

# CUBAN SCOUT PHILATELY

1954-1957



Scouting began in Cuba in 1914 through the efforts of Carlos Alzugaray, Miguel Angel Queveda, Jules Loustalot, and others. It was not until 1941, however, that the first National Patrol Camp was held and not until 1954 and the third National Patrol Camp that the Cuban Scouting program was recognized with a postal issue. Three years later Cuba released two more stamps in conjunction with the international celebration of the beginning of World Scouting. With the rise of Communism to power in Cuba, Scouting within the international organization was dead, a victim of political change and ideology.

This exhibit focuses on Cuban philatelic items from 1954 through 1957 and ends with a cover recognizing the youth movement which displaced Scouting. This exhibit includes canceled covers bearing pictures of the stamps cut from the release notices and canceled souvenir folders.

40TH. ANNIVERSARY OF CUBAN SCOUTING

THIRD NATIONAL PATROL CAMP

On 27 December 1954, Cuba issued a stamp to commemorate the fortieth anniversary of Scouting in Cuba and the third National Patrol Camp. The stamp shows Cub Scout Eduardo R. Almeyd and Boy Scout Jose Antonio Mola saluting in front of the Cuban flag. The stamp was designed by Enrique Caravia and printed by Cie Impresors de Cuba.



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TO COMMEMORATE THE "THIRD NATIONAL  
PATROL CAMP".

2,000,000 STAMPS. 4 CTS.

REGULAR MAIL. PRINTED IN GREEN



Both Spanish and English sheets announcing the stamp were released. The reverse of these sheets contains a brief history of Scouting in Cuba.



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EMISION DE SELLOS DE CORREOS PARA CONMEMORAR LA CELEBRACION DEL "III CAMPAMENTO NACIONAL DE PATRULLAS DE LOS BOY SCOUTS".

2.000.000 DE SELLOS DE 4 CTS. CORREO ORDINARIO, IMPRESOS EN COLOR VERDE.

The photograph of the Scout stamp and the legend below it was cut from the Spanish language announcement sheet and affixed to this cover with the National Patrol Camp "Primer Dia" marking.

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OFICINA NACIONAL  
CALLE 27 NUMERO 158  
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PATROL CAMP".

Declarada Institución Oficial por Decreto No. 871 de 22 de junio de 1927

This large first day cover with an Elmo cachet bears the Havana machine cancellation, the Wajay hand cancellation, the encampment marking in two colors, the Cuban Scouting mark, and the Club Filatelico de la Republica de Cuba mark.



CAMPAMENTO NACIONAL



EMISION de los BOY SCOUTS

PRIMER DIA DIC. 27-1954

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PRIMER DIA DIC. 27-1954

First day covers with cachets specially designed for the 1954 issue and the National Patrol Camp were produced.



Cachets prepared for other stamps were also used with the Scouting issue. These two covers with cachets by Alfíl of Barcelona are typical of this usage.

