

STAMP CERTIFICATION

I completed this passport on _____ date _____.

My Junior Leader, _____ name _____,

of _____ Junior Grange # _____,

(or, if a 1+ Junior member, my mentor is a member of

_____ Grange # _____)

approved my stamp on _____ date _____.

Junior Leader Signature _____

NOTES ON STEPS/STAMP WORK



**U.S. Postal
Service**

*Grange Adventures
#7*

DIFFICULTY LEVEL



AUDIENCE

Designed to be completed sequentially as Juniors grow, with culmination after Junior member has achieved at least a third-grade reading level and has a basic understanding of internet research. *To earn the stamp, all steps must be completed but need not be done in order.*

NECESSARY RESOURCES

Internet access, writing implements, paper, markers, crayons or printer/paper, envelope and stamp

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

The purpose of this passport is to educate Junior Grangers about the U.S. Postal System and the Grange's role in Rural Free Delivery.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon completion, Junior Grangers will be able to

- show basic knowledge of the U.S. Postal System and its history as well as the U.S. Postal Museum
- prepare a piece of mail to be sent through the postal system
- define Rural Free Delivery and discuss the Grange's part in helping to make access to the postal service equal for rural Americans
- provide basic details about careers with the U.S. Postal Service

Step 1

On an envelope and on a postcard, practice writing the return address, delivery address and locating where a stamp should go

Date Completed: _____

Step 2

Send a letter and a postcard to a family member, friend or Pen Pal using the U.S. Postal Service (USPS)

Date Completed: _____

Step 3

Complete Junior Grange U.S. Postal Service worksheet

Date Completed: _____

Step 4

Write a thank you letter to your postal carrier and hand-deliver it or put it in your mailbox for them

Date Completed: _____

Step 5

Interview a postal worker or take a tour of your local post office to learn what careers are available with the USPS

Date Completed: _____

Step 6

Visit the U.S. Postal Museum in Washington, D.C., or go to its website to research the museum. Explain what exhibit you most enjoyed or would most like to see in person and why.

Favorite exhibit: _____

Date Completed: _____

Step 7

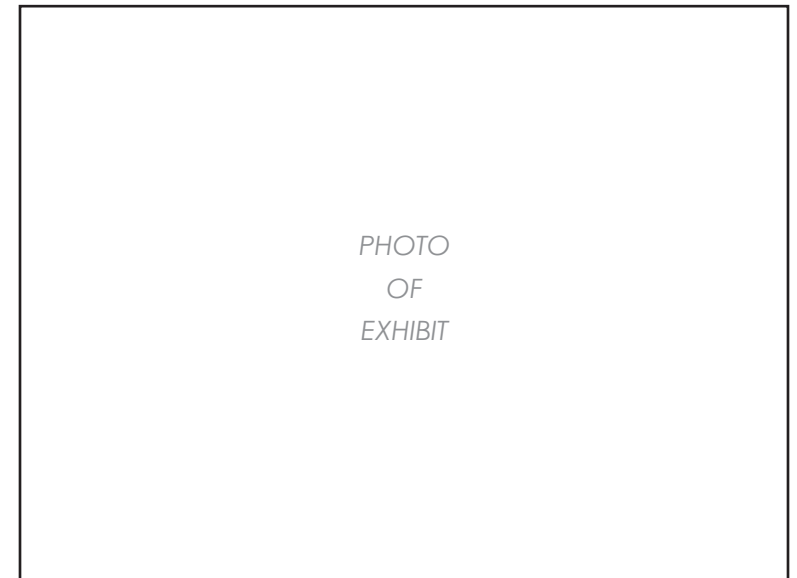
Learn about the different classes of domestic mail and their requirements – maximum and minimum size and weight and what types of things can be mailed in that class. Speak to your mentor about your new knowledge.

Date Completed: _____

Step 8

Do your own research and/or watch the DVD called The Grange & Rural Free Delivery (available from the National Grange). Then, create some informational display/exhibit (a booth, tri-fold board, or any other presentation to inform the public that does not require you to be there to explain) about the Grange's impact on the Postal Service through Rural Free Delivery. Display it at your Grange Hall or some other public place. Take a picture of the exhibit. *(This may be done as a group project.)*

Date Completed: _____



Junior Grange U.S. Postal Service Worksheet



Associated with Grange Adventures Passport #7

1. What year was the United States Postal Service founded? _____
2. By what authority was it founded? _____
3. _____ was appointed the first Postmaster General.
4. True or False: The Postal Service is a branch of the government. _____
5. The first U.S. postage stamps were issued in what year? _____
6. What was the Pony Express and when did it begin? _____

7. _____ is current Postmaster General.
8. Zip Codes were first introduced in _____ (year) and were initially _____ digits long.
9. What was the first rural postal route established in my state on _____
(date) in _____ (town/area).
10. What was the “first date of issue” for the National Grange postal stamp? _____
11. The USPS processes and delivers about _____ million mail pieces each day.
12. How much does a first-class stamp cost? _____
13. About how many zip codes are there in the United States? _____
14. A stamp collector is called a _____.
15. While the USPS has no official motto, this phrase – chiseled in the granite above the 8th Avenue New York City Post Office entrance – is often thought of as the unofficial motto.
Neither _____ nor _____ nor _____ nor _____
stays these _____.

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