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Important information about how to prepare for any merit badge program at Cub Run RECenter!

This program is 4 hours long, be sure to pack a snack and water for your scout. Because all boys work at a different pace I cannot be sure when the program will end I am available for the whole 4 hour time slot though some boys may finish in 3 hours or less. Make sure you have a plan if he should finish early.

Bring to class:

1. Pre-work #4 notes for discussion of what you saw and where
2. Snack/ drink
3. Blue card
4. Something fabric to put your logo on for # 2
5. Favorite brush or pen (Optional) for #3

Merit Badges are in general not designed to be completed in an afternoon therefore in order to complete the badge there is some work the scouts need to do outside of the workshop. We call this pre-work. We suggest this is done prior to the badge program date but we realize this is not always practical or possible, in these cases we will if requested sign partial cards and accept the assignments after the program or we ask that your bring/ send back all the work and the card in order to sign off on the blue card all at once.

FOR THE ART MERIT BADGE YOU MUST DO #4 OUTSIDE OF CLASS SEE NOTES BELOW.

DURING CLASS WE WILL FULFILL THESE REQUIREMENTS

1. Tell a story with a picture or pictures or using a 3-D rendering.
2. Do ONE of the following.
 - a. not chosen for class
 - b. 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. **Must bring something fabric to put logo on**
3. Render a subject of your choice in FOUR of these ways: **Supplies for all but (e) and (i) are covered in your class fee and will be provided. Boys are welcome to bring preferred brushes or pens to work with.**
 - a. Pen and ink,
 - b. Watercolors,
 - c. Pencil,
 - d. Pastels,

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- e. Oil paints, **Not available on site due to poor ventilation if you choose this medium you can bring finished work and subject to class**
 - f. Tempera,
 - g. Acrylics,
 - h. Charcoal
 - i. Computer drawing or painting **Not available at this site if you choose this medium you can bring finished work and subject to class FFXCounty does not have appropriate software or enough computers for all students**
4. With your parent's permission and your counselor's approval, visit a museum, art exhibit, art gallery, artists' co-op, or artist's workshop. Find out about the art displayed or created there. Discuss what you learn with your counselor. **MUST BE DONE OUTSIDE OF CLASS** See suggestions below.

Scouts can visit any of the Smithsonian art museums downtown without prior permission other smaller venues should be cleared through me ahead of time.

Green spring gardens a Fairfax county park in Alexandria has ongoing exhibits for viewing. Details from the site manager are pasted below.

"Green spring gardens has art in five places, three in the Horticultural Center -- MPR, ramp and Glasshouse, and at the historic House in both the Straight and Beattie rooms. They are welcome to visit the Horticultural Center anytime, except when there is a class or workshop using the MPR. There is a really nice photo exhibit on the ramp and some flower paintings as outdoor art in the Glasshouse, which can be seen anytime. The paintings at the House are available when the House is open, Wed - Sun, noon -4:30 p.m., except when there is a tea program. The current exhibits hang until April 30, and a new show goes up May 1- June 30. A quick check at the front desk can confirm for someone if there is a conflict. 703-642-5173 **The opening reception for the exhibits at the Horticultural Center will be Sunday, March 27.** The Garawecki's will be there. Carolyn teaches painting for our adult art classes and Stephen is a fabulous photographer -- fabulous architectural photos for their perspective and simplicity, without being too "clever". Both are very pleasant people and happy to discuss their work."

5. 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.

Parents ---Merit badges are supposed to be done with the buddy system. ***We highly recommend that you attend the program with your scout especially if he does not have a buddy;*** the chances of your scout completing all the work for the badge, during the allotted time, increases dramatically when he is properly motivated. There is never a fee for adults and you are sure to learn something. Also our policy is that the program will not proceed if there are not 2 or more adults present for the program especially those containing hikes. We will attempt to enlist adult volunteers from our center but this is not always possible so ***prepare for the possibility that you may have to stay for the program and not just drop off your scout.*** This will allow the instructor to concentrate more fully on the difficult task of imparting all

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the required information and assisting the boys individually if necessary, while other adults keep the atmosphere calm and productive.