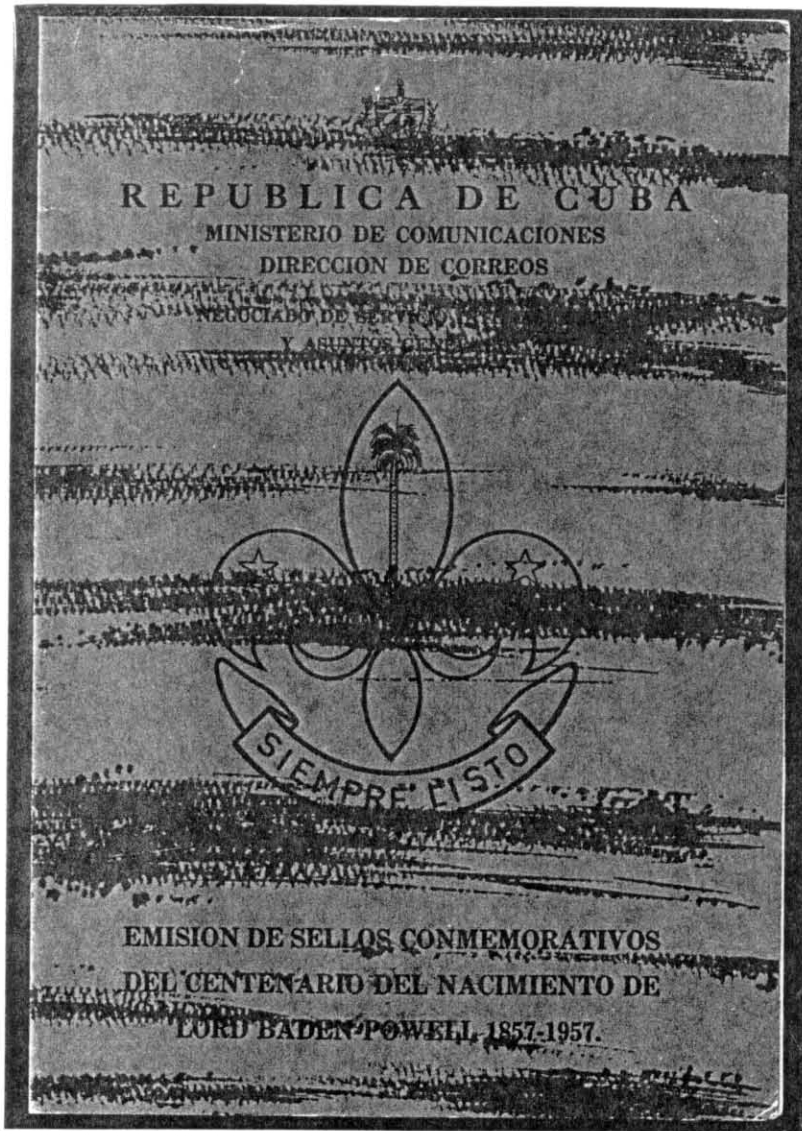




50TH. ANNIVERSARY OF WORLD SCOUTING

100TH. ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTH OF BADEN-POWELL

On 22 February 1957, Cuba issued two stamps to commemorate the centenary of the birth of Lord Baden-Powell and the fiftieth anniversary of World Scouting. These margin copies have the Cuban Scout emblem printed in the selvage. The stamps were printed by Cia de Fernandez of Havana.





The Cuban Ministry of Communication issued bilingual folders in red and blue. The inside contains a brief biography of Baden-Powell in both English and Spanish.

2.000.000 DE SELLOS DE 4¢ CORREO ORDINARIO  
IMPRESOS CON LAS PLANCHAS GRABADAS EN ACERO  
NUMEROS S-1326 Y S-1327

500.000 SELLOS DE 12¢ CORREO AEREO. IMPRESOS CON  
LA PLANCHA GRABADA EN ACERO NUMERO S-1328



2.000.000 4¢ REGULAR MAIL STAMPS, PRINTED WITH  
STEEL ENGRAVED PLATES NUMBERS S-1326 AND S-1327  
500.000 12¢ AIRMAIL STAMPS, PRINTED WITH STEEL  
ENGRAVED PLATE NUMBER S-1328

CIA. D. FERNANDEZ, S. A.

