

The Boy Scouts of America on U.S. Stamps

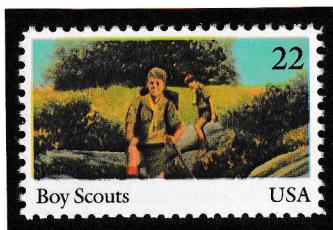
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On February 8, 1910, the Boy Scouts of America was officially founded by Chicago publisher William D. Boyce. The world's largest youth organization, the Boy Scouts was founded by Lord Robert Baden-Powell in England in 1908. I earned my Eagle Scout badge in 1963 and was a member from 1957 to 1969 (Cub Scouts to Explorer). I attended the National Scout Jamboree at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania in 1964. I also earned all three Catholic scout awards. Four of these U.S. stamps were issued on anniversaries (40th, 50th, 75th, and 100th).



Scott #995 was the first U.S. stamp issued to honor the Boy Scouts of America. It was issued on June 30, 1950 for the 40th anniversary of the founding at the 2nd National Jamboree at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. The words "On my honor, I will do my best..." are from the Scout Motto.

Scott #1145 features artwork by Norman Rockwell, who had a long history of creating art for the Boy Scouts. It was issued on February 8, 1960 at Washington, DC for the 50th anniversary. It shows a scout giving the three-fingered salute.



Scott #2161 was issued for the 75th anniversary of the Boy Scouts on October 7, 1985 at Chicago, Illinois. It is part of a block of 4 honoring youth programs for the International Youth Year.

Scott #3183j honors the founding of Boy and Girl Scouts in the 1910s. It is part of the Celebrate the Century 1910s pane and was issued on February 3, 1998 at Washington, DC. It reads "U.S. Boy and Girl Scouting Begins."



Scott #4472 was issued for the 100th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America. It was issued on July 27, 2010 at Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia and pictures a scout hiking.