

ALPHABET PHOTOGRAPHY

Write the name of your group using the letters found in the world around you

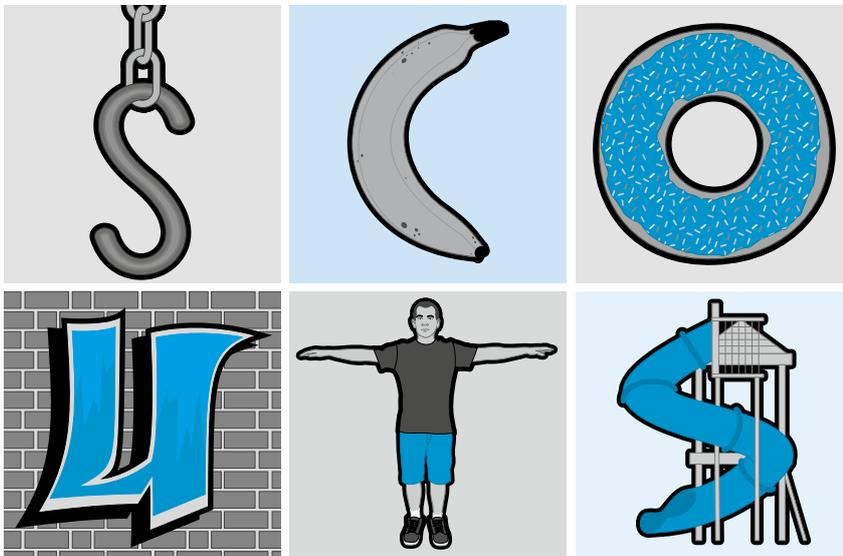
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1 Divide your group into teams, ensuring that each team has at least one camera. Talk with the teams about the letters they're looking for and where they might find them in your local area. They need to find something totally different for each letter required. Perhaps offer a prize for the most unusual-looking letter.

2 Take the groups out into your local community and start snapping. Consider capturing letters found in road signs, street names, posters or graffiti, or shapes found in nature. Help your young people find letters within larger objects by cropping the image, or by zooming in on small

details. Encourage them to look up and around them – are there billboards or businesses nearby that showcase letters they can use? Can their fellow Scouts turn themselves into the shape of a letter?

3 Once the teams have gathered all the images they need, head back to your HQ to review the pictures. You can view them on the camera or smartphone screen, upload them onto a computer or print them off. Arrange them into the correct order to spell your Group's name and display them for everyone to see – whether in a scrapbook, on the wall or as part of a digital display.



TIME NEEDED
60–90 minutes

EQUIPMENT NEEDED
■ Cameras or camera phones

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OUTCOMES

The young people will learn how to use a camera to good effect and create a visual project using the pictures they have taken. They can experiment with different settings and shutter speeds to see which yields the best results.

TAKE IT FURTHER

The young people could turn their images into a short animated sequence using free stop-motion software such as JellyCam or qStopMotion. Or they could experiment with different types of photographic techniques, such as portrait, still life or sport/action shots to see what shapes and letters can be formed.

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