

## Citizenship in the Community

Please make sure your scout is prepared for the class.

*Please bring completed work to class to get signed off by counselor*

*Requirements that have to have been done outside of class:*

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2.a. On a map of your community, locate and point out the following:

2.a.1. Chief government buildings such as your city hall, county courthouse, and public works/services facility

2.a.2. Fire station, police station, and hospital nearest your home

2.a.3. Historical or other interesting points

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

3. Do the following:

a. Attend a city or town council or school board meeting, or a municipal; county, or state court session.

b. 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.

4.b. With your counselor's and a parent's approval, interview one person from the branch of government you identified in requirement 4a. Ask what is being done about this issue and how young people can help.

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...

7.b. 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.

7.c. With your counselor's and your parent's approval, contact the organization and find out what young people can do to help. 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.

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.