

WELCOME TO NEWPORT SEA BASE'S
CITIZENSHIP IN THE NATION!



Thank you for your class registration. We're excited to have you aboard!

ALERT: Due to the Covid-19 pandemic we are taking special precautions to ensure the safety of our staff and campers this year. Please be aware that all campers will be required to wear a face mask while on property and must have a backup ready (bring 2 masks). Campers are asked to keep at a safe distance from individuals at all times and will need to bring their own refillable water bottles to camp (we have a refillable station on site). All of our camp staff will be wearing masks and ensuring that campers follow safety measures and protocols. When you arrive our staff will help guide you through our security checkpoints from the comfort of your car. You will be asked to stay in your vehicle for pick up and drop off and we will not have spots for parking. All campers will receive a temperature and health screening before being allowed to enter camp. After the health screening campers will join their counselor and group. We know this is a difficult time and appreciate your help and cooperation. Please also be advised that our office will remain closed to the public. We will however have office staff ready to answer your questions by phone or email. For immediate assistance please call our office line at (949) 642-5031.

Course Description:

Students will build their understanding that a nation is a patchwork of communities that differ from each other and may be governed differently. Regardless of how local communities differ, they all have one point in common: In the United States, local government means self-government. Find out how to become an active participant in the life of the nation and how to voice your opinion to your representatives. Discover how national decisions affect you; your family and the community. Learn about the history and functions of the federal government.

Below is information you'll find valuable in helping you prepare for the class:

- Be sure your Scout picks up a syllabus from the instructor on the first day of class and reviews the syllabus with parents/guardians.
- Class handouts and this letter can be found on the **Merit Badge Resources** page of our website.
- Scouts should bring the merit badge booklet to each day of class.
- Most of the merit badge requirements and course information are covered and discussed in class, however we do also assign homework.
- Guardians **MUST** check in with the NSB instructor on the first day of class to ensure proper reception of child in class. Families may check in at the pedestal directory/site map at the Building C staircase or visit the NSB office upstairs.
- **CLOSED TOED SHOES** are required at **ALL TIMES**. No sandals, Crocs, or roller shoes.
- Electronics and other valued items should be left at **HOME**.
- Scouts can carry their belongings with them to class; Sea Base is not responsible for any damaged or lost items.
- Snacks & drinks are recommended if your Scout is at Sea Base for an extended period of time.
- Scouts are not permitted to leave the Sea Base without a parent/guardian.
- Scouts should label all personal belongings.
- Scouts must bring blue cards on the last day of class. Instructors will not hold blue cards for students before the last day of class.
- Some classes will include a free pontoon/whaler boat field trip in which Sea Base provides life vests for all campers. Life vests **MUST** be worn on docks and boats! Campers should bring sun block and extra drinking water especially if their class involves being out in the sun.

Field Trip Info: **FREE pontoon/whaler boat ride to the Balboa Pavilion (3rd/Final Class) provided by NSB*

This highly interactive and exploratory class is open to and enjoyable for all youth (girls and boys, ages 11-17), **not just Boy Scouts.**

Note: Orange County Council, Boy Scouts is dedicated to the safety of all youth who participate in our programs. Consequently, Scouts must be able to repeat back, in their own words, an accurate understanding of all safety instructions. Scouts who are unable or unwilling to do so, may not be eligible to participate. (Youth who are working on their English language skills can decide to bring an interpreter but may still not be eligible to participate.)

Thanks again for your participation at the Newport Sea Base. Have a
GREAT class!

NEWPORT SEA BASE STAFF

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