

# Nordic countries to co-host Scouts in 1975; many stamp issues likely



1933 Hungary



1937 Netherlands



1959 Philippines



1947 France



1951 Austria



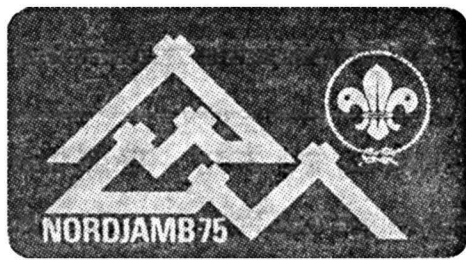
1955 Canada



1963 Greece



1957 England



14th WORLD JAMBOREE

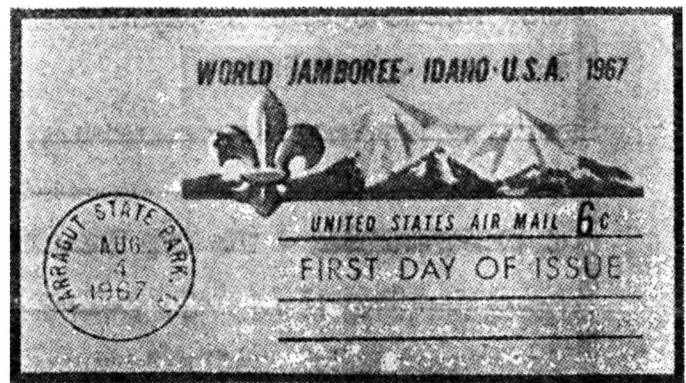
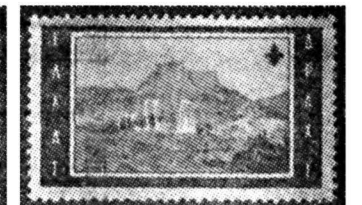
The above design will probably be seen on many of the 1975 postage stamps issued by countries honoring the next Jamboree in Norway.

The name of this Jamboree is "NORDJAMB 75," referring to the Nordic countries that are hosts.

The design is of modernistic triangles representing the tents, and the rope-encircled emblem of the World Scouting badge.



1971 Japan



1967 U.S.A. (postcard)

By Harry D. Thorsen Jr.

In July and August 1975, the countries of Norway, Denmark, Finland, Sweden, and Iceland will co-host the 14th World Scout Jamboree.

Held in Norway 120 miles north of Oslo in Lillehammer there will be 15,000 Scouts and leaders camping together in an ideal site of forests and mountains.

Every country of the world will be represented except the communist nations. Russia eliminated Scouting before World War II and in all their dominated nations since the war. Their objection to world friendships for their youth in participating in Jamborees has not been a factor in Olympic games.

Someday World Scouting may again be permitted in the communist countries.

Ever since Hungary issued postage stamps honoring the Fourth Jamboree in 1933 every host nation has repeated this philatelic recognition. The leaping stag was the Jamboree emblem used on the four values (Scott 481-485).

Like the Olympic games, World Scout Jamborees are planned every four years except when world conditions or wars make this impossible.

Lord Robert Baden-Powell who was the founder of the Scout movement in England in 1907, believed that the opportunity to attend a World Jamboree should come once in the lifetime of each boy. However, Scouting avoids the same years of the Olympic games.

Illustrated are the other stamps of World Jamborees by the host countries:

1937 Netherlands, three stamps 206-208.

1947 France, one stamp 587.

1951 Austria, one stamp 576.

1955 Canada, one stamp 356.

1957 Great Britain, three stamps 334-336. Also, each of the

three stamps were overprinted by Persian Gulf agencies of Bahrain, Muscat, Qatar.

Many other countries also issued stamps honoring this Jamboree which was the 50th anniversary of Scouting and the 100th anniversary of the birth of Baden-Powell.

1959 Philippines, five stamps B10-11, CB1-3. Also, a souvenir sheet CB3a with the 5 stamps repeated, and a tete-beche pair B10a-11a.

1963 Greece, 5 stamps 759-763.

1967 U.S. postal card UXC7.

This was the first World Scout Jamboree postal card issued by a host country.

1971 Japan, 1 stamp 1078.

Twelve other countries also issued stamps honoring this event.

Since 1957 many countries that participate by sending Scouts to the Jamborees have found a ready market for Scout stamps and first day covers. Many of the Arab states with few Scout troops have issued many Scout stamps in recent years regardless of Jamboree years. Their multistamp sets have been colorful, with high values, imperforate varieties, and souvenir sheets both perforate and imperforate, but have not been popular with collectors.

Each year World Scouting magazine carries articles on the promoting of Scout postage stamps and attempts to guide the nations into worthwhile designs for noteworthy Scouting events. Since boys in all the Scouting countries enjoy souvenirs of stamps and covers honoring their movement, countries would be wise to attract more collectors with less expensive sets.

A recent innovation has been the cooperation of postal authorities to share in their revenue from Scout stamps for the promotion of Scouting in their country and in the worldwide movement of character building and citizenship training. Because of national

"good turns" in times of floods, wars and national disasters, the Boy Scouts have the goodwill of all the governments where Scouting is serving their youth.

One of the largest topical philatelic associations is Scouts on Stamps Society International started in 1951. They have 1,600 members in 42 countries of the world who research, buy, sell and trade Scout philately through their monthly "JOURNAL of SOSSI." Membership is not limited to members of Scout organizations

and you may request an application by sending a self-addressed, 10c stamped envelope to the writer at: 1000 Golfview Road, Glenview, Ill. 60025.

The Boy Scouts of America will send a contingent of 2,500 Scouts and leaders to the Jamboree. Each of the BSA's six regions will have 10 troops of 36 Scouts and four leaders.

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