

CADETTE COMIC ARTIST BADGE – MEETING 2

Badge Purpose: When you’ve earned this badge, you’ll know how to create your own comic.

Activity Plan Length: 1.5 hours

Time	Activity	Materials Needed
5 minutes	Getting Started <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Begin the meeting by reciting the Girl Scout Promise + Law. 	<input type="checkbox"/> (Optional) Girl Scout Promise and Law poster
20 minutes	Storyboard <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Choose a story for your comic, then use storyboards to outline how you’re going to tell your story in comic-form. 	<input type="checkbox"/> Storyboard sheets <input type="checkbox"/> Writing utensils
15 minutes	The Many Faces of Emotions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Practice drawing different facial expressions. 	<input type="checkbox"/> “25 Essential Expressions” sheet <input type="checkbox"/> Writing and coloring utensils <input type="checkbox"/> (Optional) Mirrors
30 minutes	Draw Your Story <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draw your comic! 	<input type="checkbox"/> Storyboard sheets (from Activity #1) <input type="checkbox"/> Paper <input type="checkbox"/> Writing and coloring utensils <input type="checkbox"/> (Optional) Blank comic panel sheets
15 minutes	Snack Chat + Comic Share <ul style="list-style-type: none"> While enjoying a healthy snack, share your comic creations with the group. 	<input type="checkbox"/> Healthy snack <input type="checkbox"/> Finished comics (from previous activity)
5 minutes	Wrapping Up	<input type="checkbox"/> (Optional) Make New Friends lyrics poster

Getting Started

Time: 5 minutes

Materials Needed: (Optional) Girl Scout Promise and Law poster

Welcome everyone to the meeting, recite the Girl Scout Promise and Law.



Activity #1: Storyboard

Time: 20 minutes

Badge Connection: Step 2 – Choose a story to tell

Materials Needed: Storyboard sheets; writing utensils

Prep Needed:

- Print out copies of the storyboard sheets.
1. Individually, or in small groups, come up with a story for your comic. Then, use the storyboard sheet to map out how your story is going to play out in comic form.
 2. Each square corresponds to a scene—in the lines below the blank box, write down what’s going to happen in that scene. If you have an idea of what the scene is going to look like, sketch it out in the box. Use extra sheets if you need to until you’ve planned out the whole story.

Activity #2: The Many Faces of Emotions

Time: 15 minutes

Badge Connection: Step 3 – Draw it out

Materials Needed: “25 Essential Expressions” sheet; writing and coloring utensils; (optional) mirrors

Prep Needed:

- Print out copies of the “25 Essential Expressions” sheet (one per girl).
1. A picture is worth a thousand words. One of the great things about comics is the visual impact—you can convey so much in just one scene.
 2. Before you start working on your comic, choose one of the characters in your story and use them for this expression exercise (it even works if all the characters in your story are animals!).
 3. Sketch out your character’s expressions using the 25 essential expressions sheet. (You can also use a mirror to make the expressions yourself to see how your eyebrows, cheeks, and mouth work together to convey an emotion.)

Activity #3: Draw Your Story

Time: 30 minutes

Badge Connection: Step 3 – Draw it out; Step 5 – Add the words

Materials Needed: Storyboard sheets (from Activity #1); paper; writing and coloring utensils; (optional) blank comic panel sheets

Prep Needed:

- If using, print out copies of the blank comic panel sheet.
1. Now that you have your story idea and a rough outline, it’s time to draw!
 2. Use paper, writing and coloring utensils to draw your comic. You can create your own panels using a ruler, go online to search for blank comic panels, or use the one provided (at the end of the activity plan).

Activity #4: Snack Chat + Comic Share

Time: 15 minutes

Badge Connection: Questions link to multiple badges

Materials Needed: Healthy snack; finished comics (from previous activity)

1. While enjoying your snack, share your finished comics with the group. Some questions to discuss:
 - Did you enjoy creating your comic?



- Was the process more/less difficult than you thought?
- What was your favorite part about earning this badge?
- Did you discover a new comic to read?

Wrapping Up

Time: 5 minutes

Materials Needed: (Optional) Make New Friends song lyrics poster

Close the meeting by singing Make New Friends and doing a friendship circle.

More to Explore

- Field Trip Ideas:
 - Visit an illustrator or animator in their studio.
 - Visit your local comic book shop (or the comic/graphic novel section of your local bookstore) to check out new-to-you titles and series.
 - Visit a participating comic book shop on Free Comic Book Day (www.freecomicbookday.com).
- Speaker Ideas:
 - Invite an artist to your troop meeting to give a presentation about their creative process and their drawing/painting skills.



25 Essential Expressions Challenge

Happy	Sad	Angry	Tired	Confused
Pleased	Surprised	Frustrated	Shy	Guilty
Mad	Concentrating	Embarrassed	Fearful	Depressed
In love	Hopeful	Serious	Silly	Ill/Nauseous
Confident	Pouty	Rage	Disgusted	Fierce



