

CENTENARY OF SCOUTING (1907 – 2007)

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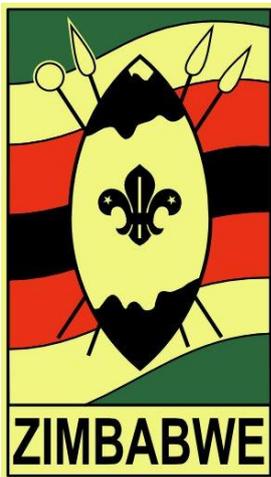
Since Scouting began in 1907 at Brown Sea Island, over 200 million Scouts have worn the Scout symbol, making it one of the more highly recognized emblems in the world. Today, over 200 World Scouting countries and territories, more than 28 million members continue to wear it with pride.

All the proposed designs presented by the Scout Association of Zimbabwe, have incorporated the World Scout Emblem. The symbol is white on a royal purple background, colours chosen because, in heraldry, white stands for purity and purple for leadership and helping others.

In the World Scout emblem, the Fleur-de-Lis is surrounded by a circle of rope tied with a reef knot to symbolize the strength and unity of the world brotherhood of Scouting: "Even as one cannot undo a reef knot, no matter how hard one pulls on it, so as it expands, the movement remains united."



Zimbabwe's Scouting Emblem



Zimbabwe's Scout Badge

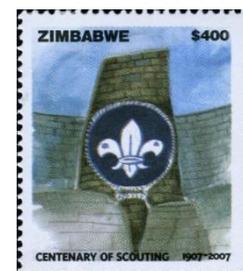
The three tips of the Fleur-de-Lis represent the three main parts of the Scout promise: duty to God, obedience to the Scout Law, and service to others. The two five-point stars stand for truth and knowledge, and the 10 points on the stars remind us of the 10 points of the Scout law. The ring holding the emblem together represents the bond of brotherhood.

The Scout hat was founded in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe by Colonel Baden-Powell.

The four stamps were designed by The Boy Scouts Association of Zimbabwe and air-brushed by Lucia Marisamhuka - Terrie Lue Graphics.

\$400: Scout Badge on Great Zimbabwe

This design shows the World Scout emblem incorporated or superimposed on the Great Zimbabwe Ruins, symbolizing that while scouting was founded in England and spread to other parts of the World. In Zimbabwe it cuts across all generations and has become part of our culture, and as the Great Zimbabwe ruins remain solid so does the Scouting philosophy reminding us of duty to God and our country. Great Zimbabwe was built as a result of team work and helping each other, values which are entrenched in the Scout Philosophy.



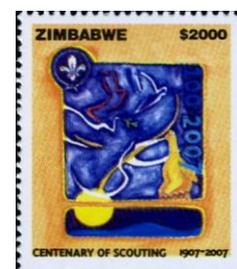
\$1,500: Scout Badge on Zimbabwe Flag

This design shows the world emblem imposed on the colours of the Zimbabwe flag on the Zimbabwe map. This design explains that the Scout Movement is truly Zimbabwean supported by the Government and exists in many schools teaching young people the true value of patriotism. It is found in all the country's provinces. The blue is reflective of the Association's hope and contribution in the development and maintenance of peace in our country.



\$2,000: Dove of Peace & Zimbabwe Bird

This design shows the World badge for Scout Movement's celebration of 100 years of Scouting. The white dove reflects our quest for peace, while the national bird emphasizes our pride in being Zimbabwean as we celebrate 100 years of World Scouting.



\$2,500: Scout Badge on map of Africa

This design shows the Scout Emblem superimposed into the map of Africa, with the Zimbabwean flag colours forming the background. As World Scouting celebrates 100 years, its impact has been felt in many communities, as Scouts have been involved in environmental education, working with street children and other vulnerable communities, fighting the HIV and AIDS pandemic and creating employment opportunities through life skills education. The African Union declared the 13th of March every year as the day of the Scout. A number of Zimbabweans and the majority of heads of states in Africa support and encourage the development of Scouting.



Catalogue listings

SG	ZSC¹	Value	Description
1211	629	\$400	Scout badge on Great Zimbabwe
1212	630	\$1,500	Scout badge on Zimbabwe flag
1213	631	\$2,000	Dove of peace and Zimbabwe bird
1214	632	\$2,500	Scout badge on map of Africa

Technical details

Stamp size:	Sheet stamps: 30 x 35 mm								
Sheet Size:	50 stamps (5 rows of 10 stamps), two panes per printed sheet								
Artist:	The Boy Scouts Association								
Paper:	ZSC paper type J: paper described by Zimpost as “Chancellor Litho PVA Gummed Postage Stamp Paper”. This paper is produced by Tullis Russell Coaters of Glenrothes, Fife, Scotland. Under UV there is no fluorescence either front or back, the stamp appears to be very dark								
Print colours:	Cyan, magenta, yellow & black								
Perforations:	SG 14 x 14½, ZSC 14 x 14¼ Left margin: Perforated through Other margins: Imperforate								
Printer:	NatPrint, Harare, Zimbabwe								
Printer’s Imprint:	Bottom Margin, below Row 5 Columns 5 & 6. Imprint printed in black								
Cylinder numbers:	Bottom margin below R5/1. Colours from left – cyan, magenta, yellow, black								
Colour register:	Type TL 4– round boxed – left margin opposite R5/1. Colours reading down – cyan, magenta, yellow, black								
Sheet Value:	Bottom margin, below R5/10, printed in black								
Sheet Number:	Type SN 7 with printed ‘ZIMPOST’ prefix, right margin opposite R5/10, reading down								
Print numbers:	<table><tr><td>\$400</td><td>684,250</td><td>\$1,500.</td><td>90,800</td></tr><tr><td>\$2,000.</td><td>77,650</td><td>\$2,500.</td><td>76,950</td></tr></table>	\$400	684,250	\$1,500.	90,800	\$2,000.	77,650	\$2,500.	76,950
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	(Note: with two panes of 50 on each printing sheet, quantities ending in 50 cannot, by definition, be correct.)								
Issue date:	20 th February, 2007								

Postal Rates

The stamps reflect the correct postal rates for local and airmail rates to the usual destinations.

