

SCOUTING IN COLORADO

Scouting reached the United States in February 1910. Probably, the first Colorado Scout troop was organized before the end of 1910. Covers relating to US Scouting can be found dating back almost to the beginning. Covers with Colorado Scout council corner cards dating from the 1910's and 1920's undoubtedly exist but have not been discovered by this exhibitor. The first known recorded Scout covers from Colorado are from Camp Burch, a Scout summer camp located near Beulah, a small town in the Pueblo area.

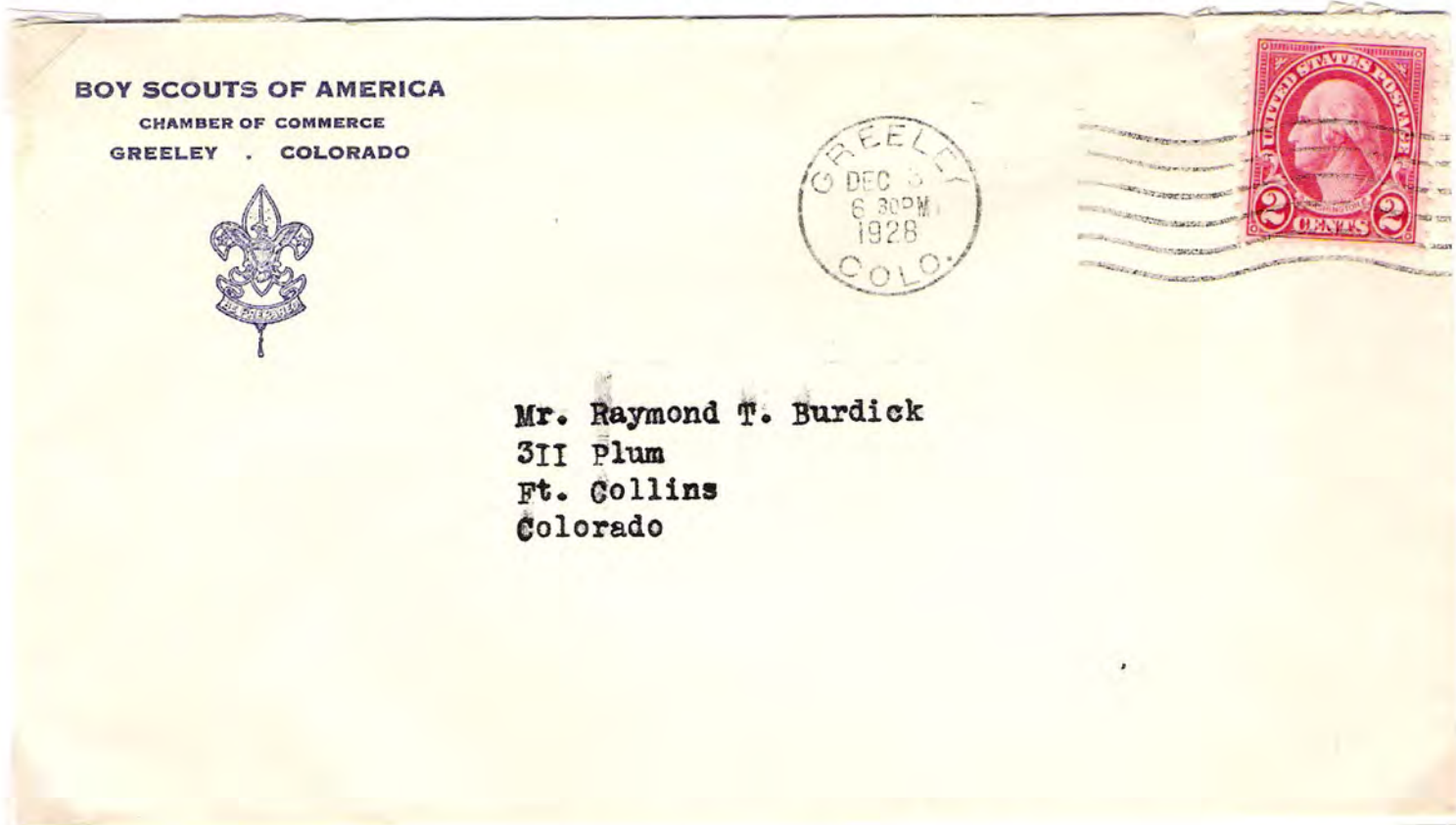


Mailed from Camp Burch on August 15, 1929

This exhibit shows a wide range of covers tied to Colorado Scouting including an early Scout corner card from Greeley. Several national Boy Scout and Girl Scout events (the 1959 Girl Scout Roundup, the 1960 Boy Scout National Jamboree, several National Explorer Scout Olympics in the 1970's, and the 73rd Anniversary Conference of the Order of the Arrow) were held in Colorado and are represented by a number of event covers, post cards, and special cancellations. The first known Colorado event cover is shown plus a sampling of subsequent event covers, including a 1998 Jamboree on the Air/Jamboree on the Internet card. Special cancellations became popular in the 1980's and some are also displayed, including a recent one for a Girl Scout Thinking Day at Colorado Springs.

Also shown is the first day of issue program dated June 22, 1991, for the 30-cent cardinal, the 3-cent kestrel, and the 1-cent bluebird. It has a Scouting connection as the presentation of colors was by a Scout troop.

Scout councils were formed in Colorado starting sometime in the late 1910's. Undoubtedly, covers with Scout corner cards exist from the 1910's and 1920's. The earliest one known at this time is a Boy Scouts of America cover mailed from a council office in Greeley, CO on December 3, 1928.



