

Online Merit Badge Schedule
Music Merit Badge

Prerequisites:

- No Prerequisites

Class Schedule:

- Each class session will begin at 7:00pm on Tuesdays
- Each class session will be at least 60-minutes
 - Meetings will not exceed 90 minutes
- There will be 4 class meetings
- Around 2-4 hours a week of homework.

Class Plan:

Day One

- Introduction
 - 10 minutes
- Requirement #2: Name the five general groups of musical instruments. Create an illustration that shows how tones are generated and how instruments produce sound.
 - 15 minutes
 - Homework for Scouts - Pick an instrument of your choice and create an illustration of how tones and sounds are produced on the instrument. Illustrations will be presented at the next class meeting.
- Requirement #1: Sing or play a simple song or hymn chosen by your counselor, using good technique, phrasing, tone, rhythm, and dynamics. Read all the signs and terms of the score.
 - 15 minutes
 - Homework for Scouts - Prepare the given music and either record a video or be prepared to present the music live for the next class meeting.
- Requirement #5: Define for your counselor intellectual property (IP). Explain how to properly obtain and share recorded music.
 - 15 minutes
 - Homework for Scouts - Write a paragraph (or more if needed) defining intellectual property and how to properly obtain and share recorded music. Email this to the instructor.
- Q&A
 - 5 minutes

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Day Two

- Start class
 - 5 minutes
- Present illustrations (1-2 minutes per Scout)
 - 15-30 minutes
- Present prepared music (1-2 minutes per Scout)
 - 15-30 minutes
- Discuss Homework Assignment: Requirement 3
 - 15 minutes
 - Homework for Scouts - Choose TWO of req. #3
Be prepared to present these requirements at the next class.
 - #3a
 - Prepare a concert review, consult full requirements for more info. Email instructor for questions or concert recommendations.
 - #3b
 - Interview an adult member of your family about music, consult full requirements for more info.
 - #3c
 - Serve for 6 months as a member of a musical ensemble OR perform as a soloist in public 6 times. Be prepared to tell the class about your experience.
 - #3d
 - Prepare a short presentation on 5 people who are important in the history of American music. Consult full requirements for more info.
- Q&A
 - 5 minutes

Day Three

- Start class
 - 5 minutes
- Presentations of Requirement #3 (3-5 minutes per scout)
 - ~45 minutes
- Discuss Homework Assignment: Requirement 4
 - 15 minutes
 - Homework for Scouts - Choose ONE of req. #4
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- #4a
 - Teach 3 songs to a group of people. Lead them in singing the songs, using proper hand motions. (Record a video -with consent- to present to the class)
- #4b
 - Compose and write the score for a piece of music of 12 measures or more, and play this music on an instrument. (Record a video or play it live for the class)
- #4c
 - Make a traditional instrument and learn to play it. (Record a video or play it live for the class)
- Q&A
 - 5 minutes

Day Four

- Start Class
 - 5 minutes
- Presentations of Requirement #4 (3-5 minutes per scout)
 - ~45 minutes
- Final Notes and Q&A
 - 10 minutes