

CITIZENSHIP IN THE COMMUNITY Merit Badge Work

Your name: _____

Below please find some of the badge requirements you need to prepare and have ready to complete this merit badge.

1. What does it take to be a good citizen in your community?

2.What are your rights, duties and obligations as this citizen?

3.How can you demonstrate good citizenship in your community, scouting unit, church or school?

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

5. On a map, locate and circle or highlight the following:

- Chief government buildings (city hall, county courthouse, and publicworks/service facility).
- Fire stations, police station, and hospital nearest your home
- Historical or other interesting points

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

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7. Do the following:

- A. **Choose a charitable organization** outside of Scouting that interests you and brings people in your community together to work for the good of your community.

Name of organization _____

- 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.

- C. With 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, record what you have learned on the back of this sheet. Please have your parents sign off for the eight hours of volunteer work you did and where you did it.

- 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.

- 9. Watch a movie that shows how the actions of one individual or group can have a positive effect on a community. The movie **Pay It Forward** would be an excellent example of this. The movie is PG13 and 2 hours long. Another excellent example is the movie **Hoot** which is rated PG and is 90 minutes long.