Other than covers with Scout corner cards, no other Scouting related covers appeared in Colorado until 1958. Scout event covers started appearing in the 1930's and became quite popular in the 1950's but the first known Colorado event cover was this one issued on December 29, 1958, at LaJunta for the 25th Anniversary of the Koshare Indians.



Explorer Post 2230 of LaJunta became world famous for its fabulous Indian dances. LaJunta was a favorite stopping place for years for Scouts and Scouters on their way to and from Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico.

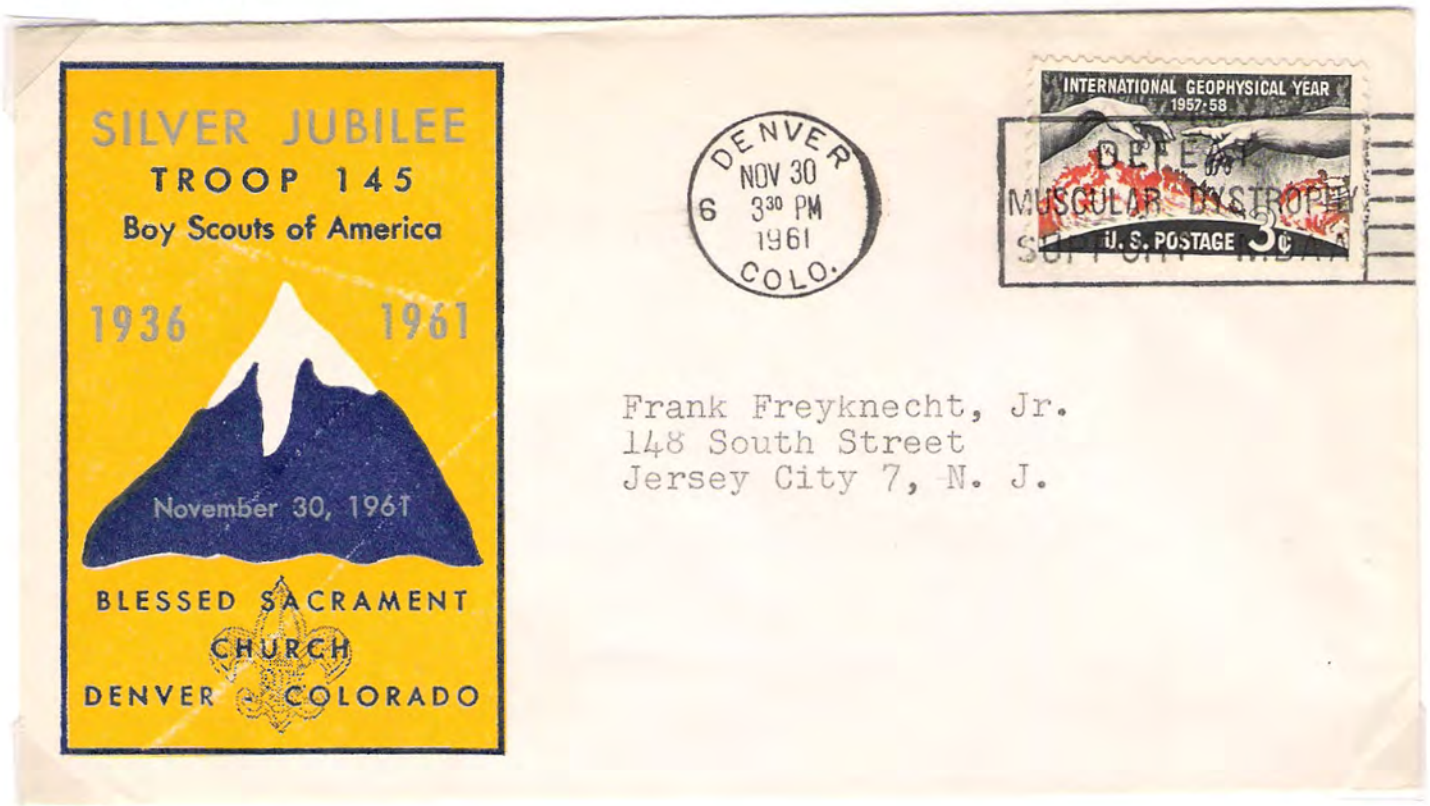
Many Koshare Indian post cards exist. Shown here are two franked with the 3-cent Scout stamp and canceled December 29, 1958, for the 25th Anniversary of the Koshare Indians.



