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Stamp Camp USA is entering its 15th year of teaching children around the United States and abroad with worldwide postage stamps.

Said Stamp Camp USA Executive Director Cheryl Edgcomb, "Since our humble beginnings in 1995, we have grown from a small, grassroots youth program to incorporation and IRS designation as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Today, we offer a program that not only serves school-age children but also preschoolers and have seen our campers earn national and international exhibiting acclaim. We have taught stamp campers of all ages who are now bringing their children to us to begin stamp collecting, a true test of our program's quality and success."

Edgcomb continued, "As we enter our 15th anniversary year, we want to generate a renewed interest in philately, knowing that stamp collecting can be a hobby that not only educates children academically but

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also socially, creatively and collectively as a family. Through some creative brainstorming, we decided to submit a proposal to the Guinness Book of World Records and attempt to establish the world's largest worldwide postage stamp collection by filling an above ground swimming pool with postage stamps. Following the Guinness attempt, the accumulated stamps could then be converted to program use and purposes so that even more children can enjoy this hobby."

She added, "This Guinness record attempt will be taking place at noon on Saturday, May 22, just outside Stamp Camp USA's national headquarters at 117 Court Street in Elkland. The Northern Tioga School District's vacant field, located next to the Court Street parking area, will be turned into a colorful 'pool party' location where excitement can build as we 'splash into stamp collecting' by filling the pool with the stamps that have been collected.

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