



# Bugling

## Merit Badge Workbook



This workbook can help you but you still need to read the merit badge pamphlet.

This Workbook can help you organize your thoughts as you prepare to meet with your merit badge counselor.

You still must satisfy your counselor that you can demonstrate each skill and have learned the information. You should use the work space provided for each requirement to keep track of which requirements have been completed, and to make notes for discussing the item with your counselor, not for providing full and complete answers.

If a requirement says that you must take an action using words such as "discuss", "show", "tell", "explain", "demonstrate", "identify", etc, that is what you must do.

**Merit Badge Counselors may not require the use of this or any similar workbooks.**

No one may add or subtract from the official requirements found in Boy Scout Requirements (Pub. 33216 – SKU 637685).

The requirements were last issued or revised in 2012 • This workbook was updated in May 2017.

Scout's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

Counselor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Counselor's Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

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*\*NOTE: A bugle, trumpet, or cornet may be used to meet these requirements.*

1. Give a brief history of the bugle.


2. Do the following:

- a. Explain and demonstrate how the bugle makes sound, and explain how the bugle is related to other brass wind instruments.


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- b.  Compose a bugle call for your troop or patrol to signal a common group activity, such as assembling for mealtime or striking a campsite.
- Play the call that you have composed before your unit or patrol.
- 3. Sound the following bugle calls: "First Call," "Reveille," "Assembly," "Mess," "Drill," "Fatigue," "Officers," "Recall," "Church," "Swimming," "Fire," "Retreat," "To the Colors," "Call to Quarters," and "Taps."
  - First Call
  - Fatigue
  - Fire
  - Reveille
  - Officers
  - Retreat
  - Assembly
  - Recall
  - To the Colors
  - Mess
  - Church
  - Call to Quarters
  - Drill
  - Swimming
  - Taps.

4. Explain when each of the calls in requirement 3 is used.

Call	Used:
First Call	
Reveille	
Assembly	
Mess	
Drill	
Fatigue	
Officers	
Recall	
Church	
Swimming	
Fire	
Retreat	
To the Colors	
Call to Quarters	
Taps	

5. Explain how to care for, clean, and maintain a bugle.

6.  Serve as bugler in your troop for three months

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