

STAMP CAMP USA



WHERE KIDS LEARN THROUGH STAMPS

Saturday, July 18, 2009 (10 am – 4 pm)

Sunday, July 19, 2009 (10 am – 4 pm)

**Minnesota Stamp Expo 2009
Crystal Community Center
4800 Douglas Drive North
Crystal, MN 55429**

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SHOW DATES & HOURS

Friday, July 17 10 am - 6 pm
Saturday, July 18 10 am - 5 pm
Sunday, July 19 10 am - 4 pm

Minnesota Stamp Expo is an American Philatelic Society (APS) accredited national World Series of Philately (WSP) show. The show features approximately 30 dealers from across the United States and Canada, up to 200 frames of exhibits, seminars, special show covers, a silent auction, youth table, door prizes and much more. As a WSP show, the exhibitor winning the Grand Award (announced at a special reception on Saturday night) qualifies for the prestigious Champion of Champions competition.

Originally known as TWINPEX, the show was first held in 1929 in conjunction with the first annual APS National Philatelic Exhibition and Convention. Over the years, the name of the show has been changed to be more meaningful to the non-collecting public and to reflect the expanded size and sponsorship of the show.

Minnesota Stamp Expo is currently sponsored by the following organizations:

Lake Minnetonka Stamp Club
Maplewood Stamp Club
Minnesota Stamp Dealers Association
Twin City Philatelic Society

The show theme this year is “Honoring Abraham Lincoln”, with a special celebration of the 50th anniversary of the local German Philatelic Society.

For more information on the show, please contact show chairman Tom Eckers at (763) 533-1860 or tome56@earthlink.net.

What Kinds of Activities?

Camp schedules may include:

- scavenger hunts
- creating travel passports
- using identifiers and maps to learn geography
- translating mysterious markings on envelopes to unravel everything from bar codes to ZIP codes
- transcribing handwritten letters (an activity that brings poor spellers into a “prized” team role)
- hands-on opportunities to soak stamps, sort them and learn such basics of the hobby as how to hinge, mount and display their collections
- creative storytelling with worldwide stamps, envelopes and postmarks

Who Is Involved in Stamp Camp?

First introduced in 1995 in Pennsylvania’s Northern Tioga School District, Stamp Camp USA is a non-profit 501(c)(3) educational organization that operates under a collaborative program structure. Partners include the United States Postal Service, the American Philatelic Society, Postmaster organizations, Pennsylvania 4-H, Scouting, and community volunteers and resources on the local level. Supplies and materials are obtained through direct program donations and community fund-raising efforts.



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www.stampcampusa.org

www.stampsminnesota.com



What is Stamp Camp USA?

Stamp Camp USA is a collaborative educational program that boosts children's skills and knowledge through the use of worldwide stamps, envelopes, and Stamp Camp Cash.

Campers, ages 8 to 14, begin by learning stamp collecting basics, including the proper care of a stamp collection and the use of cool stamp tools.

After they learn the basics, campers select a topic and then hunt for related stamps, envelopes, and postmarks in the donations. These materials become part of their personal collections, to be used in their projects, such as creative three-dimensional exhibits and four-page competitive exhibits.

Throughout these activities, each camper earns Stamp Camp Cash, which they use to purchase prizes at the end-of-camp auction.

Why Stamps?

Postage stamps, with their colorful images and real-life stories, have fascinated millions of adults and children ever since they first appeared more than 150 years ago.

In the world of stamps, there's something to interest everyone — nature, wildlife, artists, athletes, space ships, dinosaurs, monuments, historical events, faraway lands and much more!

Stamps are an ideal way to motivate children to learn. They provide a stimulus for an exciting discussion and they add a touch of family fun for your home and community.



When, Where and How Much?

Dates: Saturday - July 18, 2009 OR
Sunday - July 19, 2009

Time: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

NOTE: Campers should bring a disposable lunch.

Location: Minnesota Stamp Expo 2009
Crystal Community Center
4800 Douglas Drive North
Crystal, MN 55429

Registration Fee: \$25.00 (Participants receive approximately \$50.00 worth of philatelic supplies and materials.)

Registration Deadline: July 1, 2009

STAMP CAMP USA REGISTRATION

Participation is limited to 15 children per camp. Pre-registration is required and is first-come, first-served. To register, complete and return this (or a similar) form with payment to:

**Minnesota Stamp Expo
c/o Randy Smith
PO Box 2085
Minneapolis, MN 55402**

My child(ren) listed below have my permission to attend Stamp Camp USA at Minnesota Stamp Expo 2009 on (circle one):

Saturday, July 18 or Sunday, July 19

Child's name(s) (example: Phil A. Telic):

1) _____

2) _____

If a nickname is preferred, please note above.

Parent(s) Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ ZIP Code: _____

Contact Phone: _____

CAMPER 1

CAMPER 2

Birthdate: _____

Ever _____

Exhibited? _____

Stamp _____

subjects of _____

interest: _____

Special _____

Needs? _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Registration fees are non-refundable. Make checks payable to Minnesota Stamp Expo.

Questions? Please contact Randy Smith at (952) 431-3273 or rasmay4@frontiernet.net.