



# Clowning Around

## Junior Badge

Complete a total of six activities including two Discover, one Connect, one Take Action, two other activities chosen from any category.

### Discover:

1. Collect pictures of clowns or pictures of clothing that clowns would wear. Make a collage with these pictures.
2. Juggling is a skill used by many clowns. Balls, scarves, rings, and clubs can be used for juggling. Learn to juggle at least one of these items that you have not juggled before.
3. Learn about the materials that clowns and mimes use for face makeup. Visit a hobby store, costume store, fabric store, or thrift store or have a clown or mime visit your Troop to talk about clown make-up and how to select the types of make-up you need to create the look you want. Try to create your own clown or mime face.
4. Learn about the materials that clowns or mimes use for their costumes. Try to make your own costume. Collect pictures of clowns from circus programs, internet searches, etc., select the one you like the best and tell why. Visit a costume store or have someone from a costume store bring catalogs to your Troop meeting and discuss how to pick a clown costume or search costume stores on line to select a look you like.

### Connect:

1. Create a simple skit that a clown or mime would do. Put on a performance for your Troop.
2. Research areas where clowns work professionally. What type of salary could you expect to earn? Look in the newspaper classified section to see if there are any job openings described for a clown. Check with a local college drama department or look on-line to try to find out what type of jobs might be available to a clown. (*Hint: rodeo clowns, circus clowns, theater mimes, or clowns*).
3. Find out about what you would have to learn in order to become a clown or mime. Are there schools that teach clowning? Where do you learn what you need to know?

### Take Action:

1. Demonstrate something that you have learned to a Girl Scout Daisy or Brownie Troop. (*Some examples can be juggling, face painting, costume design, or performing a skit*).
2. As a clown, entertain the residents in a nursing home or at a children's ward in a hospital.

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