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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 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 when each of the calls in requirement 3 is used.
5. Explain how to care for, clean, and maintain a bugle.
6. Serve as bugler in your troop for three months.

**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  
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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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