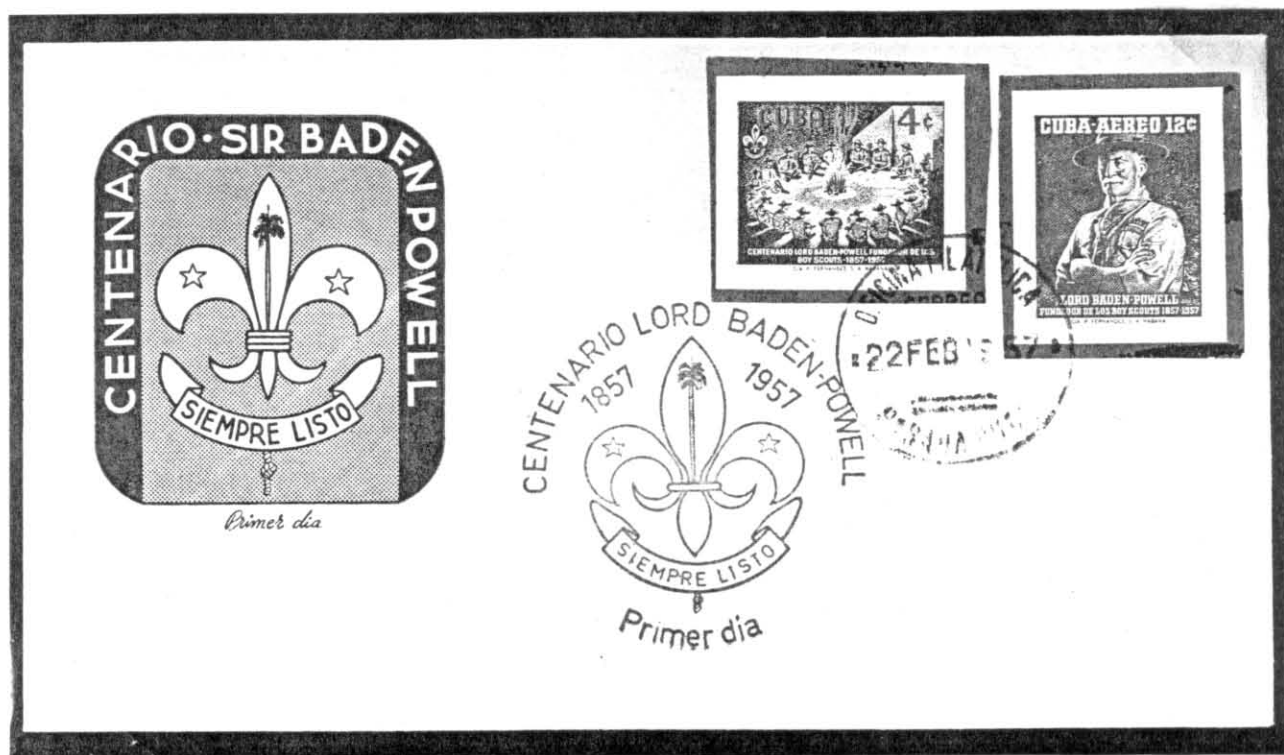
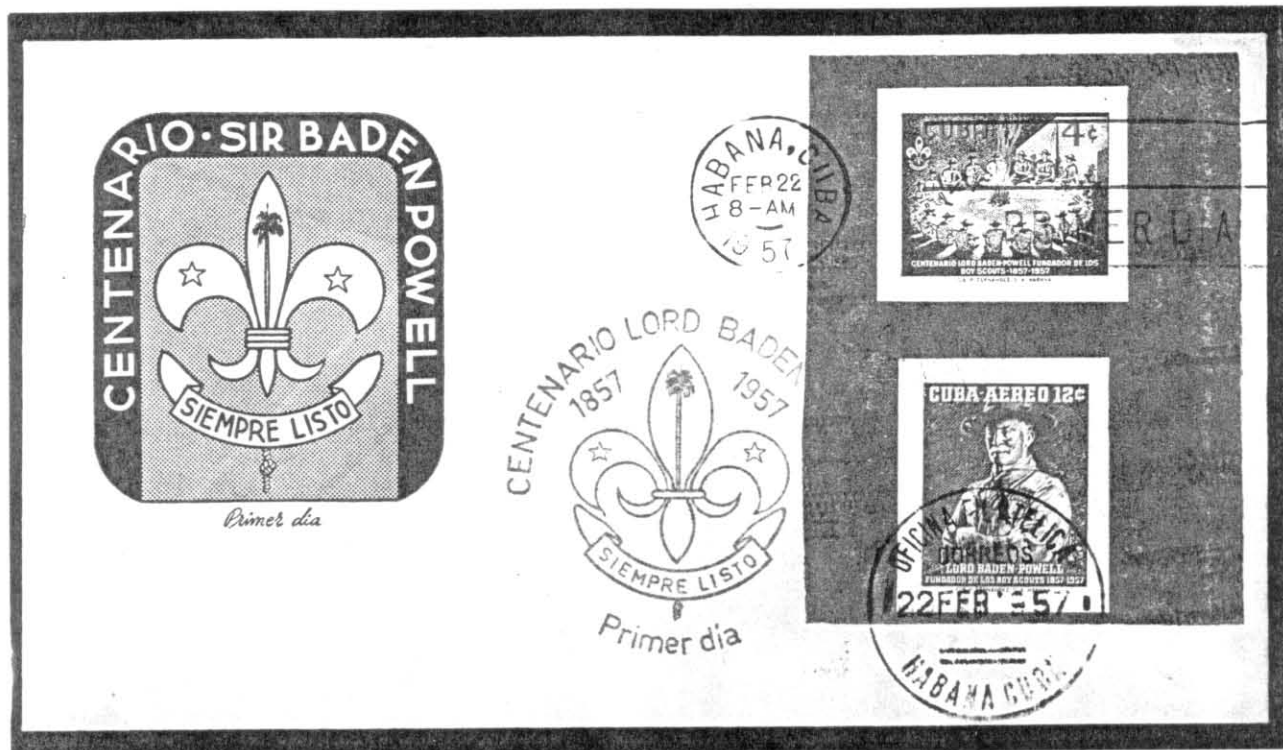
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EMISION DE SELLOS CONMEMORATIVOS  
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LORD BADEN-POWELL 1857-1957.

