Cadette Comic Artist Badge:

1. Newspaper cartoons, comic books, graphic novels... comic art is a broad and growing field! Comics are sometimes called “sequential art”, though some are only one panel. Comics are a visual story told however you would like to tell it! Delve into the world of comic artists. Check out some of these popular comic strips, or research some on your own!
   - Calvin & Hobbes
   - Peanuts
   - Garfield
   - Dennis the Menace

2. Comics are a method of storytelling. Think of a story you want to tell—it can be based on real life or something you make up. Choose characters, the situation, and then the comic gag. Keep your story simple this time!
   - For example: A family is walking up to a house with a new puppy. Through the window, you see a cat packing her suitcase.
   - The one-liner: “This house isn’t big enough for the both of us!”
   - Characters: The family, the puppy, and the cat

3. Start drawing your characters. Use scratch paper, and start sketching out what your character(s) look like. Stick figures are great to bring to life! Start quickly, keep drawing and drawing and drawing! You can refine the details as you go.

4. It’s time to put your characters and story together! Draw 4 panels (aka boxes) or use 4 sticky notes to show a series of actions in your story. Consider facial expressions and/or movement as you tell your story in the 4 boxes.

5. Add words to your comic strip! You can use dialogue (talking), thought bubbles, or running narrative at the bottom of each panel to help tell your story.
   - Pro tip: If you have multiple characters speaking in one panel, the character on the list should speak first.

***To complete this badge- email a picture of your comic to mmyers@girlscoutssoaz.org & we will display it in our virtual gallery!

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