

AMBASSADOR OUTDOOR ART MASTER VIRTUAL MEETING PLAN

Overview

This slide deck walks you through activities to complete all or most steps of a badge. It includes a variety of interactive activities that you can do as a troop – including video, group conversations, hands-on activities, and more. Review the full deck and notes section prior to your meeting for tips and suggestions. In addition, these first slides will outline the general meeting plan.

Depending on the length of your virtual meetings, you may choose to complete this badge over the course of 1-2 meetings. Connect with families ahead of time to let them know what materials they should have ready prior to logging in.

Badges can be purchased by the troop or family in the online shop.

Materials Needed

2-4 Sticks from outside
Yarn or string
Scissors
Tape or Glue
Plastic bag, beads, paint, or other materials depending on the project you choose.



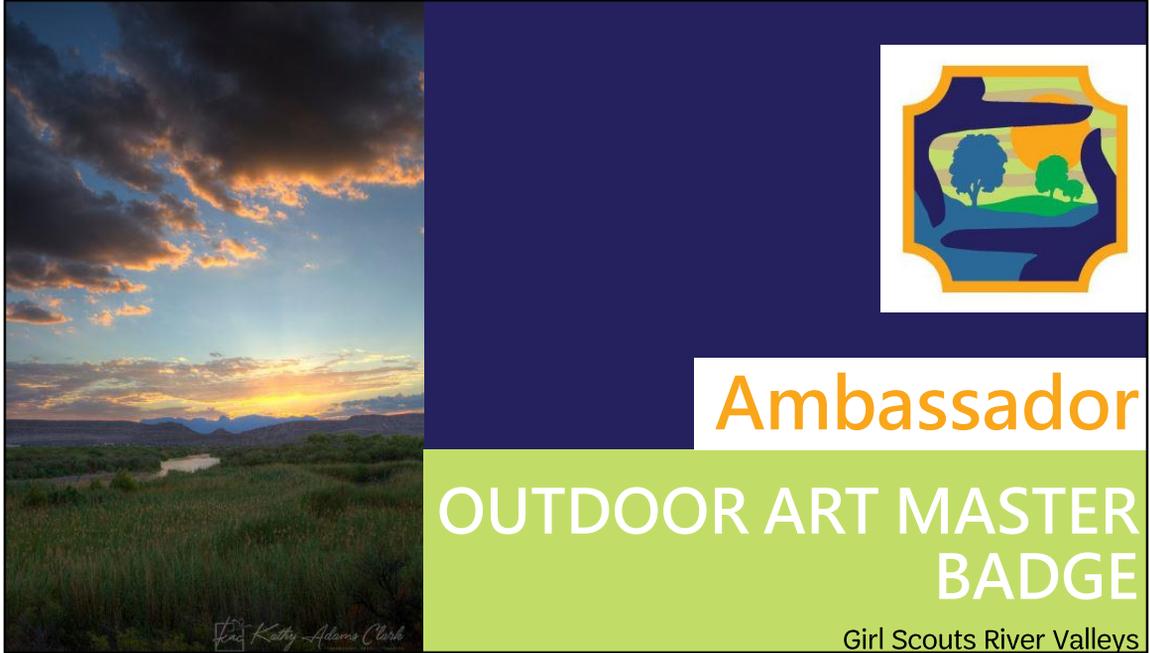
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Ambassador Outdoor Art Master Virtual Meeting Overview

| Activity | Slide Number | Time | Notes |
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| Intro/Promise & Law | Slide 3-5 | 5 min | |
| Icebreaker | Slide 6 | 5-10 min | Choose one person to start, then "popcorn" style around the group until everyone has a turn. |
| Explore Outdoor Art: Maya Lin | Slides 7-9 | 10-15 min | Use the videos provided or do your own research on artist, Maya Lin. |
| Your Outdoor Soundtrack | Slide 10 | 15-20 min | Use the breakout feature (if using Zoom) to get into groups of 2-3. Each group will come up with their own outdoor soundtrack based on weather and share back with the group. |
| Make Something...With Sticks! | Slide 11 | 20-30+ min | Share the materials list prior to the meeting. Everyone will create their own outdoor inspired art using sticks. |
| Design with Nature – Sculpture Park Tour | Slides 12-13 | 10-15 min | Use the websites provided to explore a sculpture park. |
| A Week in the Life | Slide 14 | 5 min | Introduce this project to complete over the next week and share at your next meeting. |



