



# **Cadette Digital Movie Maker**

In this badge program you and your Cadette Girl Scout will learn how create a digital movie. By following the steps below your Girl Scout will earn her Cadette Digital Movie Maker badge.

- 1. Learn some digital video basics
  - a. There are different kinds of movies and to create different styles, filmmakers shoot in different ways. Below are some terms that you can get familiar with each of these is a different kind of shooting technique that filmmakers use. Once you have learned what each shot looks like, watch a movie or TV show and see if you can identify them.
    - Wide Shot
    - Establishing Shot
    - Cutaway Shot
    - Close-up
    - Tracking Shot
  - b. Once you and your Girl Scout have learned different kinds of shots, practice creating them. You can film on a digital camera or smartphone. *Talking Points:* 
    - How do filmmakers use different shots to create different styles?
    - What is most interesting thing you learned in researching digital video?
    - What kinds of shots are used for different genres of movies? for example a drama vs a comedy
    - What kind of shot do you find most interesting?
    - Are some of the shots harder to film than others? Which was most challenging to film?
    - Think about one of your favorite movies and how it was made. How did the director make you feel a certain way?
    - What kind of movies or stories draw you in the most?

# 2. Film a Day in Your Life

 With your Girl Scout, capture the events of a day on video. Try to capture the action in various ways – don't worry about the final product, just see what happens.

## Talking Points:

- Try focusing on something that is happening in various ways: how does it look when you zoom vs go wide?
- Are there different ways to capture the same thing from different angles?
  Try moving around to get a different perspective.
- Remember to keep your eye out for supporting storylines are there things happening outside of your focus that are interesting?



b. During the day stop and conduct an interview. What are the different ways an

interview can be filmed? Have your Girl Scout play with the background, the lighting, and the framing of the shot to see what she likes best.

# 3. Create a storyboard

a. Choose a family story that could make a good movie – this could be something funny, exciting, or a story from the past. Remember that you want to pick something you can recreate at home.

### Talking Points:

- Why is it important to have an idea or direction before you begin shooting?
- Imagine you are in charge of a real movie set what kind of jobs go into creating a film? (Actors and actresses, set designers, videographers, sound and lighting, etc.)
- b. Now that your subject is chosen, it's time to decide how to shoot it. Most videographers used a storyboard to map out what they need to shoot to tell the story. This is like a comic book that summarizes each section of your movie in sequence.

### Materials Needed:

- Graph paper or regular paper
- Pens/pencils

#### Create your storyboard:

- 1. On your paper draw frames.
- 2. Inside each frame draw what the viewer would see on the screen.
- 3. Once you've drawn each scene go back and list the shots you'll need to create that scene. Now once you start to film you will know exactly what you need to make your movie.

#### 4. Film your family story!

- a. Using your storyboard from the last step go and shoot the scenes need to make your movie. Remember to check off the scenes from the shot list you created so you know you captured everything you need.
- b. You can use a digital camera or smartphone to film. Be creative and have fun!

### 5. Add a Title and Credits

- a. Now it is time to step away from the role of director and have your Girl Scout try her hand at being an editor. The editor takes all the shots that were recorded and puts them together in the right sequence to make the movie.
- b. To get started, take all of the recorded files and import them into a movie editing software program. Many computers already have simple video editing installed if you have a Windows computer check your Photo app and if you have a Mac you can use iMovie. There are also many free video editing apps you can find online. Once your files are imported you and your Girl Scout can move the scenes as needed.



- c. Once your movie is created go back and add a title to your movie. This is your "title card." At the end you can add credits and acknowledge anyone who played a role or helped.
- d. As the final step, save and export the movie.

# 6. Premiere your movie

- a. Now that you and your Girl Scout have completed your film it's time to celebrate! Pop some popcorn or gather your favorite movie-viewing snacks and watch the films you created. For extra fun, dress up and walk your own red carpet for your movie premiere!
- b. Review what you learned together.

# Talking points:

- What was your favorite part of creating your movie?
- What was the most challenging part?
- What other kinds of movies could you create now that you have these skills?
- What other jobs are there in the film industry that you could explore?