



CITIZENSHIP IN THE COMMUNITY

Merit Badge Requirements

- 1) Describe your community to your counselor giving:
 - A) A short history
 - B) Cultures and ethnic groups
 - C) Major places of employment
 - D) What is the future of your community?

- 2) Mark or point out on a map of your community the following:
 - A) Chief government buildings such as your city hall, county courthouse, and public works services facility
 - B) Fire station, police station, and hospital nearest your home
 - C) Schools, churches, and synagogues near your home
 - D) Main highways to neighboring cities and towns
 - E) Nearest railroads and bus stations and airport, if any
 - F) Chief industries or other major places of employment
 - G) Historical and other interesting points

- 3) Do the following:
 - A) Chart the organization of your local or state government. Show the top offices and tell which are elected or appointed
 - B) Name the political parties in your community government and list four persons active in the politics of your community and what positions they hold

- 4) Attend ONE of the following:
 - A) County or parish board meeting
 - B) City council meeting
 - C) School board meeting
 - D) Municipal, county, or state court session

- 5) After visiting the governmental meeting, obtain a copy of that body's published budget. Review the major sources of income and expenses for its operation with your counselor.

- 6) List the services your community provides to the citizens in return for the taxes paid by you and your parents

- 7) Select a city, a county, or school problem or issue under consideration from the local newspaper or news broadcast and write a letter expressing your views to the mayor, administrator, or school board president. Show this letter and any response to your counselor.

- 8) List and describe the work of five volunteer organizations through which people in your community work together for the good of your community.

- 9) Tell how to report an accident or an emergency in your community

- 10) List five ways you can demonstrate good citizenship in your community, religious institution, school, or Scouting unit.

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Requirement 1

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Scout Name: _____ Unit #: _____ Date: _____

Give a short history of your community: _____

Describe some of the cultures and ethnic groups in your community: _____

Describe some major places of employment in your community: _____

Tell what you believe the future of your community is: _____

Requirement 2

Mark or point out on a map of your community the following:

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| _____ City Hall | _____ County Courthouse | _____ Public Works Facility |
| _____ Fire Station | _____ Police Station | _____ Hospital closest to your home |
| _____ Schools | _____ Churches | _____ Synagogues |
| _____ Main Highway to neighboring cities and towns | _____ Nearest Railroads | |
| _____ Bus Stations | _____ Airport (if any) | _____ Chief industries and other major places of employment |
| _____ Historical and other interesting points | | |

Make a copy of your community map and attach it to this worksheet

Requirement 3

Scout Name: _____ Unit #: _____ Date: _____

In the box below, chart the organization of your local or state government.

Which are the top offices? _____

Which are elected? _____

Which are appointed? _____

What political parties are in your community government: _____

List four people who are active in the politics of your community and the positions they hold:

Person: _____ Position: _____

Person: _____ Position: _____

Person: _____ Position: _____

Person: _____ Position: _____

Requirement 4

Attend ONE of the following. Circle the one you attended.

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Scout Name: _____ Unit #: _____ Date: _____

County or Parish Board Meeting City Council Meeting School Board Meeting Municipal, County, or State Court Session

Describe your experience/Give a report of the meeting: _____

Requirement 5

After visiting the governmental meeting, obtain a copy of that body’s published budget. Review the major sources of income and expenses for its operation with your counselor.

Give a brief summary of this review: _____

Requirement 6

List the services your community provides to the citizens in return for the taxes paid by you and your parents:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Requirement 7

Select a city or school problem or issue under consideration from the local newspaper or news broadcast and write a letter expressing your views to the mayor, administrator, or school board president. Show this letter and any response to your counselor.

Scout Name: _____ Unit #: _____ Date: _____

The problem/issue I found was: _____

I wrote my letter to: _____

I showed the letter to my counselor: Yes No

Did you get a letter or any type of response back from your letter: Yes No

Attach a copy of your letter to this worksheet.

Requirement 8

List and describe the work of five organizations through which people in your community work together for the good of your community.

Organization: _____

Description of what they do for the community: _____

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Description of what they do for the community: _____

Scout Name: _____ Unit #: _____ Date: _____

Organization: _____

Description of what they do for the community: _____

Requirement 9

Tell how to report an accident or an emergency in your community: _____

Requirement 10

List five ways you can demonstrate good citizenship in your community, religious institution, school, or Scouting unit.

Place: _____

What can you do to demonstrate good citizenship? _____

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What can you do to demonstrate good citizenship? _____

Scout Name: _____ Unit #: _____ Date: _____

Place: _____

What can you do to demonstrate good citizenship? _____

Place: _____

What can you do to demonstrate good citizenship? _____

