

Course: Citizenship in the Community

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Available Sessions: AM & PM

Optional Workbook: <http://usscouts.org/usscouts/mb/worksheets/Citizenship-in-the-Community.pdf>

Prerequisites:

4. Choose an issue that is important to the citizens of your community; then do the following:

- (a) Find out which branch of local government is responsible for this issue.
- (b) With your counselor's and a 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) Share what you have learned with your counselor.

7. Do the following:

- (b) Pick ONE of the organizations you chose for requirement 7a. 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 counselor's and your parent's approval, contact the organization you chose for requirement 7b, 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, discuss what you have learned with your counselor.

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