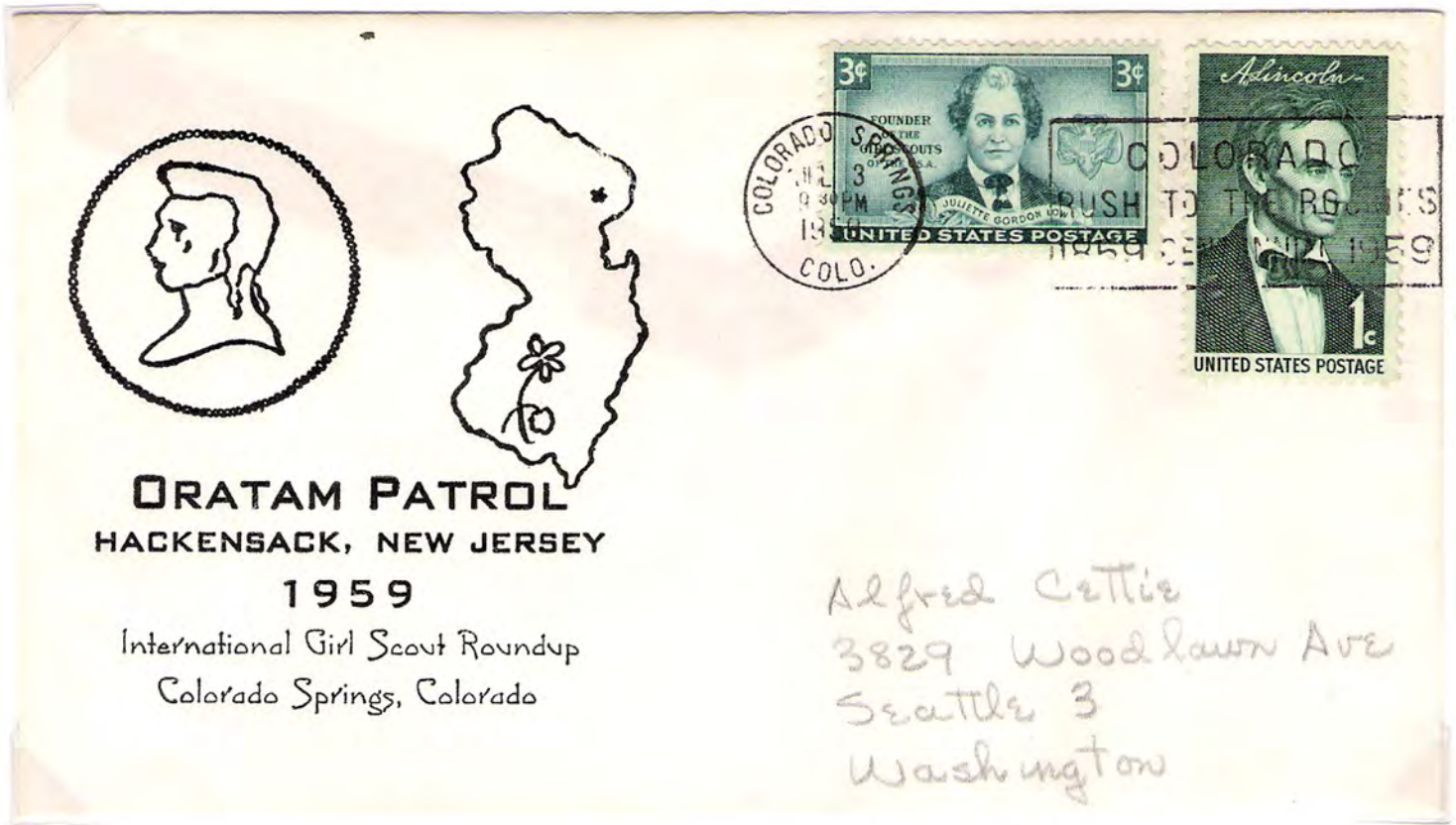
Typical Scout event covers issued in the late 1950's and early 1960's are shown below. The Pikes Peak Council Scout-O-Rama was canceled with the special Colorado Springs machine cancel celebrating the centennial year of the Rush to the Rockies.



This event cover was issued for the 25th Anniversary of Troop 145, sponsored by the Blessed Sacrament Church in Denver.



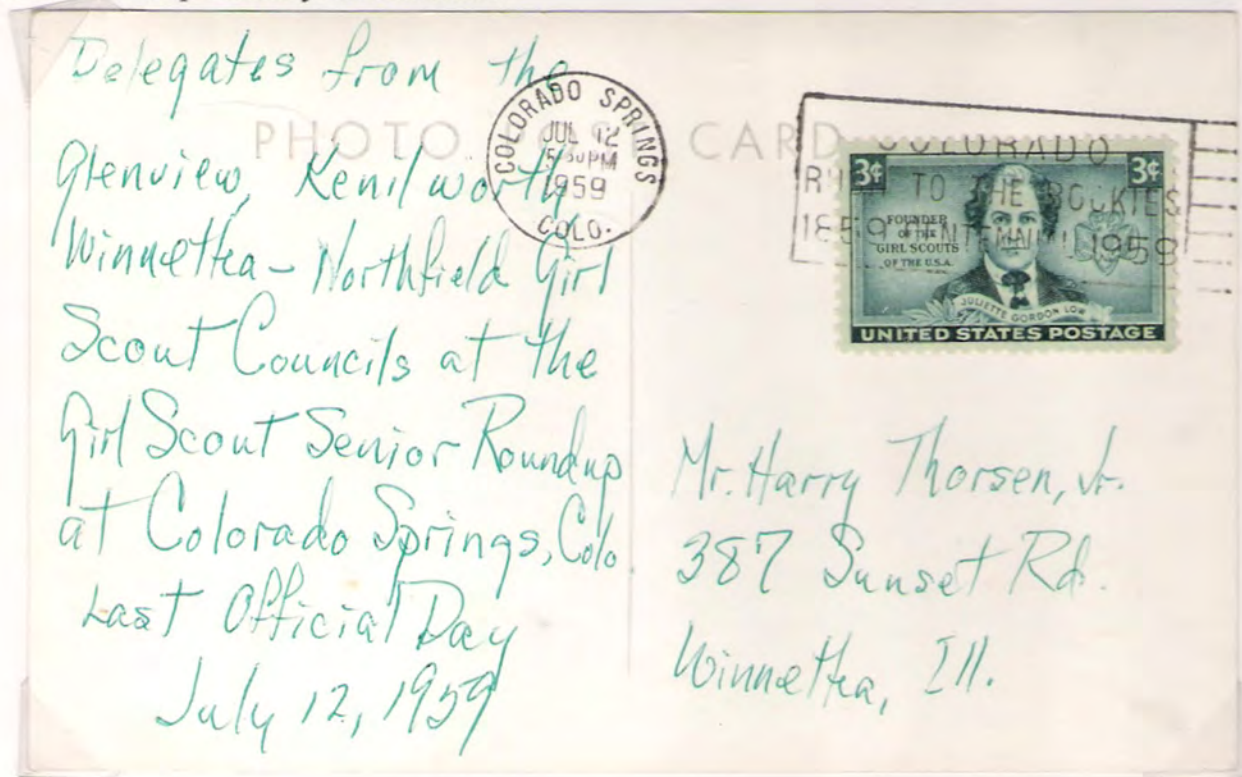
The first national Scouting event in Colorado known to leave a philatelic record is the Girl Scout National Roundup held at Colorado Springs from July 3-12, 1959. No special cancellation was available so all mail dispatched from the Roundup is canceled with one of the Colorado Springs machine cancellations in use at the time.



