

July 17, 1959
10th WORLD BOY SCOUT JAMBOREE

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Makiling National Park, Los Baños, Laguna
Philippines

In the wonder city that has arisen out of the fabled Mt. Makiling, twelve thousand Boy Scouts and scouters from all over the globe will converge for a unique gathering - the 10th World Jamboree, set from July 17 to 26, 1959.

Thus, the Philippines gets the distinction of being the first Asian country to play host to the world-wide scouting assembly.

Held every four years, the Jamboree is an international event whose significance is far-reaching. Its pageantry, pomp and magnitude rival those of the Olympic Games.

The preparation for the Jamboree itself has taken two years. It all started in 1957 when the Philippines won the bid to hold the gathering here.

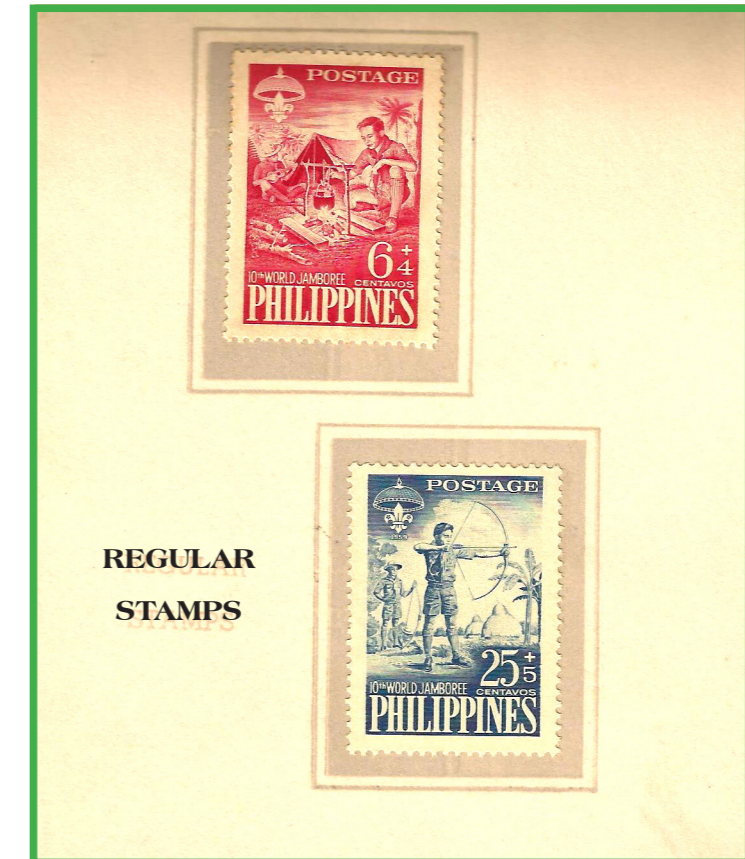
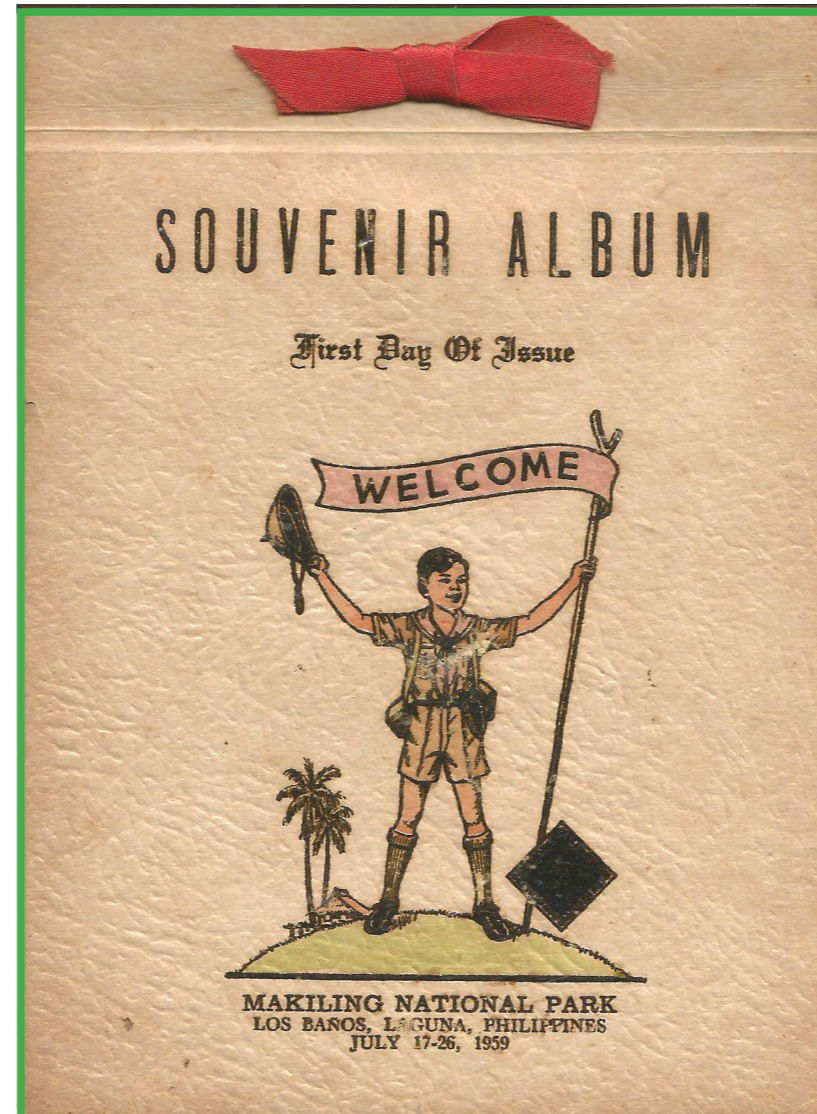
Seventy foreign countries will be represented here by 4,000 scouts and scouters. They will live, work and play with 8,000 Filipino counterparts from 63 provincial and city councils.

