



SCOUTMASTER BUCKY

Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge

SCOUTS PARTICIPATING IN A SCOUTMASTER BUCKY MERIT BADGE OPPORTUNITY (ONLINE OR IN PERSON), PLEASE CONSIDER ALSO USING THE CITIZENSHIP IN THE COMMUNITY MERIT BADGE CLASS PREPARATION PAGE FOR CLARIFICATIONS, INSIGHTS, AND EXPECTATIONS.

<https://scoutmasterbucky.com/merit-badges/citizenship-in-the-community/class-prep/>

REQUIREMENT 1: Discuss with your counselor what citizenship in the community means.

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REQUIREMENT 1: Discuss with your counselor what it takes to be a good citizen in your community.

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REQUIREMENT 1: Discuss the rights, duties, and obligations of citizenship.

RIGHTS:

Notes:

DUTIES:

Notes:

OBLIGATIONS:

Notes:



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REQUIREMENT 1:

Explain how you can demonstrate good citizenship in your community, Scouting unit, place of worship, or school.

COMMUNITY

Notes:

SCOUTING UNIT

Notes:

PLACE OF WORSHIP

Notes:

SCHOOL

Notes:



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REQUIREMENT 2a:

On a map of your community or using an electronic device, locate and point out the following:

1. Chief government buildings such as your city hall, county courthouse, and public parks/services facilities
2. Fire station, police station, and hospital nearest your home
3. Parks, playgrounds, recreation areas, and trails
4. Historical or other points of interest.

Don't forget to bring your map or electronic device with you to share with the merit badge counselor.

This requirement must be reviewed with your merit badge counselor.

BE PREPARED!

REQUIREMENT 2b:

Chart the organization of your local or state government. Show the top offices and tell whether they are elected or appointed.



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REQUIREMENT 3a: Attend a meeting of your city, town, or county council or school board; OR attend a municipal, county, or state court session.

Meeting Type:

Date and Location:

REQUIREMENT 3b: Choose one of the issues discussed at the meeting where a difference of opinions was expressed, and explain to your counselor why you agree with one opinion more than you do another one.

Issue:

Notes:



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REQUIREMENT 4: Choose an issue that is important to the citizens of your community;

Issue:

REQUIREMENT 4a: Find out which branch of local government is responsible for this issue.

Notes:

REQUIREMENT 4b: With your counselor's and a parent's approval, interview one person from the branch of government you identified in requirement 4a.

Person to Interview:

Parent's Name

Phone

Parent's Signature

Date

☐ *approved*

COUNSELOR APPROVAL: PERHAPS IMPLIED, THIS REQUIREMENT DOES NOT STATE THAT YOU NEED THE COUNSELOR'S APPROVAL AHEAD OF TIME TO INTERVIEW YOUR SELECTED INDIVIDUAL. PLEASE NOTE, AS WITH ANY REQUIREMENT, ACCEPTANCE IS AT THE DISCRETION AND SATISFACTION OF THE MERIT BADGE COUNSELOR.

Counselor's Name

Phone

Counselor's Signature

Date

☐ *approved*

REQUIREMENT 4b: Ask what is being done about this issue.

Notes:



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REQUIREMENT 4b: Ask how young people can help.

Notes:

REQUIREMENT 4c: Share what you have learned with your counselor.

Notes:

REQUIREMENT 5: With the approval of your counselor and a parent, watch a movie that shows how the actions of one individual or group of individuals can have a positive effect on a community.

Movie:

Parent's Name

Phone

Parent's Signature

Date

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approved

COUNSELOR APPROVAL: PERHAPS IMPLIED, THIS REQUIREMENT DOES NOT STATE THAT YOU NEED THE COUNSELOR'S APPROVAL AHEAD OF TIME TO WATCH YOUR SELECTED MOVIE. PLEASE NOTE, AS WITH ANY REQUIREMENT, ACCEPTANCE IS AT THE DISCRETION AND SATISFACTION OF THE MERIT BADGE COUNSELOR.

Counselor's Name

Phone

Counselor's Signature

Date

☐

approved



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REQUIREMENT 5:

Discuss with your counselor what you learned from the movie about what it means to be a valuable and concerned member of the community.

Notes:

REQUIREMENT 6:

List some of the services (such as the library, recreation center, public transportation, and public safety) your community provides that are funded by taxpayers. Tell your counselor why these services are important to your community.

SERVICE #1

Service #1:

Importance to Community:

SERVICE #2

Service #2:

Importance to Community:



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SERVICE #3

Service #3:

Importance to Community:

SERVICE #4

Service #4:

Importance to Community:

SERVICE #5

Service #5:

Importance to Community:



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REQUIREMENT 7a: Identify three charitable organizations outside of Scouting that interest you and bring people in your community together to work for the good of your community.

Charitable Organization #1:

Charitable Organization #2:

Charitable Organization #3:

REQUIREMENT 7b: Pick ONE of the organizations you chose for requirement 7a. Using a variety of resources (including newspapers, fliers and other literature, the Internet, volunteers, and employees of the organization), find out more about this organization.

Selected Charitable Organization:

RESOURCE #1

Resource #1:

Notes:

RESOURCE #2

Resource #2:

Notes:



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RESOURCE #3

Resource #3:

Notes:

RESOURCE #4

Resource #4:

Notes:

RESOURCE #5

Resource #5:

Notes:

RESOURCE #6

Resource #6:

Notes:



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REQUIREMENT 7c: With your counselor's and your parent's approval, contact the organization you chose for requirement 7b, and find out what young people can do to help.

Selected Charitable Organization:

Parent's Name

Phone

Parent's Signature

Date

☐ *approved*

COUNSELOR APPROVAL: PERHAPS IMPLIED, THIS REQUIREMENT DOES NOT STATE THAT YOU NEED THE COUNSELOR'S APPROVAL AHEAD OF TIME TO CONTACT YOUR SELECTED ORGANIZATION. PLEASE NOTE, AS WITH ANY REQUIREMENT, ACCEPTANCE IS AT THE DISCRETION AND SATISFACTION OF THE MERIT BADGE COUNSELOR.

Counselor's Name

Phone

Counselor's Signature

Date

☐ *approved*

Notes:



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REQUIREMENT 7c:

While working on this merit badge, volunteer at least eight hours of your time for the organization. After your volunteer experience is over, discuss what you have learned with your counselor.

Volunteer Time Sheet

Date	In Time	Out Time	Total Time	Supervisor sign off

Notes:

REQUIREMENT 8:

Develop a public presentation (such as a video, slide show, speech, digital presentation, or photo exhibit) about important and unique aspects of your community. Include information about the history, cultures, and ethnic groups of your community; its best features and popular places where people gather; and the challenges it faces. Stage your presentation in front of your merit badge counselor or a group, such as your patrol or a class at school.

This requirement must be reviewed with your merit badge counselor.