Last day of Roundup July 12, 1959, canceled with standard Colorado Springs machine cancel.



Numerous post cards were mailed from the Roundup. An unusual card is this one mailed on the last day of the Roundup by girls from the Winnetka-Northfield Girl Scout Councils to Harry Thorsen, Jr., founder of Scouts on Stamps Society International.



Real photo of
seven Girl Scouts
responsible for
mailing the post card.

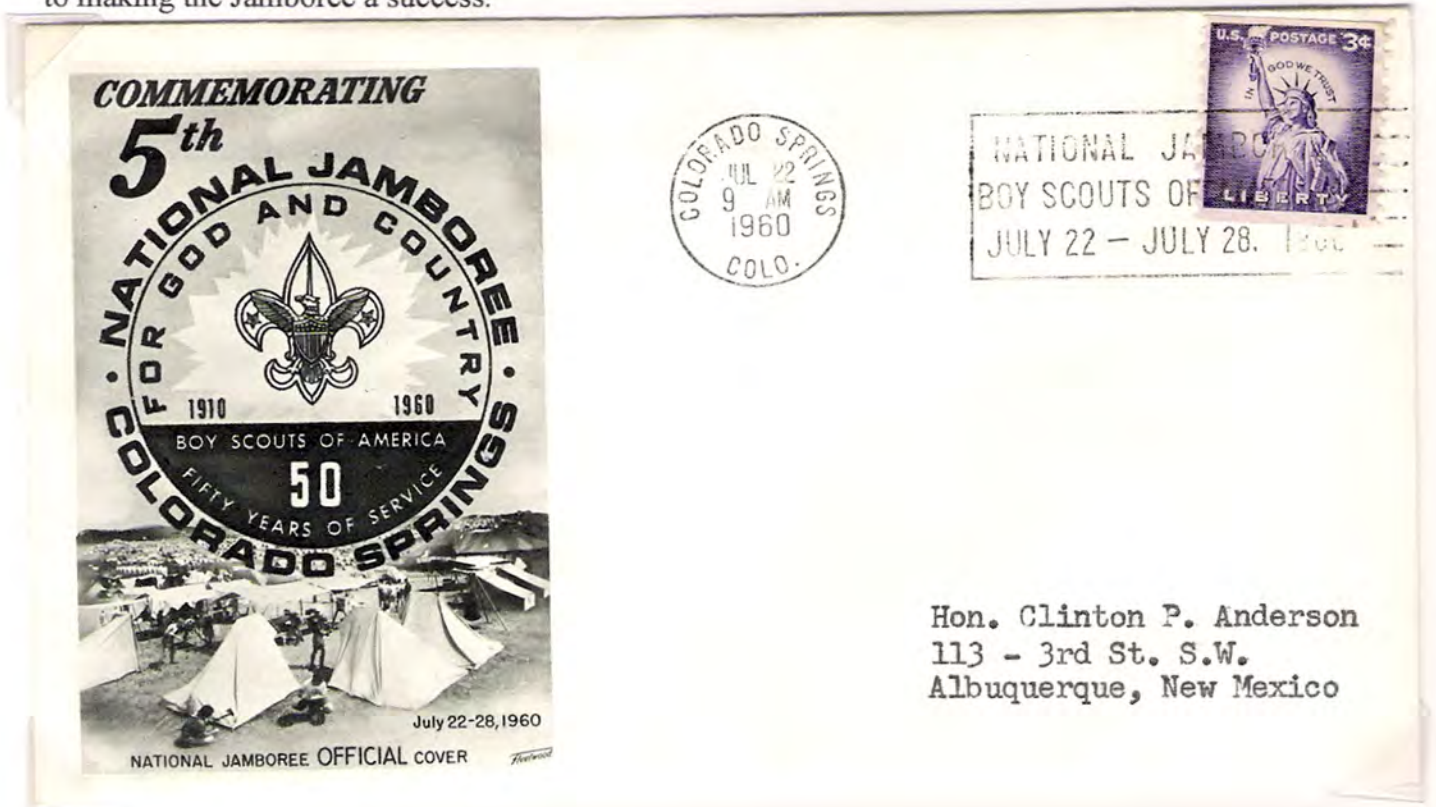


The Fifth National Boy Scout Jamboree, hosted by the Air Force Academy near Colorado Springs from July 22-28, 1960, is the biggest Scouting event ever held in Colorado. A special Jamboree slogan cancellation was used throughout this event.

