III Olympic Winter Games
Lake Placid 1932

Commemorative Stamp
A basic 2 cents stamp was issued on 25 January 1932
It was engraved by J. Eissler from a design by A.R. Meissner.
The printing was 51,102,800, by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, Washington D.C.

Pre-Cancels
Like all U.S. issues at the time, it was widely pre-cancelled for newspaper and other bulk mailings.
The pre-cancels were applied by various methods, e.g. typographed by sheet, or hand-applied by rubber roller.
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The stamp was printed in sheets of 400 guillotined into 4 panes of 100. This results in stamps that are imperforate on one or two sides.

An outline of the 2 right-hand panes (note the red guillotine lines):
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First Day Postmarks

There was no pictorial postmark, and most FDCs were cancelled with the Lake Placid wavy line cancel, time set at 10:30 AM.


REGISTERED

This registered FDC also has a circular 'dumb' cancel. Postage is 1c. overpaid - postage was 2c. and registration 15c.

The headquarters of the I.O.C. was at Lake Placid Club. It had its own post office until after the 1980 Olympic Winter Games. Only a few FDCs are known posted from there:

Lake Placid Club
Essex co. N Y

Mr. G. Bruton Thomas Jr.
819 Tilton St.
Philadelphia Pa.
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Opening and Closing of the Games:
A 'philatelic' Opening Day cover, and a postcard to France written on the Closing Day

OPENING OF
III Olympic
Winter Games

LAKE PLACID, N.Y.
FEB. 4th 1932

B.H. Terry,
234 Alfred St.
Detroit Mich.

POSTCARD

Weillam Souvenir
de Lake Placid do ci
conta que Fuchille,
Vos recevoir avec fai
nance ce bon vaine

13 - 2 - 82

Scenic - WINTER SPORTS - LAKE PLACID 1932 - Photo by D.S. Church
The finest skate outfits for those who appreciate the best at popular prices.

Mr. Phil Taylor
2065 Wisconsin Avenue
Birmingham, Alabama

Chicago, Ill.
May 6, 1938

Postage Paid

Olympic Champion Skate Co.
Division of A.H. Hyde & Sons Co.
179 Lincoln Street
Boston, Mass.