Citizenship in the Community

The Clark House

Citizenship in the Community is a 4 hour session. Scouts should bring a snack and plenty of water. Please no red liquids

What to bring:

- Blue card, pen and pencil.
- Snack and water.
- Prework.

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3. Do the following:

    a) Attend a city or town council or school board meeting, or 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 with the other.

5. With the approval of your counselor and a parent, watch a movie that shows how the actions of one individual or group of individuals can have a positive effect on a community. Be prepared to discuss with your counselor what you learned from the movie about what it means to be a valuable and concerned member of the community.

7. Do the following:

    a) Identify THREE charitable organizations outside of Scouting that interest you and bring people in your community together to work for the good of your community.

    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.

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