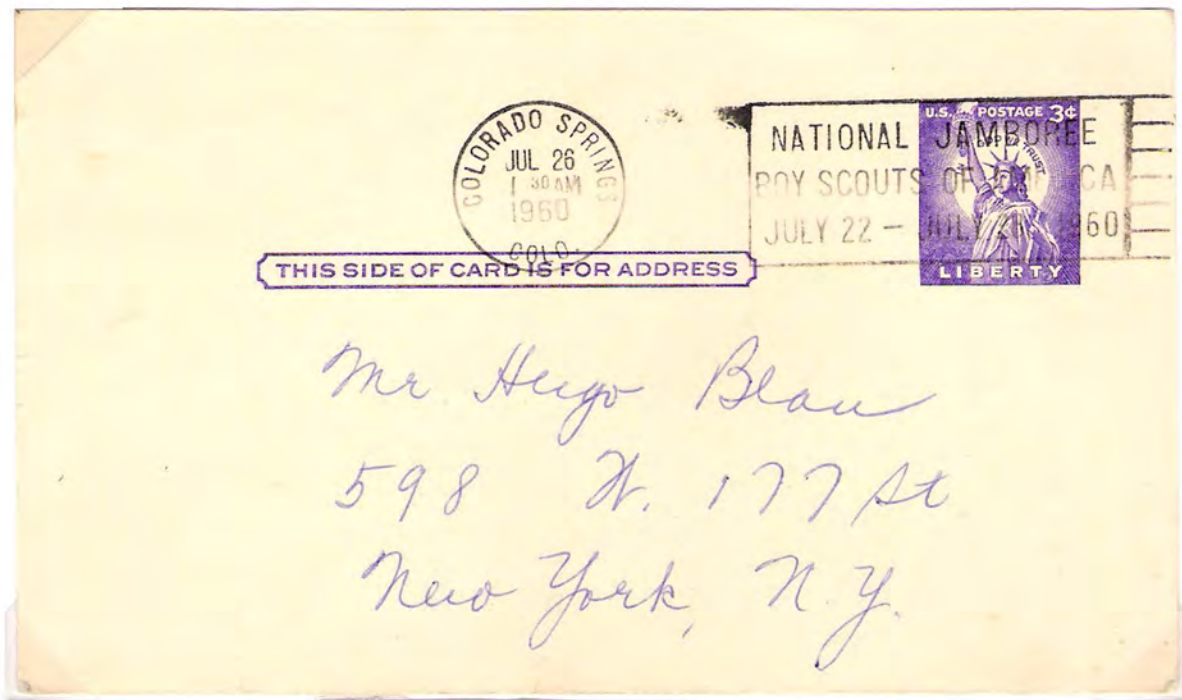
This cover, mailed on the opening day, was addressed improperly so it received a postal marking with "No Such Number" checked, then was forwarded to RT 3.



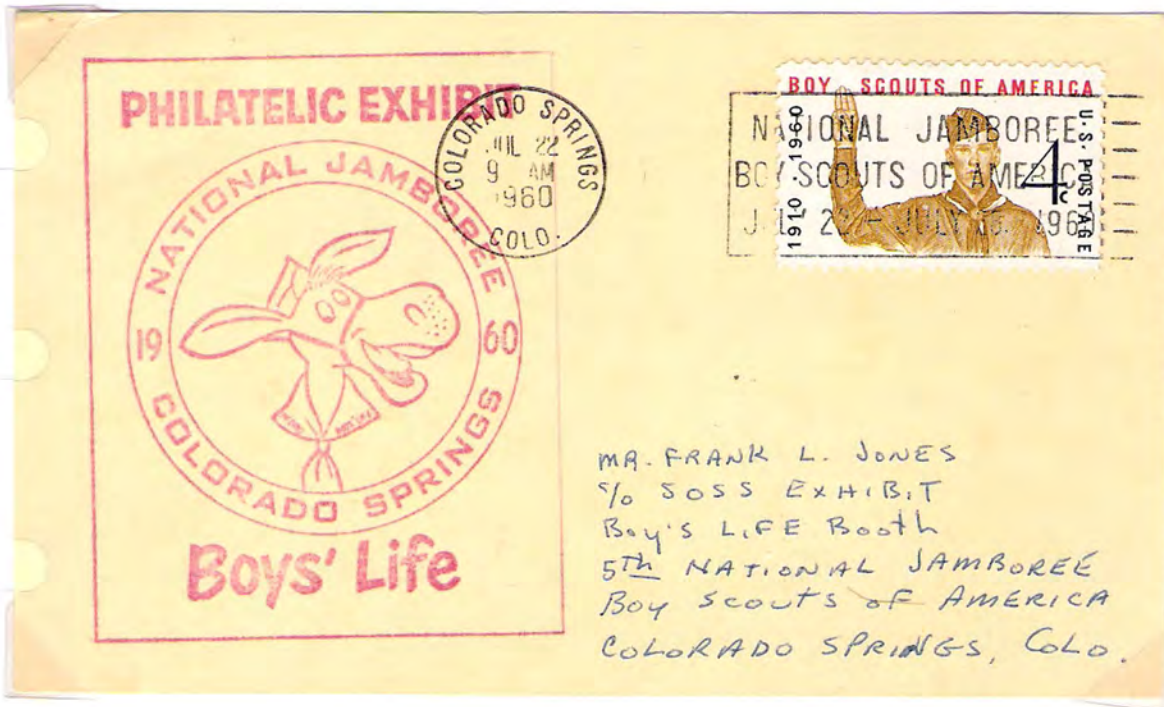
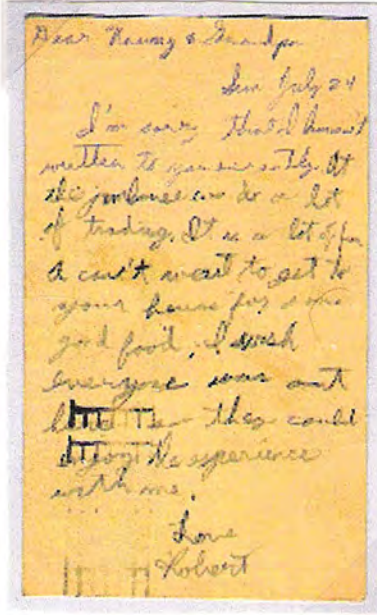
This cover, mailed to Senator Clinton P. Anderson of New Mexico, contained a standard mimeographed letter from one of the Scouts of Kit Carson Council of New Mexico thanking all of those who contributed to making the Jamboree a success.



