## Outdoor Art Explorer



## **Badge Overview**

Through earning this badge, Juniors will create in the outdoors while considering nature's beauty all around them.

## **Badge Components**

#### 1. Explore outdoor art

Let's compare indoor and outdoor performance art. This will be in two parts.

- O First, record a performance indoors. It can be a song, dance, poem, skit or whatever type of performance you would like to do. After you finish the rest of the badge steps, recreate your same performance outdoors.
- What changes did you notice when you took to the outdoor stage? Think about the background, sound, audience, and overall experience. Jot your notes down in a journal, then share your performances with others.

### 2. Make something

Take a night walk with your family to get inspired by the night sky.

- O Make a reverse tye-dyed shirt representing the night sky using a dark-colored tee shirt and bleach.
- O Not into tee shirts? This process works with any fabric; try it on leggings, a dress, or bandana!
- O Use this video for instructions.

#### 3. Find music in nature

Now we are going to create a "nature's symphony."

- O Look for things in your backyard you can make music with—sticks to bang together, a bag of rocks to shake, or a tree as a drum.
- O Gather your instruments and record your symphony as you use nature to make different sounds. Share your recordings with friends and family.

#### 4. Be a nature photographer

Ever wonder how light affects your photos? Let's look a little closer. Head outdoors in your backyard and take a series of at least 3 pictures of a part of nature you enjoy at various times of the day.

- O How did the light change your pictures?
- O What about the shadows?
- O Which is your favorite picture and which time of day?
- O Share with your friends!

#### 5. Design with nature

Terrariums are miniature gardens inside a container. Some terrariums are made from upcycled containers like plastic bottles and mason jars. Think about a natural space that you love.

- O Draw or paint a design for a terrarium that reflects your favorite place outdoors. Make sure you include the container you will use. Here is a **link** that will get your creative juices flowing to design.
- O For this badge, you only need to create the design, but you can absolutely take it to the next level and turn your terrarium design into an actual terrarium.

## **Materials**

- · Something to write with
- · Something to take notes on
- Tye-dye materials:
  - o Dye
  - o Water
  - o T-shirt or fabric
  - o Rubberbands
  - o Bleach
  - o Scissors
- Camera or phone
- Terrarium materials, glass or plastic jar

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