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Senior Outdoor Art Master

- Step 1: Explore outdoor art
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(Artwork: Sunset Chisos Mountains by Kathy Adams Clark)

THE GIRL SCOUT PROMISE

On my honor, I will try:

To serve God* and my country,

To help people at all times,

And to live by the Girl Scout Law

**Members may substitute for the word God in accordance with their own spiritual beliefs.*



The Girl Scout Promise and Law

THE GIRL SCOUT LAW

I will do my best to be
honest and fair,
friendly and helpful,
considerate and caring,
courageous and strong, and
responsible for what I say and do,
and to
respect myself and others,
respect authority,
use resources wisely,
make the world a better place, and
be a sister to every Girl Scout.



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ICE BREAKER TIME!

What is your favorite local, state, or national park to visit and why?

Pick one!



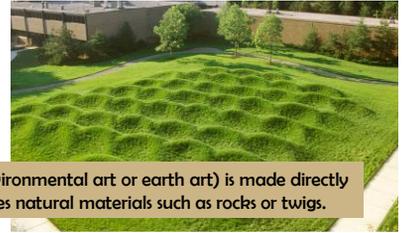
What is one thing that made you laugh this week?

Icebreaker question: Answer one or both! Choose one person to start, then “popcorn” to the next person to keep it going.

EXPLORE OUTDOOR ART

Maya Lin is a designer, artist, architect, and environmentalist. She became famous as a 21-year-old undergraduate at Yale University when she won a national competition to design the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C.

Land Art (also known as environmental art or earth art) is made directly in the landscape and often uses natural materials such as rocks or twigs.



The Wave Field, 1995



Fun Fact:

Downtown Minneapolis is home to a 2002, Maya Lin work titled *the character of a hill, under glass*.

Step 1: Explore outdoor art

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EXPLORE OUTDOOR ART



Let's check out two videos to learn more about Maya Lin's art.

Step 1: Explore outdoor art

Watch this video to learn more!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UsMnqGS0XIs>

EXPLORE OUTDOOR ART



Discussion Questions

How does the work of Maya Lin cross art, architecture, and design?

How is art, architecture, and design similar? Different?

Can a memorial be a work of art?

Step 1: Explore outdoor art

Watch this video to learn more! After watching the videos, use the prompts provided to have a short discussion. Or, just see where the conversation takes you!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JW0Cbrlyhcg>

YOUR OUTDOOR SOUNDTRACK

Breakout Group Activity

1. Come up with a playlist for walking in a specific type of weather.
2. Choose 5 songs for your playlist. What would you listen to and why?
3. Share your playlist with the group.



Step 3: Find music in nature

Have the troop break out into groups of 2-3. Each group will choose a type of weather (rain, sunny, cloudy, snow). Come up with a music playlist for taking a walk in that type of weather. What type of songs would you want to listen to while walking on a (rainy, sunny, cloudy, snowy) day?

Spend 10-15 minutes in the breakout groups. Put together a playlist of 5 songs and then share back with the larger group – pick one person to be your group’s reporter. Each group could simply share their list of songs – or they could play a snippet from each song from YouTube, Spotify, etc.

Optional – this activity could also be done individually instead of in breakout groups.

Make a kite...

...or a mobile

...or a ???

You will need:
 Sticks
 Scissors
 Tape or Glue
 String or Yarn
 Plastic Bag (kite)
 Beads, paint, etc. (optional)

MAKE SOMETHING...WITH STICKS!

