



Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge Workbook

SCOUTMASTER BUCKY

Scouts participating in a Scoutmaster Bucky merit badge opportunity, whether online or in person, should consider using the Citizenship in the Community merit badge pamphlet for discovery and knowledge, along with the class preparation pages for clarifications, insights, and expectations.

<https://scoutmasterbucky.com/merit-badges/citizenship-in-the-community/citizenship-in-the-community-pamphlet.pdf>

<https://scoutmasterbucky.com/merit-badges/citizenship-in-the-community/citizenship-in-the-community-cpp.pdf>

REQUIREMENTS 3a, 4b, 5, and 7c REQUIRE COUNSELOR APPROVAL.

REQUIREMENTS 4b, 5, and 7c REQUIRE PARENT / GUARDIAN APPROVAL.

REQUIREMENT 1: Discuss with your counselor what citizenship in the community means.

Notes:

REQUIREMENT 1: Discuss with your counselor what it takes to be a good citizen in your community.

Notes:



Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge Workbook

SCOUTMASTER BUCKY

REQUIREMENT 1: Discuss the rights, duties, and obligations of citizenship.

Rights:

Duties:

Obligations:



Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge Workbook

SCOUTMASTER BUCKY

REQUIREMENT 1: Explain how you can demonstrate good citizenship in your community, Scouting unit, place of worship, or school.

Community:

Scouting Unit:

Place of Worship:

School:



Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge Workbook

SCOUTMASTER BUCKY

- REQUIREMENT 2a:** Using an electronic mapping tool or paper map, locate and pinpoint the following services and landmarks in your community. Determine and record the distances from your home including driving time AND either walking or biking time.
1. Chief government buildings such as your city hall, county courthouse, and public works/services facilities
 2. Fire station, police station, and hospital nearest your home
 3. Parks, playgrounds, recreation areas, and trails
 4. Historical or other points of interest

Don't forget to bring your map or electronic device with you to share with the merit badge counselor

This requirement must be reviewed with your merit badge counselor.

BE PREPARED!

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



Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge Workbook

SCOUTMASTER BUCKY

REQUIREMENT 3a: Attend an in-person meeting of your city, town, or county council or school board, local court session; OR another state or local governmental meeting approved in advance by your counselor.

Meeting Type:

Date and Location:

COUNSELOR APPROVAL: IS REQUIRED.

Counselor's Name

Phone or Email

Counselor's Signature

Date

☐

approved

REQUIREMENT 3b: 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.

Selected Issue:

Notes:



Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge Workbook

SCOUTMASTER BUCKY

REQUIREMENT 4: Choose an issue that is important to the citizens of your community.

Selected Issue:

REQUIREMENT 4a: Find out which branch of local government is responsible for this issue.

Responsible Branch of Local Government:

REQUIREMENT 4b: With your counselor's and a parent or guardian's approval, interview one person from the branch of government you identified in requirement 4a.

Person to Interview:

PARENT / GUARDIAN APPROVAL: IS REQUIRED.

Parent's / Guardian's Name

Phone or Email

Parent's / Guardian's Signature

Date ☐ *approved*

COUNSELOR APPROVAL: IS REQUIRED.

Counselor's Name

Phone or Email

Counselor's Signature

Date ☐ *approved*

REQUIREMENT 4b: Ask what is being done about this issue.

Notes:



Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge Workbook

SCOUTMASTER BUCKY

REQUIREMENT 4b: Ask how young people can help.

Notes:

REQUIREMENT 4c: Share what you have learned with your counselor.

Notes:

REQUIREMENT 5: With the approval of your counselor and a parent or guardian, watch a movie that shows how the actions of one individual or group of individuals can have a positive effect on a community.

Selected Movie:

PARENT/GUARDIAN APPROVAL: IS REQUIRED.

Parent's / Guardian's Name

Phone or Email

Parent's / Guardian's Signature

Date ☐ *approved*

COUNSELOR APPROVAL: IS REQUIRED.

Counselor's Name

Phone or Email

Counselor's Signature

Date ☐ *approved*



Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge Workbook

SCOUTMASTER BUCKY

REQUIREMENT 5: Discuss with your counselor what you learned from the movie about what it means to be a valuable and concerned member of the community.

Notes:

REQUIREMENT 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 your counselor why these services are important to your community.

SERVICE #1:

Service:

Importance to Community:

SERVICE #2:

Service:

Importance to Community:



Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge Workbook

SCOUTMASTER BUCKY

SERVICE #3:

Service:

Importance to Community:

SERVICE #4:

Service:

Importance to Community:

SERVICE #5:

Service:

Importance to Community:



Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge Workbook

SCOUTMASTER BUCKY

REQUIREMENT 7a: Identify three charitable organizations outside of Scouting that interest you and bring people in your community together to work for the good of your community.

Charitable Organization #1:

Charitable Organization #2:

Charitable Organization #3:

REQUIREMENT 7b: Pick ONE of the organizations you chose for requirement 7(a). 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.

Selected Charitable Organization:

RESOURCE #1:

Type and Name of Resource:

Notes:

RESOURCE #2:

Type and Name of Resource:

Notes:



Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge Workbook

SCOUTMASTER BUCKY

RESOURCE #3:

Type and Name of Resource:

Notes:

RESOURCE #4:

Type and Name of Resource:

Notes:

RESOURCE #5:

Type and Name of Resource:

Notes:



Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge Workbook

SCOUTMASTER BUCKY

REQUIREMENT 7c: With your counselor's and your parent or guardian's approval, contact the organization you chose for requirement 7(b), and find out what young people can do to help.

Selected Charitable Organization:

PARENT/GUARDIAN APPROVAL: IS REQUIRED.

Parent's / Guardian's Name

Phone or Email

Parent's / Guardian's Signature

Date ☐ *approved*

COUNSELOR APPROVAL: IS REQUIRED.

Counselor's Name

Phone or Email

Counselor's Signature

Date ☐ *approved*

Notes:



Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge Workbook

SCOUTMASTER BUCKY

REQUIREMENT 7c:

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.

Volunteer Time Sheet

Date	In Time	Out Time	Total Time	Supervisor sign off

Notes:

REQUIREMENT 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 counselor or a group, such as your patrol or a class at school.

Consider using the [Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge Pamphlet](#) for preparation information

This requirement must be reviewed with your merit badge counselor.

BE PREPARED!