**Art Merit Badge Syllabus**

Hello and thank you for signing up for the Art Merit Badge online course. This course will consist of 4 face-to-face sessions that will be taking place via Zoom calls. This course will also include projects that you will need to complete on your own between each session or before credit for the Art Merit Badge can be awarded.

To complete the requirements of this merit badge you will need a pen or pencil, paper for note taking, and the ability to print out worksheets. Please be advised that requirement number 4 will also require you to have some art supplies for this course based on which project option you choose. It is advised that you have the supplies for the 4th requirement by the 2nd session of this course.

**Prerequisites**

It is recommended that the scout read over the requirements and plan on obtaining the materials needed to complete each requirement before the course begins. The only supplies needed before your first session are paper for note taking, a writing utensil, and a method to print out worksheets.

\*Note About Partial Completion\*

Due to the online nature of this course, completion of this course will result in a partially completed Art Merit Badge. To complete this badge the scout will need to visit a venue listed in requirement 6 of the Art Merit Badge when possible. Once that requirement has been completed the scout will discuss the visit with a merit badge counselor or their unit leader.

**Merit Badge Requirements**

Requirements that state that the scout must discuss something will be completed during the Zoom call and as classwork or homework. Any other aspect of each requirement will need to be completed as homework. Zoom calls are designed to give the each scout the information needed to complete most of the requirements for this badge.

1. Discuss the following with your counselor:
   1. What is art and what are some of the different forms of art
   2. The importance of art to humankind
   3. What art means to you and how art can make you feel
2. Discuss with your counselor the following terms and elements of art:
   1. Line, Value, Shape, Form, Space, Color, Texture
      1. Show examples of each element
3. Discuss with your counselor the six principles of design
   1. Rhythm, Balance, Proportion, Variety, Emphasis, Unity
4. Render a subject of your choice in 4 of these ways
   1. Pen and Ink
   2. Watercolors
   3. Pencil
   4. Pastels
   5. Oil Paints
   6. Tempera
   7. Acrylics
   8. Charcoal
   9. Computer Drawing or Paint
5. Do one of the following:
   1. Design something useful. Make a sketch or model of your design. With your counselor’s approval, create a promotional piece for the item using a picture or pictures
   2. Tell a story with a picture or pictures or using a 3-D rendering
   3. Design a logo. Share your design with your counselor and explain the significance of your logo. Then, with your parent’s permission and your counselor’s approval, put your logo on Scout equipment, furniture, ceramics, or fabric
6. With your parent’s permission and your counselor’s approval, visit a museum, art exhibit, art gallery, artist’s co-op, or artist’s workshop. Find out about the art displayed or created there. Discuss what you learn with your counselor
7. Find out about three career opportunities in art. Pick one and find out the education, training, and experience required for this profession. Discuss this with your counselor and explain why this profession might interest you.

**Communication**

All communication with the Merit Badge Counselor will be via Zoom Calls and email.

Zoom Calls

All Zoom calls are conducted with a minimum of two adults on the call (both are scheduled through the BSA). Before participating in Zoom calls, each scout must get permission from their parent or guardian.

Email

All email communication from the Art Merit Badge counselor will come from and should be directed to [roddy.cobb@scouting.org](mailto:roddy.cobb@scouting.org), [stephanie.daquioag@scouting.org](mailto:stephanie.daquioag@scouting.org), and [info@iroec.org](mailto:info@iroec.org). When sending messaged to the Art Merit Badge counselor, please also enter your parent, guardian, or unit leader. Email communication should be used to submit assignments via scan or photo or communicate questions or concerns about the class.