Listed varieties

No listed varieties have been noted.

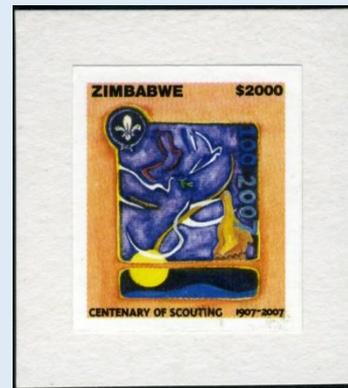
Unlisted Varieties

There are numerous small dots and specks in the printing of these stamps, particularly in the backgrounds. No variations have been reported.



\$400: Imperforate left margin

(Source eBay February 2022)

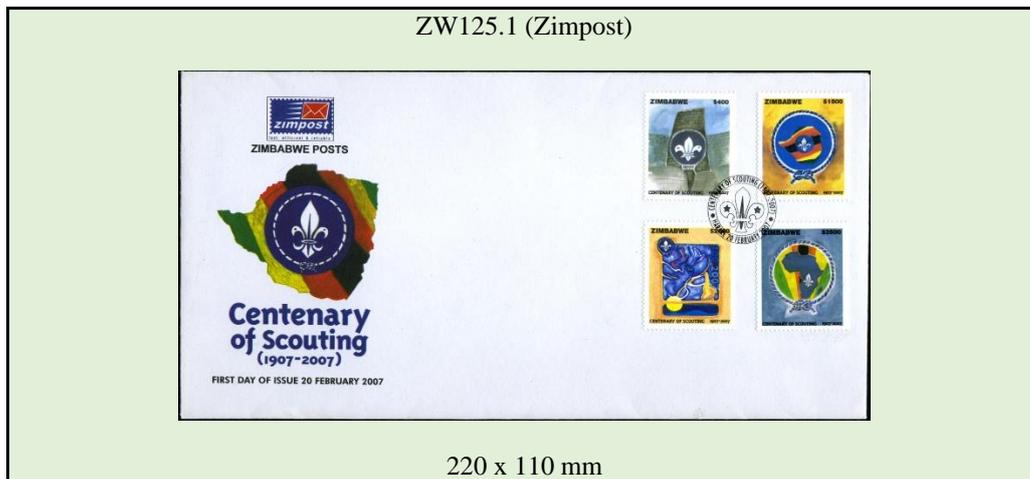
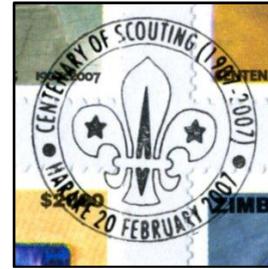


\$2,000: Imperforate stamp on card

First Day Cover

The cover numbering comes from the catalogue produced by Geoff Brakspear.

A pictorial first day of issue canceller was produced for this issued and was used by the Philatelic Bureau. Other first day cover cancellers continued to be used at main post offices.

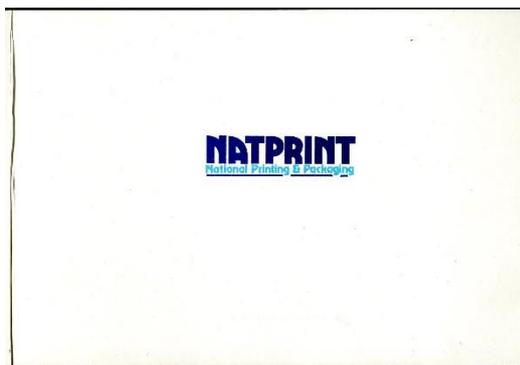


Related Material

Natprint Proof Presentation Cards

Presentation cards produced by Natprint with imperforate proofs of the stamps to be issued. The presentation cards were forwarded to the PTC for approval of the final product.

(Courtesy of Jefferson Ritson)



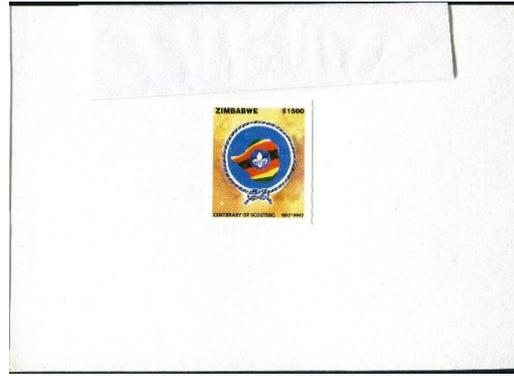
Front cover



Inside front cover



\$400 stamp



\$1,500 stamp



\$2,000 stamp



\$2,500 stamp

Bibliography:

1. "The Zimbabwean Concise Postage Stamp Catalogue", published by Harare Stamp Company, edited by Ken Allanson, Mike Amos and Geoff Brakspear. The catalogue continues to be updated and expanded by Geoff Brakspear
2. Zimbabwe Post, Philatelic Bureau Bulletin No 1 of 2007

Additions/Changes since December 2020	
03-2022	Imperforate left margin