

Scouts A new issue to celebrate a centenary



Technical details

Printer Enschedé Security Printers

Process Lithography

Stamp size 41 x 30mm

Sheets 25 and 50

Perforation 14.5 x 14

Phosphor Two bands

Gum PVA

Gutter pairs Vertical

Barcode and stock code A

A barcode and an internal stock code (not the Tallents House order code) will be printed in the margins of most sheets of special stamps, starting with the Scout issue. The barcode and stock code will usually appear in the top right margin of the sheets.

SIX STAMPS commemorating the centenary of the Scouts will go on sale at Post Office branches and philatelic outlets and Royal Mail Tallents House on 26 July, one day ahead of the opening of the 21st World Scout Jamboree 2007 at Hylands Park, Chelmsford, Essex. The Jamboree will be attended by 40,000 young people and will last until 8 August.

The stamps feature illustrations of Scouts engaged in various activities – at a camp fire (1st class), rock climbing (46p), planting trees (48p), learning archery (54p), learning gliding (69p), and in a group (78p). The stamps were designed by The Work Room design group of London, using illustrations by Gez Fry.

The stamps will be issued to Post Office branches in sheets of 25; sheets of 50 with gutter margins will be available from Post Office philatelic outlets and Royal Mail Tallents House.

FIRST DAY FACILITIES Unstamped Royal Mail FDC envelopes will be available from main Post Office branches and philatelic outlets about a week before 26 July. Orders for serviced FDCs must reach Tallents House by the day of issue. Collectors may send stamped covers on the day of issue to: Royal Mail Tallents House, 21 South Gyle Crescent, Edinburgh EH12 9PB (for Tallents House postmark), or to their nearest Royal Mail Special Handstamp Centres (Brownsea Island postmark) marking the outer envelope 'FD0729' or 'FD0730'. Covers can be posted or handed in at main Post Office branches for the Brownsea Island postmark.

For details of sponsored handstamps and addresses of the Handstamp Centres see the *British Postmark Bulletin* – available on subscription from Tallents House (£12.25 UK/Europe; £24.95 elsewhere). For a free sample copy write to: The Editor, *British Postmark Bulletin*, Royal Mail, 148 Old Street, London EC1V 9HQ •

Can you imagine a world without Scouting? Fortunately, we don't have to because, in 1907, a soldier named Robert Baden-Powell was struck by an idea... From the presentation pack

Scouts prices

Set of stamps	£3.04
Presentation pack	£3.80
FDC envelope	£0.30
Serviced FDC (UK customers)	£4.34
Serviced FDC (overseas customers)	£3.70
Stamp cards set	£1.80



'My Scouting days helped me cope with adversity. I've been pulled out of the sea six times when I've crashed in various boats, balloons and planes!'

RICHARD BRANSON, ENTREPRENEUR, ADVENTURER & SCOUT, SURREY SCOUT COUNTY

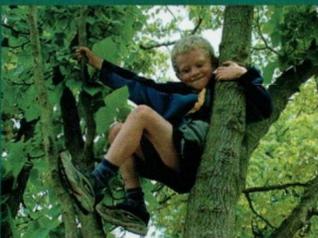


Far left: Visiting an elephant sanctuary in Thailand during the 20th World Scout Jamboree. Middle: Horse-riding in Yorkshire as part of a summer expedition. Left: Explorer Scouts stop for a bite to eat on a lightweight camping and hiking expedition.

Everyday adventure!

Young people join Scouting for the activities – from abseiling to dragon-boat racing, it is all about trying new things and 'learning by doing'. Adventure – at all levels and in many forms – is the 'essence' of Scouting. Rather than just extreme sports, it encompasses the many ways that Scouting challenges and stretches the lives of young people. For a Beaver Scout, waking up the morning after her first night away from home is as much an adventure as hang-gliding or scuba diving.

In the United Kingdom, Scouts aged 6 – 25 take part in a balanced programme, learning not just climbing and practical outdoor skills such as navigation and pioneering, but about health and fitness, community, the environment, and global issues. Scouting is not afraid to change and when the new Street Sports Activity Badge came along in 2006, it may have raised a few eyebrows – but not among the young people themselves.



Top right: Climbing trees, camping and discovering your independence is an important part of growing up. Right: Cubs working towards their Chief Activity Badge. Far right: The traditional campfire s'mores is still the highlight of many summer camps, with singing, comedy routines and storytelling.



'Scouting helps promote an awareness of environmental issues among young people everywhere'

RAY BEARS, SURVIVAL EXPERT, ENVIRONMENTAL CAMPAIGNER & SCOUT, 7TH PURLEY SCOUT GROUP



In addition to a presentation pack (left) and stamp cards, there will be a Scouts coin cover, priced at £15.50.