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## Bugling

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.
  - (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 10 of 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.”
4. Explain the use of each of the calls you performed.
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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\*NOTE: A bugle, trumpet, or cornet may be used to meet these requirements.

# Music and Bugling Resources

## Scouting Literature

*Bugle Calls/Voice of Lord*  
Baden-Powell (CD)

For more information about or to order Scouting-related resources, visit <http://www.scoutstuff.org> (with your parent's permission).

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Nashville, TN 37203-3704  
Telephone: 800-876-7464  
Website: <http://www.barbershop.org>

**The Blues Foundation**  
Website: <http://www.blues.org>

**Bugle Calls**  
Website:  
<http://venture190.tripod.com/bugle.html>

**Classical Music Archives**  
Website:  
<http://www.classicalarchives.com>

**Country Music Association**  
One Music Circle South  
Nashville, TN 37203  
Telephone: 615-244-2840  
Website: <http://www.cmaworld.com>

**Drum Corps International**  
110 W. Washington St., Suite C  
Indianapolis, IN 46204  
Telephone: 317-275-1212  
Website: <http://www.dci.org>

**International Bluegrass Music Association**  
Toll-free telephone: 888-438-4262  
Website: <http://www.ibma.org>

**Red Hot Jazz Archive**  
Website: <http://www.redhotjazz.com>

### Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum

1100 Rock and Roll Boulevard  
Cleveland, OH 44114  
Telephone: 216-781-7625  
Website: <http://www.rockhall.com>

### Smithsonian: Music in the Museum

Website: <http://americanhistory.si.edu/collections/music.cfm>

### U.S. Naval Academy Drum and Bugle Corps

Alumni Hall  
675 Decatur Road  
Annapolis, MD 21402-5086  
Telephone: 410-293-3602  
Website: <http://www.usna.edu/usnadb>

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