An example of a typical message home on a 3 cent postal card

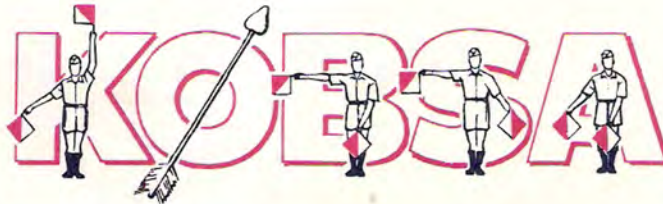


Back of card
Message to
Grandparents



An example of internal Jamboree mail on a Pedro post card handstamped for the Philatelic exhibit

QSL Card
Jamboree
Radio Station
KØBSA. It
was mailed
July 28, 1960.



SOSSI members held their sixth international convention on July 24, 1960.

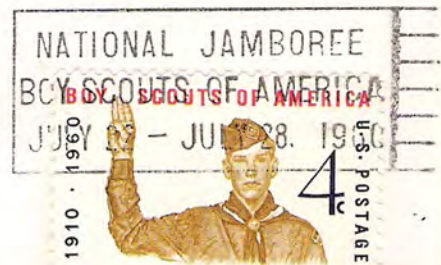
Colorado Springs, Colorado

SIXTH INTERNATIONAL
CONVENTION

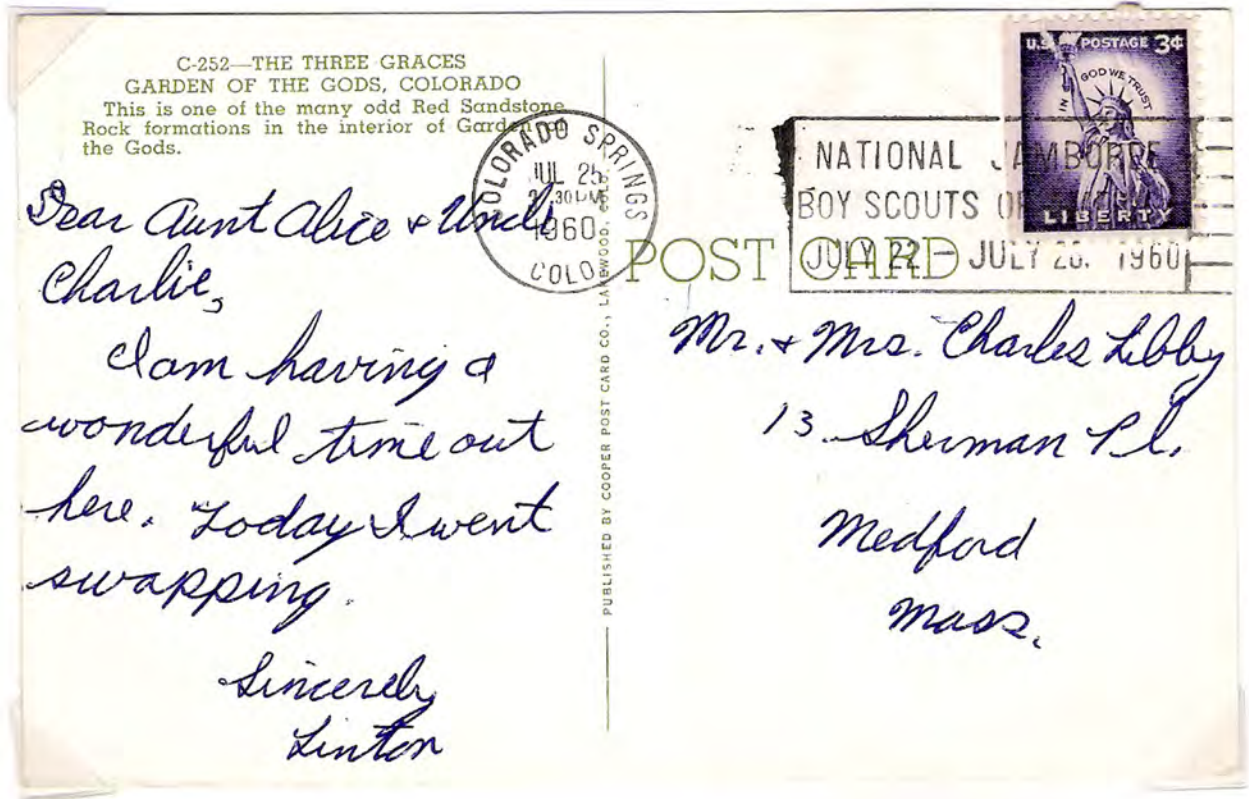
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FIFTH NATIONAL
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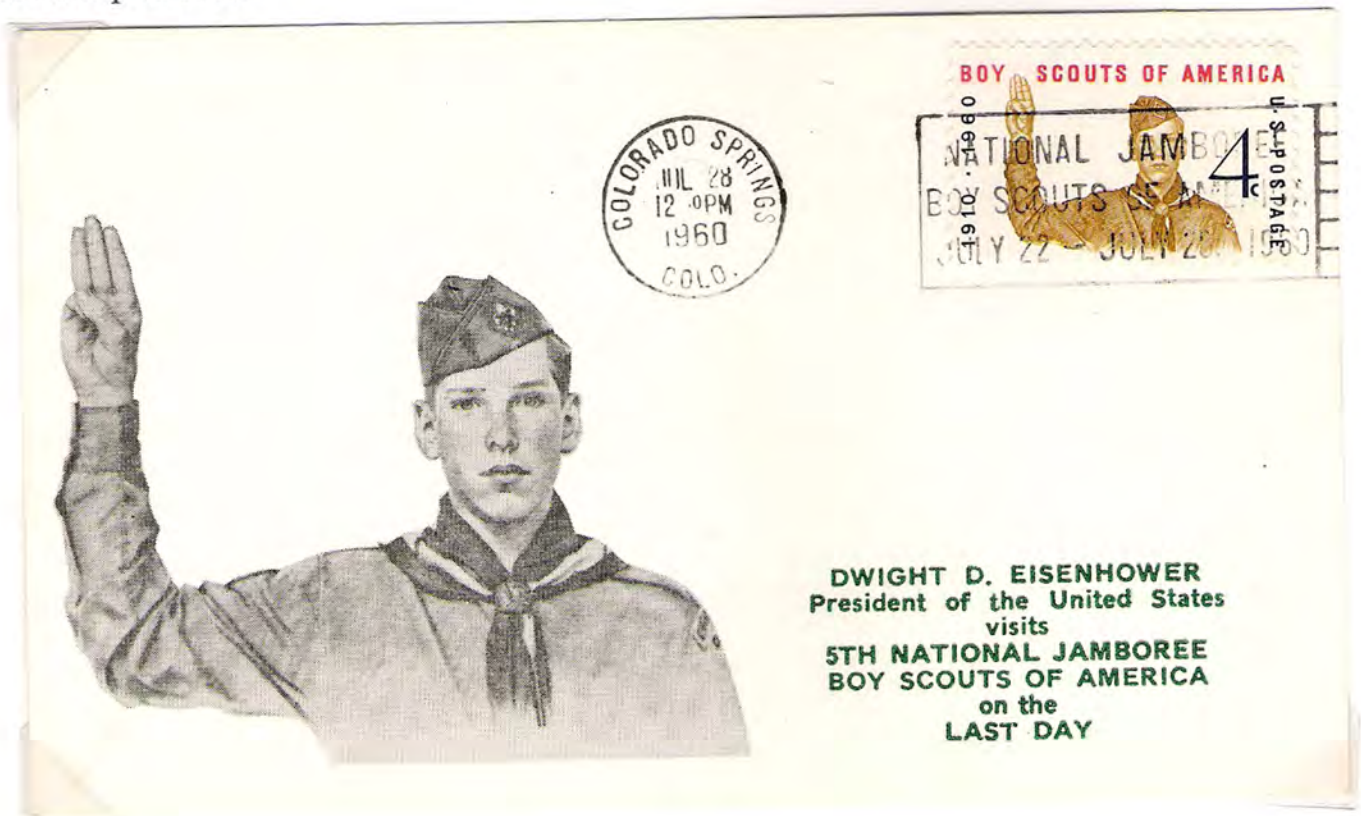
July 24, 1960



