

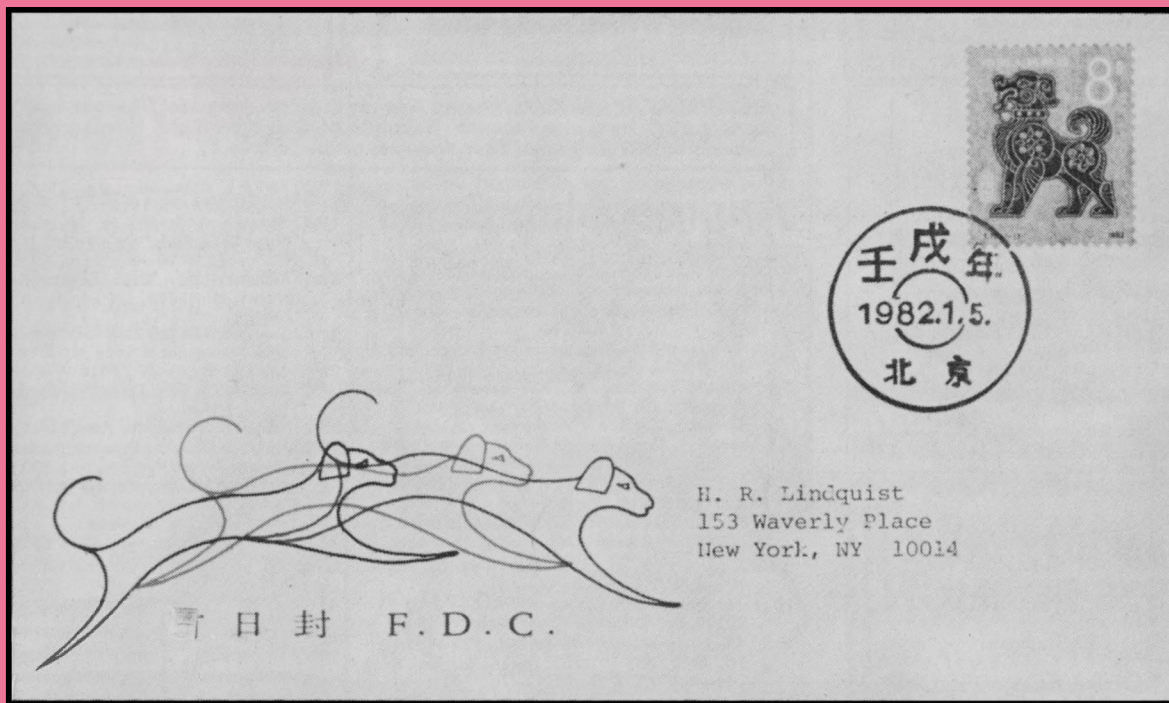
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# Girl Scouts and Guides on Stamps

By JOAN BUTTERWORTH GRADY

In 1908, Robert, Lord Baden-Powell founded the Boy Scout Movement in England. The following year, 1909 a Boy Scout Rally was held at the Crystal Palace in London. Eleven thousand boys paraded at the event. Much to Baden-Powell's surprise several girls, calling themselves Girl Scouts, also attended. They were determined to be a part of the Scouting Movement. Baden-Powell decided that if they were to be a part of the movement, they needed a name and a program of their own. Shortly after the Rally, in 1909, "A Scheme for Girl Guides — A Suggestion for Character Training for Girls" was published. In 1910 the Girl Guides Association was officially founded under the presidency of Agnes Baden-Powell, Sir Robert's sister. The two Scouting founders collaborated on the first handbook for Girl Guides. The handbook was used by girls



In 1949, Juliette Gordon Low, founder of the US Girl Scout movement, was honored with this U.S. 3c green stamp.

and adults all over the world to set up their organizations.

As the world-wide Girl Scout/Guide Movement grew and expanded, more and more countries set up programs. In 1924, forty countries participated in a World Camp. In 1919 an International Council was formed and this was

replaced in 1928 by the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS). This organization remains the focus of the Movement today. Recent figures show that there are 94 national organizations representing over 7.5 million members.

The first stamp to depict a Girl Scout was printed by an Eastern European country. Romania issued a set of five values to celebrate the 5th anniversary of the accession of King Carol II to the throne and a National Sports meeting to be held June 8, 1935. At this time the Scout groups were autonomous organizations in Romania; by 1937 they had been merged with other Romanian youth organizations and were no longer eligible for membership in the Worldwide Scouting Movement. The 10 lei + 2 lie value of this issue shows a Sea Scout, a Boy Scout and a Girl Scout

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