

Citizenship in the Nation

Via Zoom

Merit Badge Counselor: Mike Fratto

The scout is expected to have worked on all requirements for the merit badge. However, requirements 2, 3, 6, and 8 must be completed prior to arrival: Scouts who do not complete these requirements prior to the class will not get credit for them.

Download the merit badge worksheet in a fillable format. Type the appropriate information for each requirement. Then, at least two days prior to class, **email the completed worksheet** to the counselor at: mfratto@yahoo.com. **Do not** print out the worksheets and hand write the responses, then email a picture of your work. It is unreadable. Worksheets can be found at <http://usscouts.org/mb/worksheets/Citizenship-in-the-Nation.pdf>

- Requirement 2: Identify and Prepare short report on where you visited
- Requirement 3: Be prepared to identify a news item and discuss its importance.
- Requirement 6: The Counselor will allow you to choose your own speech, but remember, it has to have national importance.
- Requirement 8: **Read the requirement and complete it.** The scout may send an email or write a letter to the Member of Congress they choose. This must be formal correspondence, not an Instagram or text message. **Note:** This is not a member of the State Legislature. Bring a copy of the correspondence to the session.
- The Citizenship in the Nation merit badge pamphlet is quite helpful. All of the knowledge portion of this merit badge is found in this booklet. It can be purchased from the Scout Shop at Basecamp or online from Amazon for the Kindle app. The app is available at no cost for download. Read the pamphlet before our session as it relates to the Requirements.
- Have a notebook and some pencils available for note taking
- Be ready to participate or share in any discussion that is part of this session
- Wear your Scout uniform. You will be asked to change into your uniform if you aren't wearing it.
- Bring a Blue Merit Badge Card signed by your Scoutmaster.

The Counselor would like to remind you that he will not sign off *any* requirement the Scout cannot demonstrate an understanding of the material.

Note: Because this is a participatory merit badge, the counselor is also interested in knowing if the Scout has a disabling condition that would make it difficult or impossible for him or her to participate in a group discussion. If so, please note on the registration form what kind of accommodation your scout will require, and the counselor will work with your Scout individually.

If you need to cancel, you will need to do so a week before the class is held. You can do it by contacting Barb Herrmann at barbcorti@gmail.com. Prior to seven days, you will receive a refund.