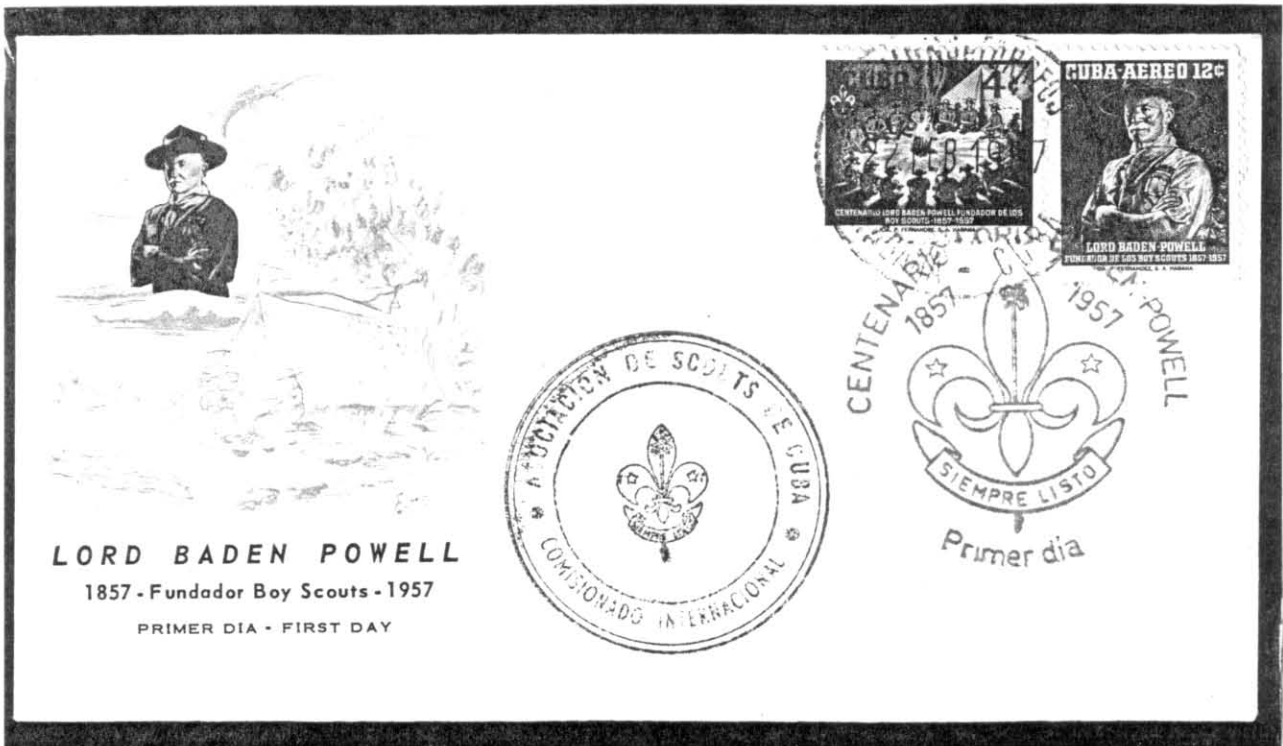
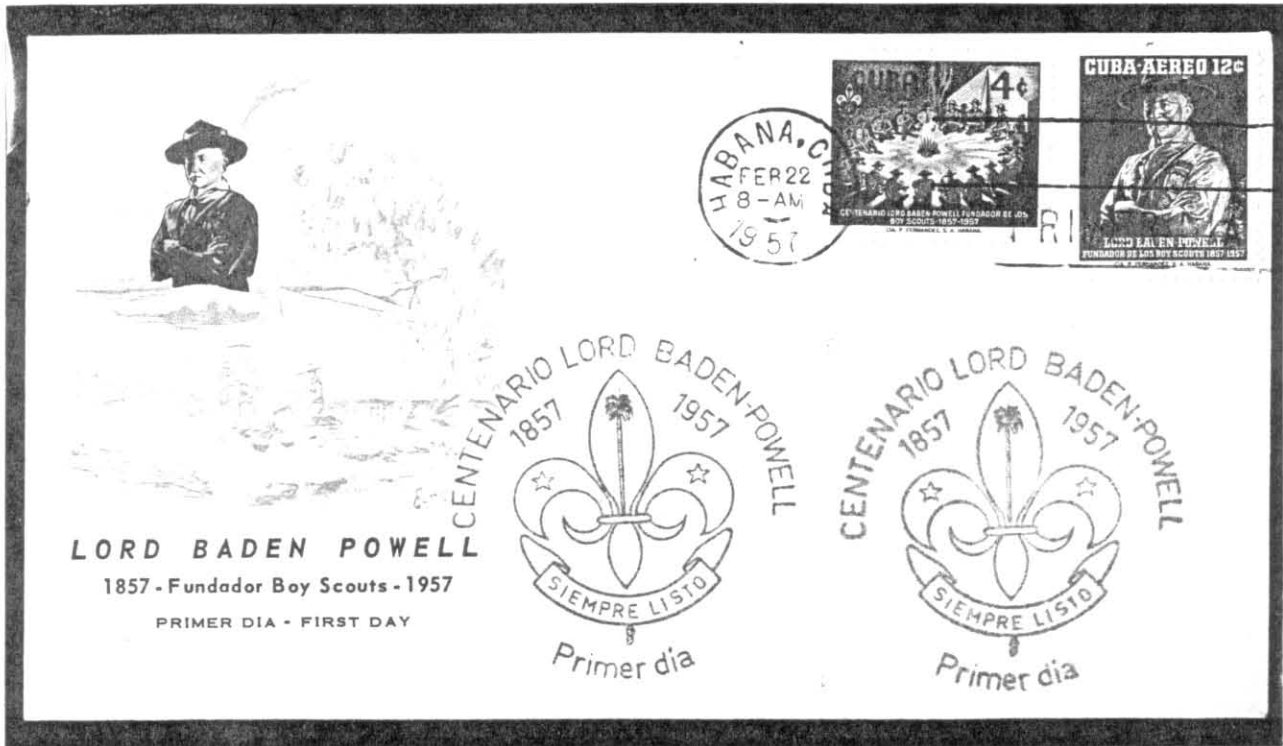
Images of the stamps were cut from the announcement sheets and affixed to the first day covers.



