Merit Requirements: Red-Bordered Merit

ART

- 1. Choose FOUR of the following art mediums: pen and ink, watercolor, pencil, colored pencil, chalk or pastels, finger paint, acrylic paint, or marker. Find out what supplies and equipment are needed for each. As you do each of the art projects for this merit, show that you know how to care for, clean, and store these supplies and equipment.
- 2. Using a grid technique, draw the outline of an object. Fill in the object using pencil, colored pencil, chalk (or pastels), or marker. Repeat using the same object, art medium, and color, only this time color in the background around the object and not the object itself. Explain how these different "filling-in" techniques make your object look different.
- 3. After choosing a simple object, draw this object by using each of the following drawing techniques: flat line, stipple, crosshatch, and scribble. Explain how these techniques create different appearances of your object, and which one you like best.
- 4. A technique using shapes can be used to portray natural objects. Looking at a photograph, identify basic shapes (square, circle, etc.) you can see. Make a pencil drawing of the same photograph by simplifying the objects in the picture to the basic shapes you have identified. Next, using a combination of drawing techniques learned in Requirement 3, go back over your basic lines to add details. Create and tell a story using your picture.
- 5. A collage is a good way to create with texture. Collect a variety of textures such as sand, cloth, foil, wood, and magazine photos. Cut or tear the materials and arrange them into shapes by color and texture. Glue these shapes to a sheet of paper to create a face.
- 6. Pick an object such as a barn, tree, flower, or house. Using the four art mediums you chose in Requirement 1, paint or draw four pictures of this object using a different art medium each time.
- 7. Answer the following questions:
 - a. Which art medium was easier to work with? Why?
 - b. How did the different art mediums cause your object to look different in the four pictures?
 - c. Which picture do you like best and why?
- 8. Using any combination of these techniques and art mediums, sketch a patrol flag design.
- 9. Discuss ways you could serve God by using what you have learned, and list what types of jobs use artistic skills.
- 10. Pick out one art picture you have created and give it as a gift to someone. Write down which picture you chose and to whom you will give it.