

CITIZENSHIP IN THE NATION MERIT BADGE - PREWORK

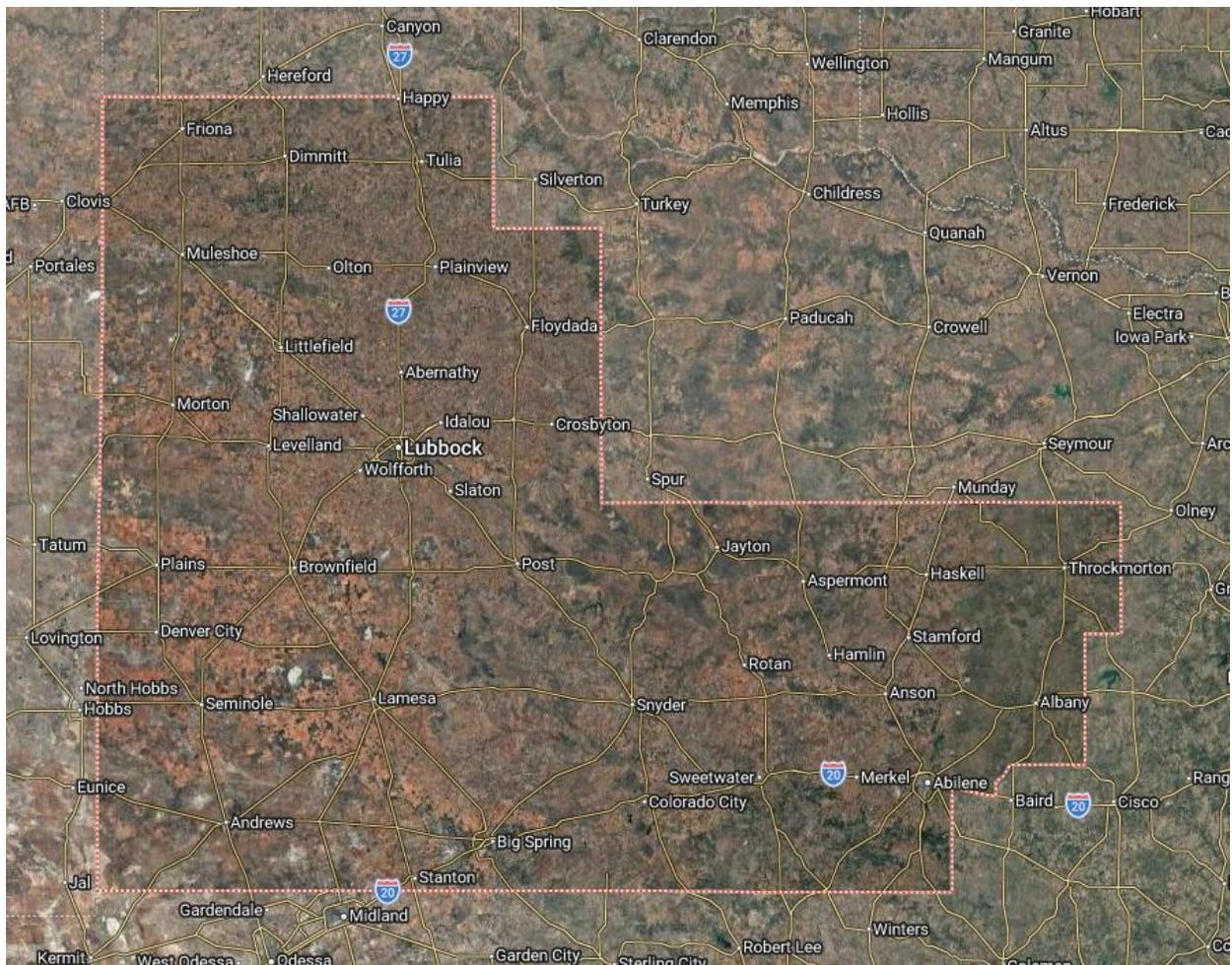
If you wish to pass off the greyed-out requirements to the class instructor during the class, they must be completed before the class. Otherwise, you will need your parent or guardian to email documentation of satisfying the requirements to coleyduncanmd@hotmail.com or pass them off to another merit badge counselor after the class.

5. Watch the national evening news for five days in a row or read the main stories in a national media organization (e.g., a newspaper or news website) for five days in a row. Discuss the national issues that you learned about with your counselor. Choose one issue and explain how it affects you, your family, and community. Please provide a short, written report to the class instructor when you come to class.

7. Do TWO of the following: We will do (d) in class. You will need to complete (a), (b), OR (c) outside of class. You only need to do one of the first 3 choices. Please bring to class a short, written report meeting the requirement described below.

- (a) Visit a place that is listed as a National Historic Landmark or that is on the National Register of Historic Places. Tell your counselor what you learned about the landmark or site and what you found interesting about it. The closest qualifying landmark that I know of is Lubbock Lake National Historic Landmark. You can learn more about it at <https://www.depts.ttu.edu/museumttu/III/>
- (b) Tour your state capitol building or the U.S. Capitol. Tell your counselor what you learned about the capitol, its function, and the history. If you have done this previous to declaring for this merit badge, I will accept it provided you give me a short, written report.
- (c) Tour a federal facility. Explain to your counselor what you saw and what you learned about its function in the local community and how it serves this nation. Federal facilities in Lubbock include George H. Mahon Federal Building and US Courthouse is located at 1205 Texas Avenue between Broadway and 14th Street, Lubbock VA Clinic 3510 4th St · (806) 472-3400, US Armed Services Recruiting Office 5604 Slide Rd · (806) 283-9073.
- (d) Choose a United States national monument that interests you. Using books, brochures, the internet (with your parent or guardian's permission), and other resources, find out more about the monument. Tell your counselor what you learned, and explain why the monument is important to this country's citizens.

8. Name your representatives in the United States Congress. Write to your representative in Congress explaining your views on a national issue. Show your correspondence, along with any response you receive, to your counselor. To speed the process, I suggest using the email link below. Ask your parent's or guardian's permission and help to do this. Do not send your email until your parent or guardian has approved the final version. Begin by telling your representative that you are a Scout and are writing to satisfy a requirement for the Citizenship in the Nation merit badge. An easy lift is to choose a national issue where you agree with his position. If you wish to discuss something where you disagree, be respectful. Remember, the requirement is to express your views. Asking a question might slow the response he gives you. Thank him for his service to your country and for a timely reply. The first map is of the Texas 19th Congressional District. The 2nd map is of all the Texas Congressional Districts. If you live outside of the Texas 19th Congressional District, ask your parent or guardian to help you find the official website and its email portal for your congressional representative.



Texas 19th Congressional District
US Representative Jodey Arrington

Email portal: <https://arrington.house.gov/contact/>

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