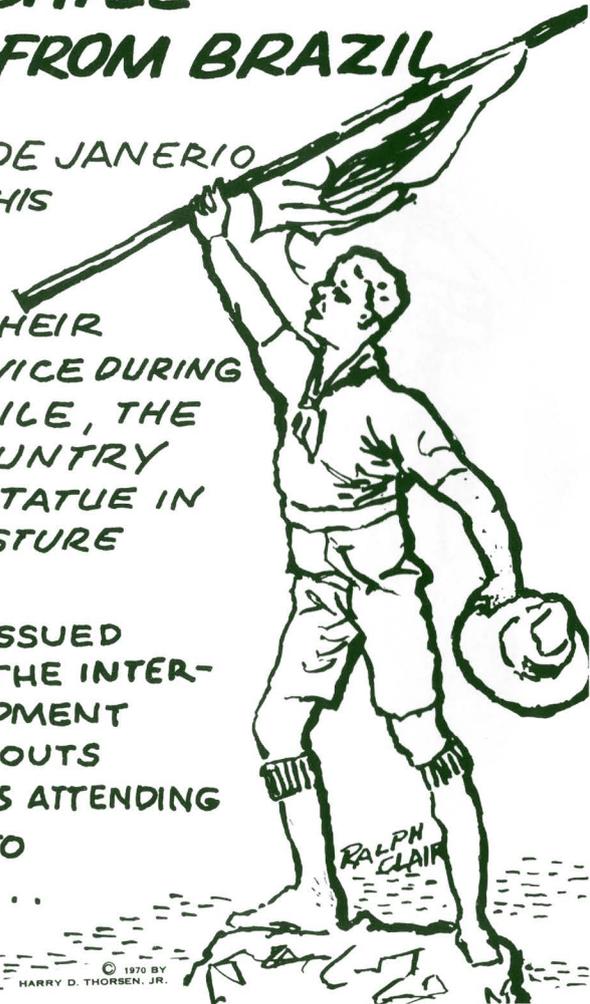


A 1923 EARTHQUAKE IN CHILE BRINGS SCOUTING SERVICE FROM BRAZIL

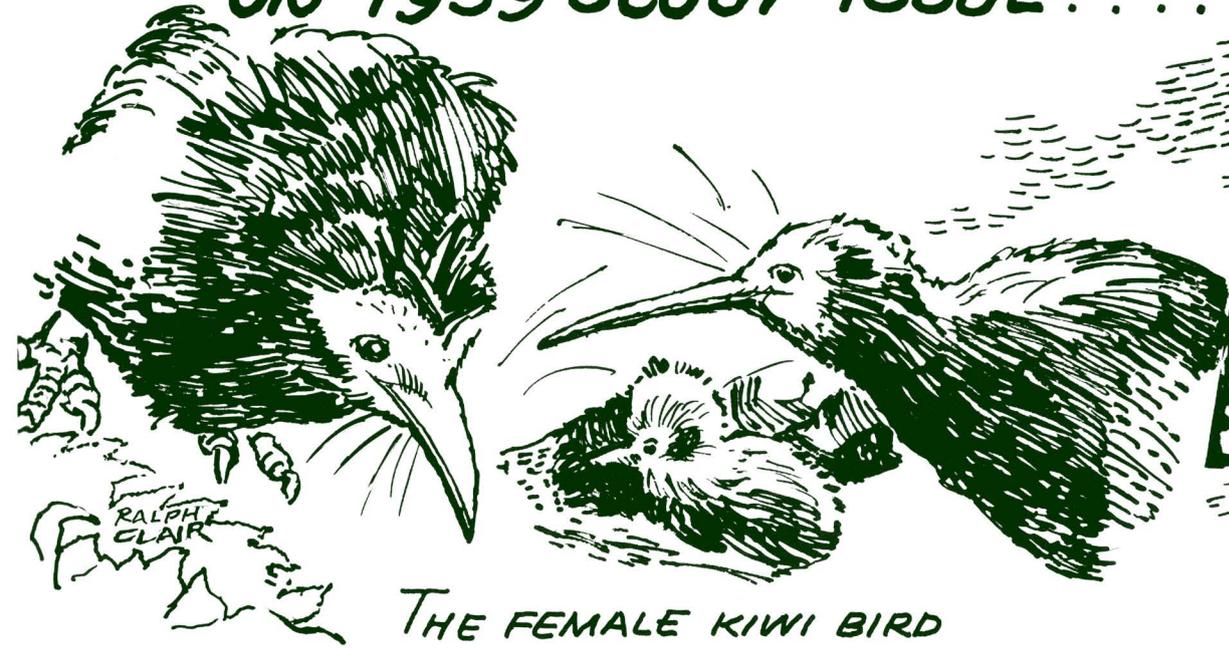
A SCOUT STATUE IN RIO DE JANEIRO
BRAZIL IS PICTURED ON THIS
1954 STAMP....

