

**WELCOME TO NEWPORT SEA BASE'S**  
**CITIZENSHIP IN THE COMMUNITY!**



**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:**

Over the course of the next two months, you will practice becoming active citizens who are aware of and grateful for your liberties and rights. You will learn to participate in government and what it takes to protect our citizens' freedoms, defend our country and stand up for individual rights on behalf of all the nations' citizens. You will learn how your local community functions and how you can interact with local government to potentially make positive changes

***NOTE: If your Scout will not be able to attend all three classes, please contact the office to drop the class so a Scout on the Wait List will be able to enroll.***

**For Requirement 3a and 3b, your Scout will need to:**

3. Do the following:
(a) Attend a meeting of your city, town, or county council or school board; OR attend a municipal, county, or state court session.
(b) 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.

If restrictions are not permitting you to attend these meetings in person due to Covid safety restrictions, you can either watch these meetings (NEWPORT BEACH or choose your own city) live on television OR at <https://www.newportbeachca.gov/home> and in the "Meetings" section below on the main page you will want click on one of the calendared events and then you'll be able to view the live feed online on your computer (it's at the bottom of the event page). Meetings are listed as such: "[City Council Regular Meeting, Nov. 15, 2020, 5:00 PM](#)"

**City of Newport Beach - Televised Meetings**

Meetings are televised the evening of the meeting by Spectrum (Channel 3) and Cox Communications (Channel 852), and are rebroadcast the Sundays following the meeting at 4:00 p.m., the following Mondays at 12:00 p.m., and the following Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m. until the next meeting is aired.

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

- Be sure your child picks up a syllabus from the instructor on the first day of class and reviews the syllabus with parents/guardians. (Most handouts are available on the MERIT BADGE RESOURCES page of our website.)
- A large portion of this badge must be completed outside of class. Please review the requirements so you are aware of what the Scout must do and be prepared for the homework that will be assigned.
- Scouts MUST WEAR CLOSED TOED SHOES AT ALL TIME. No sandals, Crocs, or roller shoes are permitted.
- 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 and drinks are recommended if your child is participating at NSB 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 should get their blue cards from their Scoutmaster or delegate and bring them to class on the last day of class. Instructors will not hold blue cards for students before the last day of class.
- Scouts are advised to bring merit badge booklets to class, but they are not required.
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**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**

[www.newportseabase.org](http://www.newportseabase.org)