



Citizenship in the Community

Merit Badge Worksheet

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Scouts Name _____

Date _____

Counselor's Name _____

Counselor's Phone # _____

Complete

1. Discuss what citizenship in the community means and what it takes to be a good citizen in your community. _____

Discuss the rights, duties, and obligations of citizenship, and explain how you can demonstrate good citizenship in your community, Scouting unit, place of worship or school _____

Complete

2. Do the following;

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

1. Chief government buildings such as your city hall, county courthouse, and public works/services facility
2. Fire station, police station, and hospital nearest your home
3. Historical or other interesting points

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

Complete

3. Do the following;

a. Attend a city or town council or school board meeting, or a municipal; county, or state court session. What did you attend? _____

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

Complete

4. Choose an issue that is important to the citizens of your community; then do the following:

a. Find out which branch of local government is responsible for this issue. Tell what you found. _____

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. Who did you interview? _____

c Share what you have learned. _____

Complete

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. What movie did you watch? _____

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

Complete

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 why these services are important to your community. _____

Complete

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. Tell about what service they provide the community? _____

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. What did you find? _____

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. _____

Complete

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. Date Completed _____