The 1st World Jamboree was held in Olympia, London, England in 1920, two years after the first world war. Lord Baden Powell, being the founder of the Boy Scouts movement and the Boy Scouts headquarters in London, initiated the idea of the great gathering of boys throughout the world.

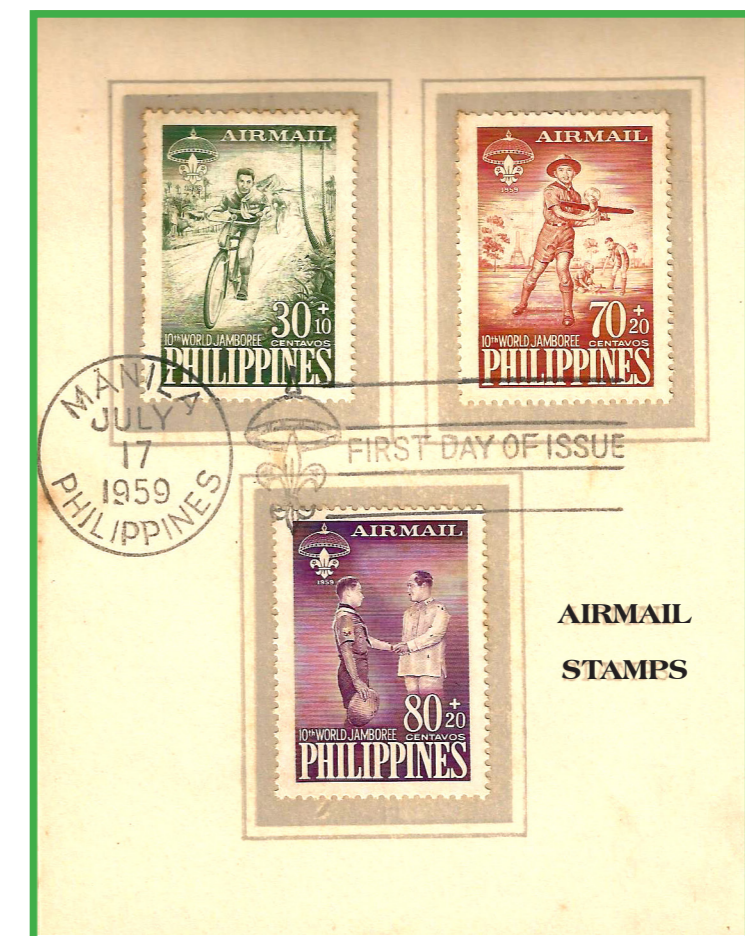
The 2nd World Jamboree in 1924 was held in Ermelunden, Denmark, followed in 1929 by the 3rd World Jamboree held in Arrowe Park, England. The 4th World Jamboree was held in Godollo, Hungary in 1933, where the Philippines participated for the first time which was then still a council of the Boy Scouts of America. The 5th World Jamboree in 1937 was held in Vogelensang-Bloemendaal, Holland, opened by Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands. Moisson, France was the scene of the 6th World Jamboree in 1947. For the first time, the Boy Scouts of the Philippines was represented as an independent unit when the Philippine Republic was only one year old. The 7th World Jamboree was held in Bad Ischl, Austria in 1951, followed by the 8th World Jamboree in Niagara-on-the-Lake, Canada in 1955. The 9th World Jamboree in 1957 held in Sutton Park, England was a special one in commemoration of Lord Baden Powell's 100th anniversary.

With the apt theme "Building Tomorrow Today" the 10th World Jamboree will be closely watched by the whole scouting world.

To help raise funds to finance this significant event, the Bureau of Posts during the period from July 17 to 26, 1959, is issuing a set of semi-postal stamps consisting of five values. Each stamp depicts a phase of the activity of the Boy Scouts.



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