

## 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
    - a. 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?



- 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?