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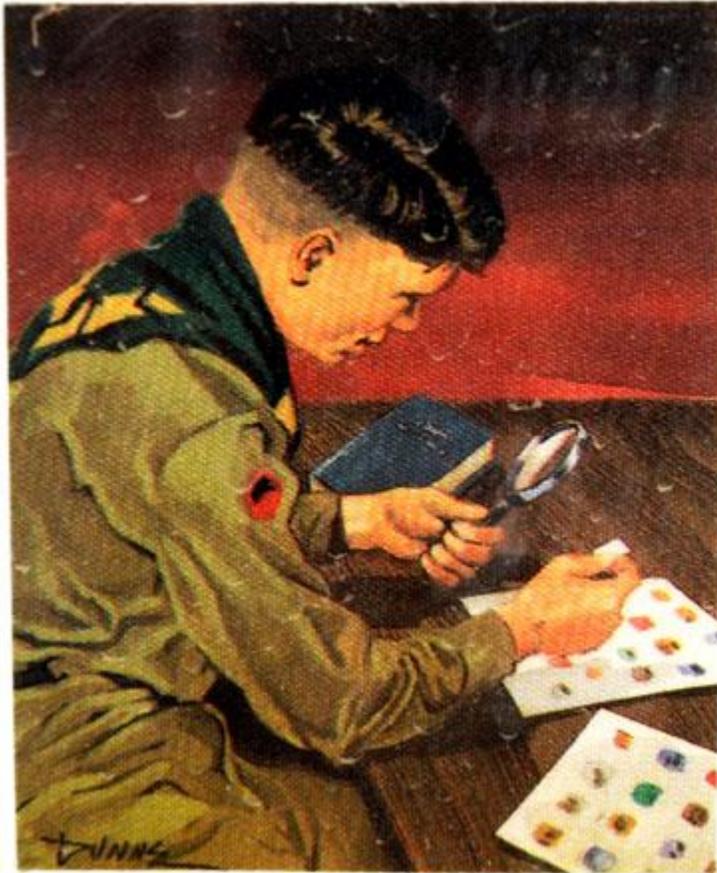
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BSA'S COLLECTED STAMPS OF APPROVAL



STAMPING UP SCOUTING

A popular destination at the 2010 National Jamboree was the Stamp Collecting exhibit in the Merit Badge Midway. Experts showed Scouts what to look for in a stamp and helped them get started with collections of their own.



Among the most popular stamps for Scouts to find are were issued by the U.S. Postal Service to celebrate anniversaries of the BSA. Those from 1950 and 1960 feature work of famed artist Norman Rockwell who also illustrated the covers for four of the 12 editions of the *Boy Scout Handbook*.



1950 – 40th Anniversary



1960 – 50th Anniversary



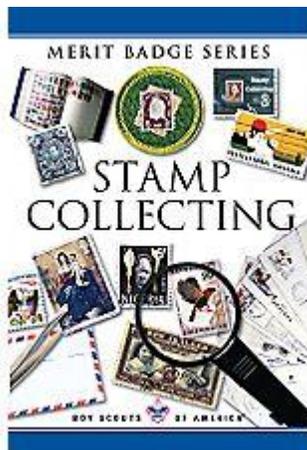
1985 – 75th Anniversary

During this summer's jamboree, the U.S. Post Office released a new stamp to celebrate the adventure and spirit of Scouting.



Celebrate Scouting

You can buy Scouting stamps at your local post office. Use a few to mail letters to friends and keep one to start a stamp collection of your own. It could open the way to earning the Stamp Collecting merit badge.



POSTMARKS AND CANCELLATIONS

A requirement for the Stamp Collecting merit badge asks for an example of *cancellation and postmark*. Unique postmarks have been used during many Boy Scout jamborees, often on special

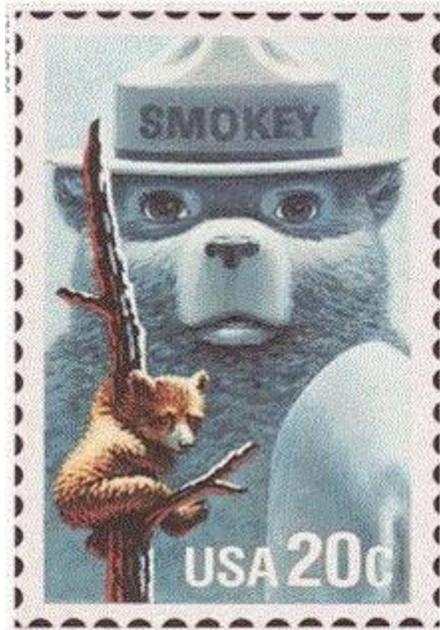
envelopes. Check out this great one from 1993:



With stamps, a postmark, and an illustration, a postcard from the same event celebrated the jamboree and Smokey Bear, lifelong friend of the Boy Scouts of America:



Yes, that's a Smokey Bear postage stamp you see on the card, the first issued by the U.S. Postal Service to honor an individual animal. Here's a close-up look:



STAMPING OUT FIRES

Back in 1950, a bear cub running to escape a forest fire suffered burned paws. Rescued by a Forest Service ranger, he recovered from his injuries and grew up to become the symbol of fire prevention - Smokey Bear.

Scouts have always done their part to protect the environment. Being careful with fire is especially important. A 1960 poster shared Smokey's appreciation for the assistance of the Boy Scouts of America and Camp Fire Girls.



Smokey made a big impact at the 2010 National Jamboree, too, heading up an exhibit to remind

everyone to care for America's forests.



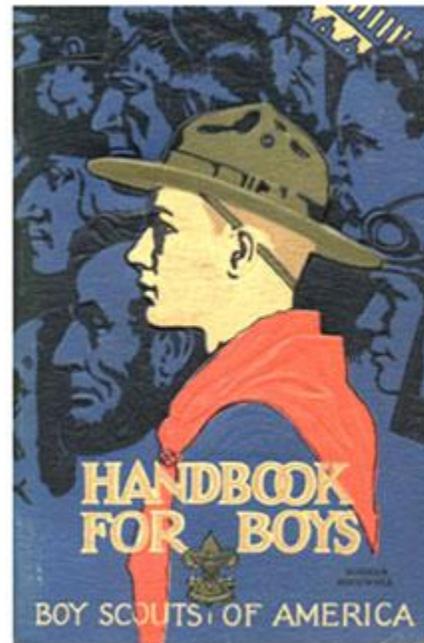
Smokey Bear at the 2010 National Jamboree

By using lightweight stoves, Scouts can manage fires in camp to create the least impact on the land. Check out www.scoutstuff.org to find stoves that are durable, efficient, and just right for cooking in camp and on the trail.



SMOKEY BEAR HATS

That great hat on Smokey's head goes by lots of names - *campaign hat*, *ranger hat*, *drill sergeant cover* - and it has a long history with the BSA. It was the favorite hat of Robert Baden-Powell, Scouting's founder. Boys often chose it during the early days of Scouting in America.



You can wear a campaign hat, too. See them at www.scoutstuff.org. You'll also find plenty of other great headgear including the brimmed hat that puts a real stamp of approval on the adventurous spirit of Scouting today.