A very short message home on a commercial Colorado view post card mailed by a Jamboree Scout



As a result of last minute maneuvering, President Eisenhower visited the Jamboree on July 28, the last day as noted by the green imprint on this postcard featuring the Norman Rockwell design for the 4 cent Scout stamp of 1960.



The National Explorer Olympics, featuring competition involving Scouting and athletic skills, were held at Colorado State University at Fort Collins in 1974, 1976, and 1978. The standard Fort Collins machine cancel was used in 1974 while bulls-eye cancels were used in 1976 and 1978.



FORT COLLINS, COLORADO

**NATIONAL
EXPLORER
OLYMPICS**

AUGUST 18 - 24, 1974



FORT COLLINS, COLORADO

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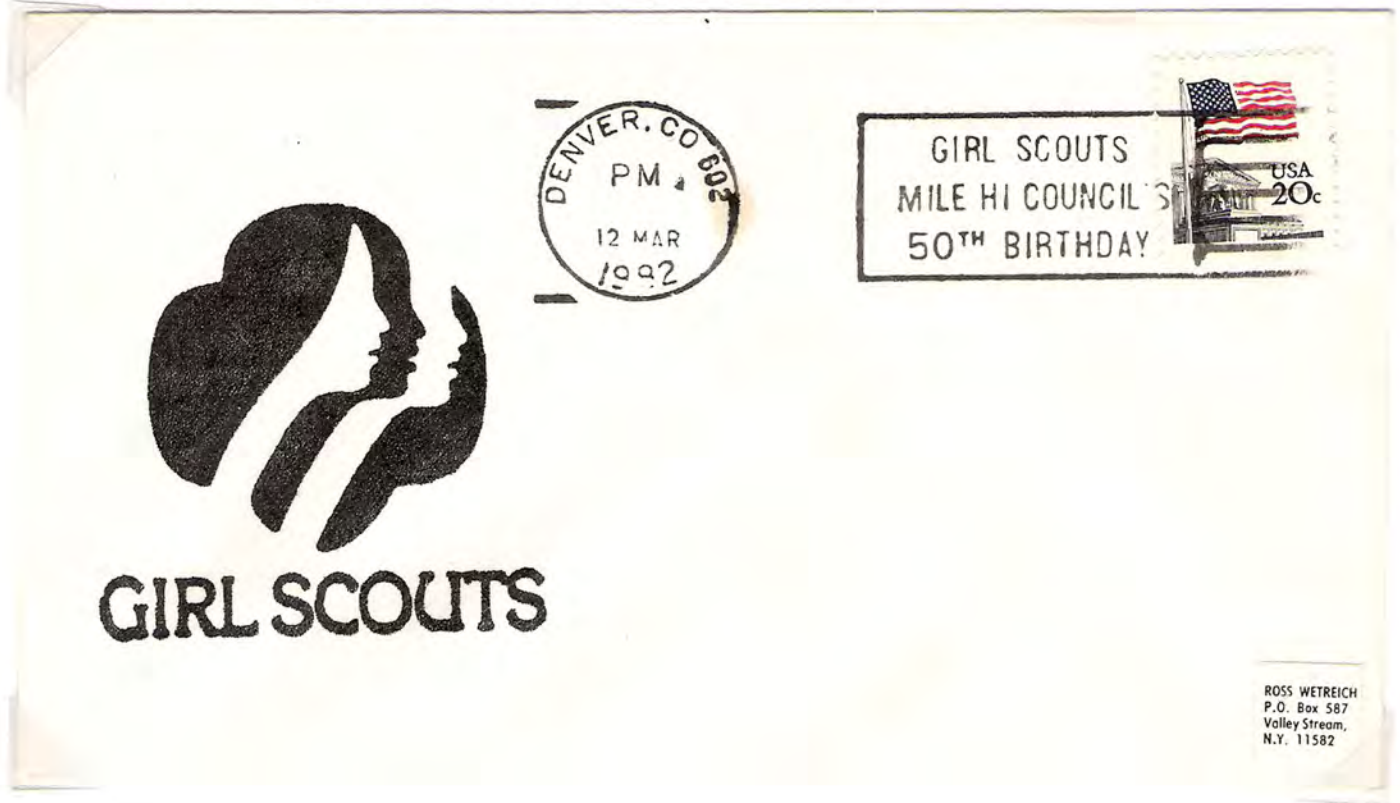
JUNE 27 - JULY 2, 1976



