Evidence shows that even the youngest of babies react positively and strongly to music, and we want our Scouts to have the opportunity to experience music at a young age.

Our youngest Rising Star Scouts get the opportunity to play with musical instruments and have a good time. Youth love drums, flutes, cymbals, and more. Our Scouts get the opportunity play their own music and even create their own songs.

Scouts also get the opportunity to enjoy freestyle dance. Kids bring the funk with them and we have all seen young children get caught up in a beat and dance. Youth build coordination, get physical exercise, and build appreciation of music through dance.

As our Scouts get older, they may develop a talent for or liking of a particular instrument,

or may become interested in a particular form of dance, such as ballet. Local music and dance teachers are contacted to mentor our Scouts as they progress in skill. The Scout researches and finds some choices of teachers who seem appropriate to them, and then contact the teachers one at a time to see if they are interested in being a mentor.

Below is a basic script to follow when contacting a Mentor:

Proper planning must be made prior to meeting with a Mentor or visiting a place. Proper planning includes making an appointment with the appropriate person.Making an appointment includes: generating the contact information for a selected individual by conducting research via the internet, telephone book, or personal referral.

Be sure to ask your parents, teachers, Team Leaders, fellow scouts, and your friends for referrals. Get your parents' permission before deciding on a Mentor or going to an appointment. Get parental permission regarding your appointment time and meeting place. Be certain your parents know the exact address of where you are going and the name of the person you are meeting with, your departure time, and your expected return time. Remember no Scout is permitted to enter the home or garage of anyone unless accompanied by their parent or guardian or are

otherwise following the safety practices of Adventure Scouts USA.

Contacting the selected individual:

- After obtaining the telephone number and dialing it, it is possible you may initially reach a receptionist in which case you need to tell them you wish to speak with.

- It will then be necessary to say your name, and identify that you are a Scout of Adventure Scouts USA or of the specific program you are a member of;
- Explain the purpose of your call.
- It is then possible you may then be

connected with the assistant or secretary of the person you are trying to contact rather than the person you seek directly. It may then be necessary to repeat your name, and again identify that you are a Scout of

Adventure Scouts USA or of the specific program you are a member of;

- Explain the purpose of your call and why you wish to speak to the person you have been referred to.

- When you get to the person you are trying to contact, greet them;
- Say your name;
- Identify that you are a Scout of Adventure Scouts

USA or of the specific program you are a member of;

- Explain why you would like meet with them in order to find a

Mentor;

- It is possible that individual may refer you to someone else either in their company, office,

or department to work with in order to complete your mission. If this happens, you will need to

introduce yourself again and explain the purpose of your call again.

- Once they have agreed to

assist you;

- Schedule an appointment on a specific day and time; therefore you should be

prepared to know when you have some free time and if you need a ride, when the driver will be

available.

- You will need to know the exact address, directions, and the

approximate amount of time the person will be able to spend with you.

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Then remember to thank the person for agreeing to meet with

you.

Not everyone you speak with will have

the time or desire to help you. If this happens, ask them if they can refer you

to someone who can help you. If they are unable to refer you to someone,

then ask your parents, teachers, Team Leaders, fellow scouts,

and your friends for another referral. Keep trying until you are

successful at finding a Mentor. Perseverance is a strength that will help

you to successfully reach your goals. Never be discouraged

when you encounter obstacles. Like the story of the rabbit and the turtle,

it is not the fastest, but rather it is the one who sticks with it, who

succeeds.

Remember to:

- Call the day before to

re-confirm your appointment.

- Prepare whatever you need to

know;

- Bring with you necessary materials;

- Arrive early for your scheduled appointmen

t;

- Be properly dressed in uniform

unless damage to your uniform will occur. You are an

ambassador of the program you are a member of

within the Scout Programs of Adventure

Scouts USA.