IN APPRECIATION FOR THEIR
SCOUTS EMERGENCY SERVICE DURING
AN EARTHQUAKE IN CHILE, THE
PEOPLE OF THAT COUNTRY
PRESENTED THIS STATUE IN
A GRATEFUL GESTURE

THE STAMP WAS ISSUED
COMMEMORATING THE INTER-
NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT
WITH 2,000 SCOUTS
FROM 12 COUNTRIES ATTENDING
..... JULY 27 TO
AUG. 3, 1954.....



FLIGHTLESS AUSTRALIAN KIWI ON 1959 SCOUT ISSUE....



THE FEMALE KIWI BIRD
LEAVES THE MALE TO INCUBATE HER EGG FOR
70 TO 80 DAYS. THIS BIRD ALSO APPEARED ON
THE SCOUT JAMBOREE BADGE OF 8200
SCOUTS FROM FOURTEEN COUNTRIES

"UNCLE DAN" BEARD HONORED ON A POSTAGE STAMP OF THE AFRICAN NATION OF TOGO AND THE ARAB SHIEKDOM OF DUBAI



OUR FIRST NATIONAL SCOUT
COMMISSIONER OF THE BOY SCOUTS
OF AMERICA, AND ONE OF SCOUTING'S
FOUNDERS, DAN BEARD WAS LOVED
BY AMERICAN BOYS FOR HIS MANY
BOOKS AND ARTICLES IN BOYS' LIFE
MAGAZINE ON CAMPING, COOKING,
WOODCRAFT, PIONEERING
AND NATURE.



THE ARAB SHIEKDOM
OF DUBAI INCLUDED
THE FLAG OF THE U.S.A.
AND THE 12th WORLD
JAMBOREE BADGE IN
THEIR 1967 STAMPS AS WELL
AS ONE SHOWING DAN BEARD



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U.S.A. PRINTS TEN MILLION JAMBOREE CARDS!

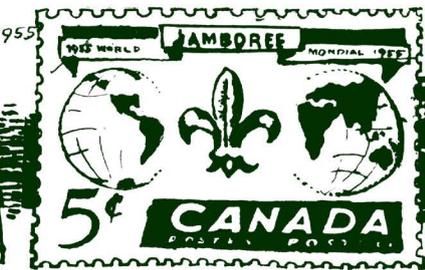
WORLD JAMBOREES ARE HELD EVERY FOUR YEARS UNLESS WARS OR DEPRESSIONS INTERFERE... EVERY COUNTRY SINCE HUNGARY, IN 1933, HAS ISSUED A POSTAGE STAMP HONORING THIS GREAT EVENT WHEN HELD IN THEIR COUNTRY.

THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA ARE PROUD TO BE THE FIRST COUNTRY TO ISSUE A JAMBOREE

POST CARD...THE DESIGN IS SIMILAR TO THE JAMBOREE BADGE, SHOWING THE UNIVERSAL SCOUT EMBLEM AND BORAH PEAK...THE HIGHEST POINT IN IDAHO... LOCATION OF THE JAMBOREE



THE FIRST WORLD
JAMBOREE POSTAL
CARD, U.S.A.



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