PHOTOGRAPHY

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Requirements

1. Explain how the following elements and terms affect the quality of a picture:
   a. Light—natural light/ambient, flash
   b. Exposure—aperture (f-stops), shutter speed, depth of field
   c. Composition—rule of thirds, leading lines, framing, depth
   d. Angle of view
   e. Stopping action

2. Explain the basic parts and operation of a film camera or digital camera. Explain how an exposure is made when you take a picture.

3. Discuss with your counselor the differences between a film camera and a digital camera. Describe how computer software allows you to make adjustments to a digital photograph after it is taken.

4. Do ONE of the following:
   a. Produce a picture story using the photojournalistic technique of documenting an event. Share your plan with your counselor and get your counselor’s input and approval before you proceed. Then, using either a film camera or a digital camera, produce your approved picture story. Process your images and select eight to 12 images that best tell your story. Arrange your images in order, then mount the prints on a poster board. If you are using digital images, you may create a slide show on your computer or produce printouts for your poster board. Share your picture story with your counselor.
b. Choose a topic that interests you to photograph for an exhibit or display. Get your counselor’s approval, then photograph (digital or film) your topic. Process your images. Choose 20 of your favorite images and mount them on poster board. Share your display with your counselor. If you are using digital images, you may create a slide show on your computer or produce printouts for your poster board.

5. Discuss with your counselor the career opportunities in photography. Pick one that interests you and explain how to prepare for such a career. Discuss with your counselor the education and training such a career would require.
Photography Resources

Scouting Literature

*Digital Photo Magic; Art, Cinematography, Computers, Graphic Arts, and Journalism* merit badge pamphlets

Visit the Boy Scouts of America’s official retail website at http://www.scoutstuff.org for a complete listing of all merit badge pamphlets and other helpful Scouting materials and supplies.

Books


**Magazines**

*News Photographer*
National Press Photographers Association
3200 Croasdaile Drive, Suite 306
Durham, NC 27705
Telephone: 919-383-7246
Website: http://www.nppa.org/news_and_events/magazine

*Photo Technique*
6600 West Touhy Ave.
Niles, IL 60714
Telephone: 847-647-2900
Website: http://www.phototechmag.com

*Popular Photography & Imaging*
1633 Broadway
New York, NY 10019
Telephone: 212-767-6000
Website: http://www.popphoto.com

*Shutterbug*
Primedia Inc.
1419 Chaffee Drive Suite 1
Titusville, FL 32780
Telephone: 321-269-3212
Website: http://www.shutterbug.com

**Organizations and Websites**

*American Society of Picture Professionals*
217 Palos Verdes Blvd., Suite 700
Redondo Beach, CA 90277
Telephone: 424-247-9944
Website: http://www.aspp.com

*International Association of Panoramic Photographers*
Church Street Station
P.O. Box 3371
New York, NY 10008-3371
Website: http://www.panoramicassociation.org

*National Press Photographers Association*
3200 Croasdaile Drive, Suite 306
Durham, NC 27705
Telephone: 919-383-7246
Website: http://www.nppa.org

*Photographic Society of America*
3000 United Founders Blvd., Suite 103
Oklahoma City, OK 73112
Telephone: 405-843-1437
Website: http://www.psa-photo.org

*Professional Photographers of America*
229 Peachtree St. NE, Suite 2200
Atlanta, GA 30303
Toll-free telephone: 800-786-6277
Website: http://www.ppa.com

*Student Photographic Society*
229 Peachtree St. NE, Suite 2200
Atlanta, GA 30303
Toll-free telephone: 866-886-5325
Website: http://www.studentphoto.com

*White House News Photographers Association*
7119 Ben Franklin Station
Washington, DC 20044-7119
Telephone: 202-785-5230
Website: http://www.whnpa.org