Step 2: Make Something!

Using the sticks you found outside – make something creative! Be inspired by these examples and see where your outdoor art takes you! If you need a little help, check out the links for instructions.

After you've finished, share your collage with others!

This activity can be done while on your virtual meeting (stop screen sharing so the group can hangout and chat while they craft) or you can introduce the activity and then they can do it on their own later.

Kite Example-

<https://www.budgetdumpster.com/blog/how-to-make-plastic-bag-kite/>

<https://www.wikihow.com/Make-a-Kite-Out-of-a-Plastic-Bag>

Wind Chime Example-

<http://www.thehappycreations.co.uk/diy-wind-chime-php/>

Mobile/Hanging Art Example-

<https://www.playfullearning.net/resource/crafts-for-kids-painted-stick-mobiles/>

https://www.hellowonderful.co/post/YARN-WRAPPED-PHOTO-MOBILE/#_a5y_p=2517980

A sculpture garden or sculpture park is an outdoor space dedicated to sharing sculpture and design. Artworks are often permanent, made in durable materials, and built with the landscape and outdoor elements in mind.



Agora
by Magdalena Abakanowicz
Grant Park
Chicago, IL



Shuttlecocks
by Claes Oldenburg and
Coosje van Bruggen
Donald J. Hall Sculpture Park
Kansas City, MO



Venus de Milo aux tiroirs
by Salvador Dalí
Ekebergparken Sculpture Park
Oslo, Norway

DESIGN WITH NATURE

Step 5: Design with nature

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DESIGN WITH NATURE

Tour a sculpture park!

If you could design a sculpture park, what types of artwork would you include? Are there specific artists you would want to feature? Where would your sculpture park be located?



PAPPAJOHN SCULPTURE PARK
DES MOINES, IA



FRANCONIA SCULPTURE PARK
SHAFFER, MN



MINNEAPOLIS SCULPTURE GARDEN
MINNEAPOLIS, MN

Step 5: Design with nature

Take a virtual tour of one (or all!) of the following sculpture parks. Discuss the artwork that you see.

See a photos from many of the sculptures at the Pappajohn Sculpture Park at the Des Moines Art Center.

Des Moines, IA

<https://www.desmoinesartcenter.org/visit/pappajohn-sculpture-park>

Check out images of current works and artists on exhibit at the Franconia Sculpture Park.

Shafer, MN

<https://www.franconia.org/current-exhibition/>

The Walker Art Center's Garden Stories get you closer to a few of the artists of the Minneapolis Sculpture Garden.

Minneapolis, MN

<https://walkerart.org/magazine/series/garden-stories>

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*Optional idea – plan a field trip to a local sculpture garden when your troop can gather in-person again.

A WEEK IN THE LIFE

1. Take a walk outside every day for one week.
2. Take photos while on your walks.
3. Create a documentary photography series by putting together a collection of your favorite photos.

Will you have a theme?

Trees
The people in the neighborhood
Animals
Street signs

Step 4: Be a nature photographer

To complete the badge, review this activity and then share at your next meeting.

Document your walks through photographs outside each day for one week. What does outdoor life around you look like during this time? Put together a collection of photos to create your own documentary series. Maybe you will focus on the neighborhood, trees, animals, street signs?

*Optional – alternatively, you could share this project ahead of time and then share the results at this meeting.

You have completed the
**OUTDOOR ART MASTER
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ADDITIONAL LINKS & RESOURCES

Maya Lin

<http://www.mayalin.com/>

<https://www.pbslearningmedia.org/resource/vt107.la.rv.text.mayalin/maya-lin/>

Outdoor Artists

<https://www.artsy.net/article/artsy-editorial-10-female-land-artists>

<https://www.tate.org.uk/art/art-terms/l/land-art>

Nature Photography

<https://girlswhoclick.org/>

Sculpture Parks

<https://mymodernmet.com/best-sculpture-parks/>