



Citizenship in the Nation Merit Badge



Expectations

Read and Review **ALL** requirements prior to the class

Even though a requirement may be identified as one to be done in class, Scouts are still expected to familiarize, review, and prepare for the requirement – BE PREPARED!

Active interaction/participation is expected and mandatory.

Share in your own words – avoid reading your answers.

Pay attention to the action verbs.

Bring proof of completion (even partially completed work)



Things to Remember to Bring

1. Your BSA ID# and /or your Merit Badge Blue Card properly filled out and signed off by your Scout Leader
2. Scout Uniform
3. Notes and Questions from reading the Citizenship in the Nation Merit Badge Pamphlet
4. Supporting documentation or project work pertinent to this merit badge which may also include a Merit Badge Workbook for reference with notes.
5. A positive Scouting focus and attitude

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Requirements Insight

NOTE: This merit badge requires a lot of explanation and discussion in order to complete most requirements. This class is structured to offer explanation and discussion time for Scouts in a small group setting to offer both learning and earning opportunity. **Scouts MUST come to the class with preparation work in order to successfully complete these requirements.** It will be virtually impossible for Scouts who do not have preparation work done to successfully partake in the group discussions or provide acceptable explanation if they do not have prior knowledge of the requirements and answers prior to the class.

| Requirements | Expectations |
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| 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 | <p>If you have prepared ahead of time, you will be able to complete these requirements during the class.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Time will be allotted for those Scouts who have prepared to share their work for sign off consideration |
| 5 | <p>If you have prepared ahead of time, you will be able to complete this requirement during the class.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be prepared to share your research and discuss findings during the class • Make sure you have details noted about the evening news you watched, and the stories used to prepare for this requirement's discussion. |
| 7 | <p>This requirement will NOT be done as a part of the class.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HOWEVER, Scouts will have an opportunity to share and discuss their visit or tour during the class if they have completed one or both requirement options. <p>NOTE: Bring proof of your completion for each selected option. Just saying you visited or toured a location is not enough. It is recommended that Scouts come with prepared notes or proof to aid the counselor in confirming that all or part of this requirement has been met.</p> |
| 8 | <p>It is preferred that Scouts prepare and send their letter ahead of the class in hopes of having a response back in time to share as a part of the class. At a minimum, Scouts should prepare their letter to their selected official, as listed in the requirement and have it ready for the class in the following manner:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If sending a letter by email, first send it and / or at least carbon copy (cc) Scoutmaster Bucky (Scoutmasterbucky@yahoo.com) in the email correspondence <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If sending a postal mail letter, have the letter written, envelope properly addressed and stamped, but NOT sealed so that the counselor may review and verify the letter. After verification the letter will be sealed and ready for postal delivery. <p>Discussion of the rest of this requirement will happen during the class session</p> |

Merit Badge Workbooks are a tool to aid Scouts with their work preparation. BSA discourages — but does not ban — the use of any merit badge worksheets or workbooks. Merit badge counselors must NEVER require the use of merit badge worksheets or workbooks and may if they choose, refuse to accept them. Scouts shall not be required to use ANY of these to complete a merit badge.