



CITIZENSHIP IN THE COMMUNITY

Merit Badge Requirements

1) Describe your community to your counselor giving:

- A) A short history
- B) Cultures and ethnic groups
- C) Major places of employment
- D) What is the future of your community?

2) Mark or point out on a map of your community the following:

- A) Chief government buildings such as your city hall, county courthouse, and public works services facility
- B) Fire station, police station, and hospital nearest your home
- C) Schools, churches, and synagogues near your home
- D) Main highways to neighboring cities and towns
- E) Nearest railroads and bus stations and airport, if any
- F) Chief industries or other major places of employment
- G) Historical and other interesting points

3) Do the following:

- A) Chart the organization of your local or state government. Show the top offices and tell which are elected or appointed
- B) Name the political parties in your community government and list four persons active in the politics of your community and what positions they hold

4) Attend ONE of the following:

- A) County or parish board meeting
- B) City council meeting
- C) School board meeting
- D) Municipal, county, or state court session

5) After visiting the governmental meeting, obtain a copy of that body's published budget. Review the major sources of income and expenses for its operation with your counselor.

6) List the services your community provides to the citizens in return for the taxes paid by you and your parents

7) Select a city, a county, or school problem or issue under consideration from the local newspaper or news broadcast and write a letter expressing your views to the mayor, administrator, or school board president. Show this letter and any response to your counselor.

8) List and describe the work of five volunteer organizations through which people in your community work together for the good of your community.

9) Tell how to report an accident or an emergency in your community

10) List five ways you can demonstrate good citizenship in your community, religious institution, school, or Scouting unit.

Give a short history of your community:

Describe some of the cultures and ethnic groups in your community:

Describe some major places of employment in your community:

Tell what you believe the future of your community is:

Requirement 2

Mark or point out on a map of your community the following:

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| _____ City Hall | _____ County Courthouse | _____ Public Works Facility |
| _____ Fire Station | _____ Police Station | _____ Hospital closest to your home |
| _____ Schools | _____ Churches | _____ Synagogues |
| _____ Main Highway to neighboring cities and towns | | _____ Nearest Railroads |

_____ Bus Stations

_____ Airport (if any)

_____ Chief industries and other major places of employment

_____ Historical and other interesting points

Make a copy of your community map and attach it to this worksheet

Requirement 3

In the box below, chart the organization of your local or state government.

Which are the top offices?

Which are elected?

Which are appointed?

What political parties are in your community government:

Give a brief summary of this review:

Requirement 6

List the services your community provides to the citizens in return for the taxes paid by you and your parents:

Requirement 7

Select a city or school problem or issue under consideration from the local newspaper or news broadcast and write a letter expressing your views to the mayor, administrator, or school board president. Show this letter and any response to your counselor.

The problem/issue I found was:

I wrote my letter to:

I showed the letter to my counselor: Yes No

Did you get a letter or any type of response back from your letter: Yes No

Attach a copy of your letter to this worksheet.

Organization: _____

Description of what they do for the community:

Requirement 9

Tell how to report an accident or an emergency in your community:

Requirement 10

List five ways you can demonstrate good citizenship in your community, religious institution, school, or Scouting unit.

Place: _____

What can you do to demonstrate good citizenship?

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