**NATIONAL EXPLORER
OLYMPICS
FORT COLLINS, COLO.
JULY 30 - AUG. 5
1978**



The 50th birthday (also the 75th anniversary of Girl Scouting in the USA) of the Girl Scouts' Mile Hi Council was commemorated with this special slogan cancellation.



The Mile Hi Council also prepared this special cacheted cover canceled on their 50th birthday to raise money for the Girl Scouts.



The Aurora Stamp Club honored both the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts at APEX 82 with this special cancellation for the 75th anniversary of worldwide Scouting and the 50th anniversary of the Girl Scouts' Mile Hi Council.

The Girl Scout cachet was issued on September 11.



GIRL SCOUTS
Mile Hi Council
50th Anniversary
1932 - 1982

APEX 82
Sept. 11-12, '82'



The Boy Scout cachet was issued on September 12. Note the error in the cachet. It should state 75th Anniversary of World Scouting, not Boy Scouts of America.



BOY SCOUTS USA
75th Anniversary
1907 - 1982

APEX 82
Sept. 11-12, '82'



A number of special Scout cancellations have been authorized in the past 10 years or so for various Scout activities in Colorado. Examples shown below are: a cancellation for the 73rd Anniversary National Order of the Arrow Conference at Fort Collins on August 17, 1988, and the Checkered Flag Station cancel for the Denver Area Council 1998 Scout Show on April 25, 1998.



**73RD ANNIVERSARY
NATIONAL
ORDER OF THE ARROW
CONFERENCE**

Tugboat 1900s



Tugboat 1900s



*Tom Carr #4123
2036 Venable St
Vancouver, B.C., Canada
V5L 2J2*

Boy Scouts of America - Denver Area Council
1998 SCOUT SHOW



National Western Complex, Hall of Education
Denver, Colorado, April 25th 1998

CACHET SPONSORED BY TAHOSA LODGE 383 WWW

The Pikes Peak Council of the Boy Scouts and the Wagon Wheel Council of the Girl Scouts participated in the 41st International JOTA (Jamboree on the Air). This activity was commemorated with this post card which was mailed October 17, 1998.

RADIO SCOUTING

Jamboree

On The Air

41st JOTA 1998

Make a Friend

Pikes Peak Council

Wagon Wheel Council

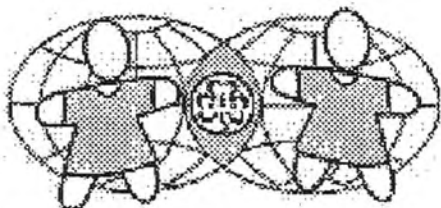
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1644 Gold Camp RD
Colorado Springs, CO USA
DM78 El Paso County

QSO with _____

The Girl Scouts and Girl Guides of the world hold an annual Thinking Day each February on or near February 22, the birthday of both Lord and Lady Baden-Powell. The special cancel for the 1999 Thinking Day was used on February 20, 1999, in Colorado Springs.

**Service Unit #11
Building World
Citizenship**



**COLORADO SPRINGS
STAMP CLUB**



20 FEB '99
Wagon Wheel
Council GSUSA
Colorado Springs
CO 80906

At TOPEX 91 in Aurora, the first day of issue ceremony was held on June 22, 1991, for the 30 cent Cardinal, 3 cent Bluebird, and 1 cent Kestrel definitive stamps. The first day program lists Boy Scout Troop No. 644 of Aurora who presented the colors for the ceremony.

First Day of Issue Ceremony

PRESIDING

Donald Roberts - Postmaster, Aurora, Colorado

PRESENTATION OF COLORS

Boy Scout Troop No. 644 - Aurora, Colorado

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Ken Zimmerman - Vocalist

INVOCATION

Reverend Arthur R. Everett
Blackhawk, Colorado

WELCOME

Donald G. Beuthel - TOPEX '91 Show Chairman

REMARKS

David Kent - President, American Topical
Association
Robert K. Turner, Regional Vice President,
National Audubon Society
Nadine Caldwell, City Council of Aurora,
Representing Mayor Paul Tauer

ADDRESS

Mary Ann Owens - Citizens Stamp Advisory
Committee

PRESENTATION OF PORTFOLIOS

HONORED GUESTS

Greg Frantz - President, Aurora Stamp Club
Mike Milam - President, Rocky Mountain
Philatelic Exhibition, Inc.
Bruce Cruickshank - Bird Columnist,
BIOPHILATELY
Bob Blatherwick - United States Postal Service