

CITIZENSHIP IN THE NATION MERIT BADGE WORKBOOK

This Scoutmaster Bucky Merit Badge Workbook is based off the current *Scouts BSA Requirements*.

Consider also using the Citizenship in the Nation merit badge class preparation page for clarification and expectations when participating in a Scoutmaster Bucky merit badge opportunity ([online](#) or [in-person](#)).

<https://scoutmasterbucky.com/merit-badges/citizenship-in-the-nation/>

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Name:

REQUIREMENT 1: What is the Constitution of the United States? What does the Constitution do? What principles does it reflect? Why is it important to have a Constitution?

The Constitution of the United States

What the Constitution does

What principles the Constitution reflect

Why it is important to have a Constitution

REQUIREMENT 2: List the six purposes for creating the United States Constitution set forth in the Preamble to the Constitution. How do these purposes affect your family and community?

Six purposes

How these purposes affect your family and community

REQUIREMENT 3: List the three branches of the United States government. Explain:

- a. The function of each branch of government
- b. Why it is important to divide powers among different branches
- c. How each branch "checks" and "balances" the others
- d. How citizens can be involved in each branch of government.

Why it is important to divide the powers among different branches

First branch of the United States government

Name of branch	Function of branch

How it "checks" and "balances"	How citizens can be involved
Second branch of the United States government	
Name of branch	Function of branch
How it "checks" and "balances"	How citizens can be involved
Third branch of the United States government	
Name of branch	Function of branch
How it "checks" and "balances"	How citizens can be involved

REQUIREMENT 4: Discuss the importance of:

REQUIREMENT 4 A: Declaration of Independence

REQUIREMENT 4 B: The Bill of Rights (the first 10 Amendments to the Constitution) and the 14th Amendment

REQUIREMENT 4 C: The traditional United States motto “*E Pluribus Unum.*”

REQUIREMENT 5: Watch the national evening news for five days in a row or read the main stories in a national media organization (e.g., a newspaper or news website) for five days in a row. Discuss the national issues that you learned about with your counselor. Choose one issue and explain how it affects you, your family, and community.

News on the first day

News on the second day

News on the third day

News on the fourth day

News on the fifth day

How one issue affects you, your family, and community

REQUIREMENT 6: With your counselor's approval, choose a speech of national historical importance. Explain:

a. Who the author was

b. What the historical context was

c. What difficulties the nation faced that the author wished to discuss

d. What the author said

e. Why the speech is important to the nation's history.

Choose a sentence or two from the speech that has significant meaning to you, and tell your counselor why.

REQUIREMENT 7: Do TWO of the following:

REQUIREMENT 7 A: Visit a place that is listed as a National Historic Landmark or that is on the National Register of Historic Places. Tell your counselor what you learned about the landmark or site and what you found interesting about it.

REQUIREMENT 7 B: Tour your state capitol building or the U.S. Capitol. Tell your counselor what you learned about the capitol, its function, and the history.

REQUIREMENT 7 C: Tour a federal facility. Explain to your counselor what you saw there and what you learned about its function in the local community and how it serves this nation.

REQUIREMENT 7 D: Choose a national monument that interests you. Using books, brochures, the internet (with your parent’s permission), and other resources, find out more about the monument. Tell your counselor what you learned, and explain why the monument is important to this country’s citizens.

REQUIREMENT 8: Name your representatives in the United States Congress. Write a letter to your representative in Congress explaining your views on a national issue. Show your letter, along with any response you might receive, to your counselor.

Your representatives in the United States Congress

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 Wrote letter

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 Showed letter to counselor