



# CITIZENSHIP IN THE COMMUNITY

## The 2012 Spring PowWow

### Official Merit Badge Worksheet

Scout's Name

Instructor's Name

Scout's Address

City

State

ZIP

#### Instructions

- 1) The Scout is to review the merit badge book before the first week of PowWow.
- 2) Bring this work sheet, paper, and pencil or pen each week.
- 3) **Bring a Merit Badge blue card with you on the second week.**

#### Requirement Instructions\*

- 1) Requirement 7 should be completed **prior** to the first session of PowWow
- 2) Requirements 1 and 2 will be passed off during the two sessions of PowWow.
- 3) Requirements 3, 4, and 8 should be completed **either before** PowWow **or as homework** between the two sessions.
- 4) Requirements 5 and 6 will be passed off during the two sessions of PowWow.

**\* Due to possible time constraints at the PowWow, certain requirements that were originally planned to be completed in class may need to be completed as homework. Please LISTEN to ALL INSTRUCTIONS in class to be aware of any changes.**

#### Requirement 1

**Initial**

What does citizenship in the community mean?

What does it take to be a good citizen in your community? Discuss the rights, duties, and obligations of citizenship.

How you can demonstrate good citizenship in your community, Scouting unit, place of worship, or school?

#### Requirement 2

**Initial**

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.

**Requirement 3**

**Initial**

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. Explain why you agree with one opinion more than you do another one.

**Requirement 4**

**Initial**

Choose an issue that is important to the citizens of your community, and then do the following:

- A. Which branch of local government is responsible for this issue?
  
- B. With your 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.
  
- C. Write a brief explanation of what you learned from this experience.

**Requirement 5**

**Initial**

With the approval of your merit badge counselor, watch a movie that shows how the actions of one individual or group of individuals can have a positive effect on a community. What did you learn from the movie about what it means to be a valuable and concerned member of the community?

**Requirement 6**

**Initial**

List three services your community provides that are funded by taxpayers. List why these services are important to your community.

- 1.
  
- 2.
  
- 3.
  
- 4.
  
- 5.
  
- 6.

**Requirement 7****Initial**

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.
- 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, write what you have learned and discuss it with your counselor.

**Requirement 8****Initial**

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.

**Merit badge work sheets will not be accepted at the Council Office in place of the official Merit Badge Application Card. Those who do not complete all the requirements should take their partially completed merit badge work sheet and their official application card to their local merit badge counselors for completion.**