This souvenir folder with an Elmo cachet contains both of the 1957 Scouting stamps. One bears the machine cancellation "Primer Dia" and the other has a hand cancellation from the philatelic office in Havana.

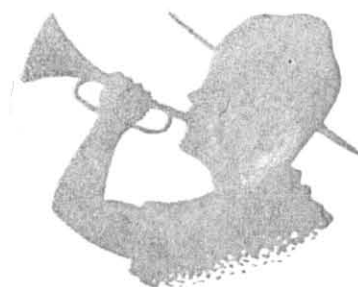


The same Elmo cachet is more commonly found on envelopes with various cancellations and auxillary marks.



This souvenir folder contains two first day cards, each franked with one of the 1957 Scout issue. Each card has a cachet which is photographically enlarged reproduction of the stamp it bears. One cover has the Havana machine cancellation and the other has the philatelic office hand cancellation.

Souvenir



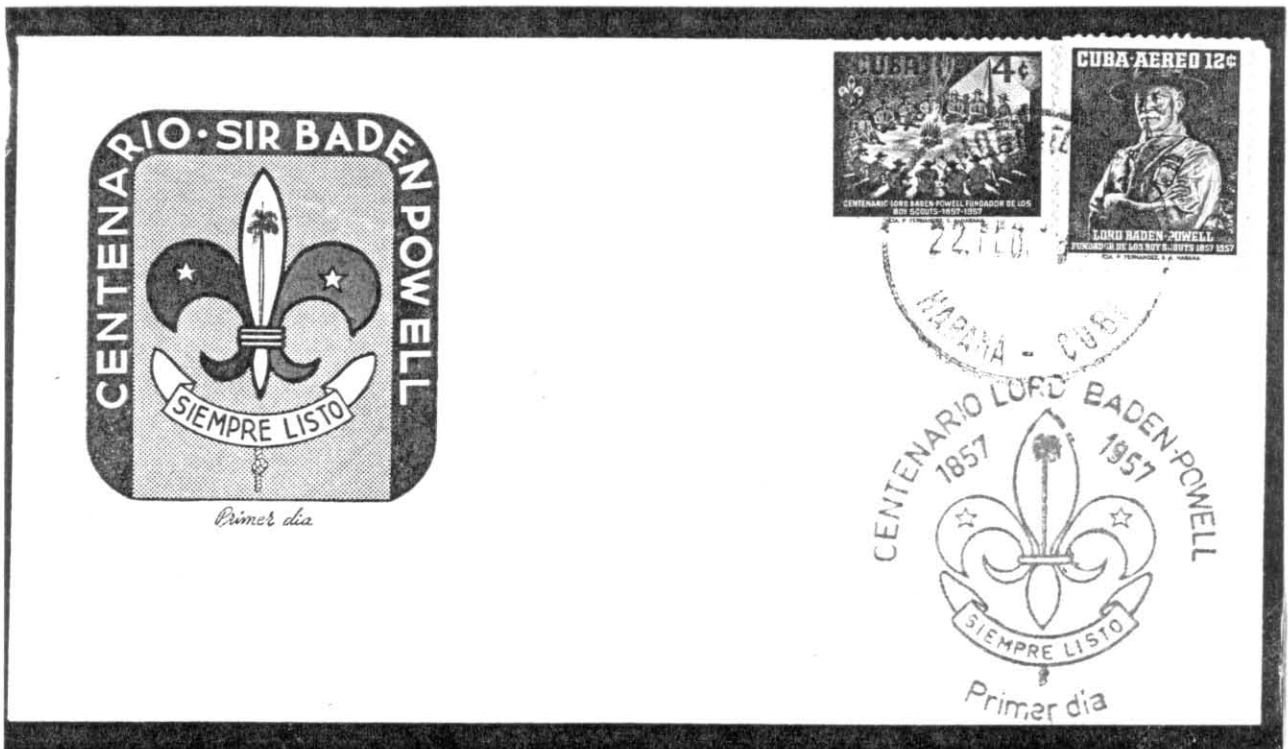
*Boy Scouts*

Cachets for some first day covers, such as this design by Lily, were specially prepared for this issue.





Some cachets are variations of designs prepared for the 1954 Scout issue.





## POST-SCOUT ERA

With the Communist rise to power in Cuba, Scouting within the World Organization of the Scout Movement was replaced by the Jose Marti Pioneers Youth Organization. This first day cover, which is postmarked 3 April 1986, is franked with a stamp commemorating the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the Cuban Pioneers, named after Jose Marti, the national hero who died in the 1895 War for Independence. World Scouting in Cuba, like freedom, became a victim of the newly established political ideology.

