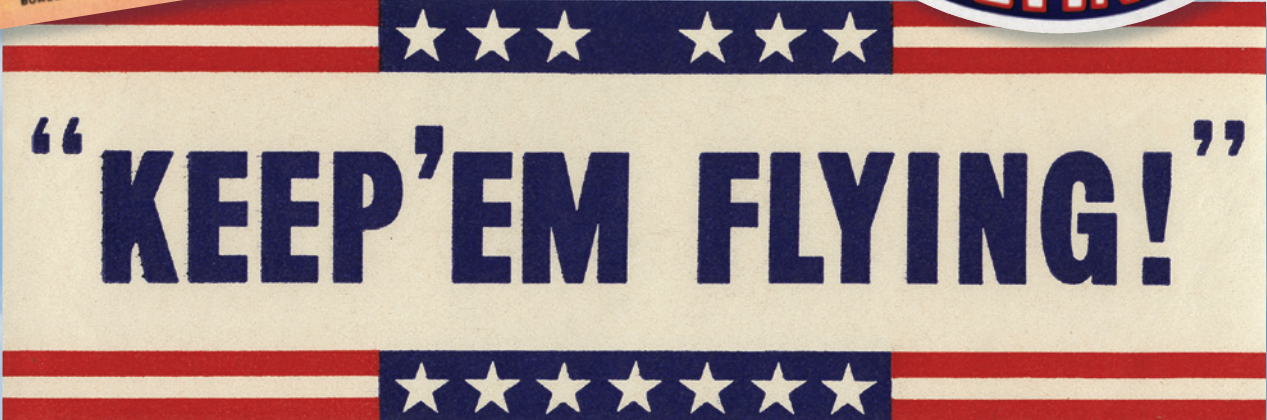


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Lt. Gen. Baden-Powell overlooking the African landscape during the Second Boer War.



Celebrating 100 Years!

On July 27, in Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia, the site of the 2010 National Scout Jamboree, the U.S. Postal Service issued a 44-cent Scouting commemorative stamp to celebrate 100 years of the adventure and spirit of scouting in the United States. Scouting was created in England by Lieut. General Robert Baden-Powell (1857–1941). Following an experimental “scouts” encampment in 1907 and the publication of his book, *Scouting for Boys*, in 1908, so many boys (and girls) spontaneously formed scouting groups of their own that Baden-Powell agreed to open a London Boy Scouts office. Within a year, some 50,000 scouts had joined the organization, and in 1912, Baden-Powell and his sister Agnes Baden-Powell jointly prepared the *Handbook for Girl Guides*, the sister organization to the original boy scouts.

The Boys Scouts of America (BSA) was founded in 1910 by William Boyce, a Chicago-based publisher. During the past century, the BSA has created a strong foundation for millions of American youth.

A posthumous message from Baden-Powell to the international community of scouts read, in part:



But the real way to get happiness is by giving out happiness to other people. Try and leave this world a little better than you found it and when your turn comes to die, you can die happy in feeling that at any rate you have not wasted your time but have done your best. “Be Prepared” in this way, to live happy and to die happy — stick to your Scout Promise always when you have ceased to be a boy — and God help you to do it.

For the stamp’s design, illustrator Craig Frazier incorporated the images of two different scouts in clothing and accessories that are often part of the outdoor scouting experience — hat, pack, boots, and binoculars.

Denomination: 44-cent Commemorative

Format: Pane of 20 (1 design)

Designer/Artist/Typographer: Craig Frazier, Mill Valley, CA

Art Director: Derry Noyes, Washington, DC

Engraver: Trident

Modeler: Avery Dennison, SPD

Manufacturing Process: Gravure

Printer: Avery Dennison (AVR), Clinton, SC

Press Type: Dia Nippon Kiko (DNK)

Paper Type: Prephosphored, Type I

Adhesive Type: Pressure-sensitive

Colors: Yellow, Magenta, Cyan, Black, Blue, Red

Stamp Orientation:

Vertical

Sizes (w x h): 21.34 x 36.07 mm (image); 25.15 x 39.62 mm (overall); 148.59 x 184.14 mm (pane)

Plate Numbers: “V” followed by 6 single digits

Marginal Markings:

Front: Plate numbers in 4 corners of pane.

Back: ©2009 USPS; USPS logo; Barcode “465400” in 2 corners of pane; Price: “.44 x 20 = \$8.80”; Plate position diagram; Brief description about scouting on back of each stamp.

Sunday Funnies

On July 16, in Columbus, Ohio, the Postal Service issued a 44-cent, Sunday Funnies commemorative stamp in five designs in a pressure-sensitive adhesive pane of twenty stamps. The Sunday Funnies stamp pane honors five of our most beloved comic strips: *Archie*, *Beetle Bailey*, *Dennis the Menace*, *Garfield*, and *Calvin and Hobbes*. Art director Ethel Kessler selected the images that appear on the stamps.

The *Beetle Bailey* stamp features Beetle, smiling calmly while Sarge loses his cool.

The *Calvin and Hobbes* stamp captures the precocious 6-year-old and his tiger pal making scary and ridiculous faces.

The *Archie* stamp features Archie sharing a chocolate shake with brunette Veronica Lodge on his right and blonde Betty Cooper on his left.

The *Garfield* stamp features the crabby tabby standing back-to-back with Odie, a carefree, energetic dog.

The *Dennis the Menace* stamp features

5-year-old Denis, dressed in red overalls and striped shirt, running off to some new adventure.

Denomination: 44-cent Commemorative

Format: Pane of 20 (5 designs)

Designer/Art Director/Typographer: Ethel Kessler, Bethesda, MD

Modeler: Donald Woo

Manufacturing Process: Offset

Printer: Banknote Corporation of America, Browns Summit, NC

Press Type: Alprinta, 74

Paper Type: Phosphored Tagged, Overall

Adhesive Type: Pressure-sensitive

Stamp Orientation: Vertical

Sizes (w x h): 27.05 x 35.56 mm (image); 31.12 x 39.62 mm (overall); 177.80 x 203.20 mm (pane)

Colors: Medium Green, Medium Blue, Light Blue, Light Green, Orange, Cyan, Magenta, Yellow, Black

Plate Numbers: “S” followed by 9 single digits

Marginal Markings: *Front:* Header: “SUNDAY FUNNIES”; Plate block numbers in 2 corners of pane. *Back:* ©2009 USPS; USPS logo; Barcode “465500” in 4 corners; Plate position diagram; Price: “.44 x 20 = \$8.80”; Verso text on back of each stamp; Proprietary notice.

Negro Leagues Baseball

On July 15, in Kansas City, Missouri, the Postal Service issued a 44-cent, Negro Leagues Baseball commemorative

