



# **Boy Scouts**

## **Citizen in the Community**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

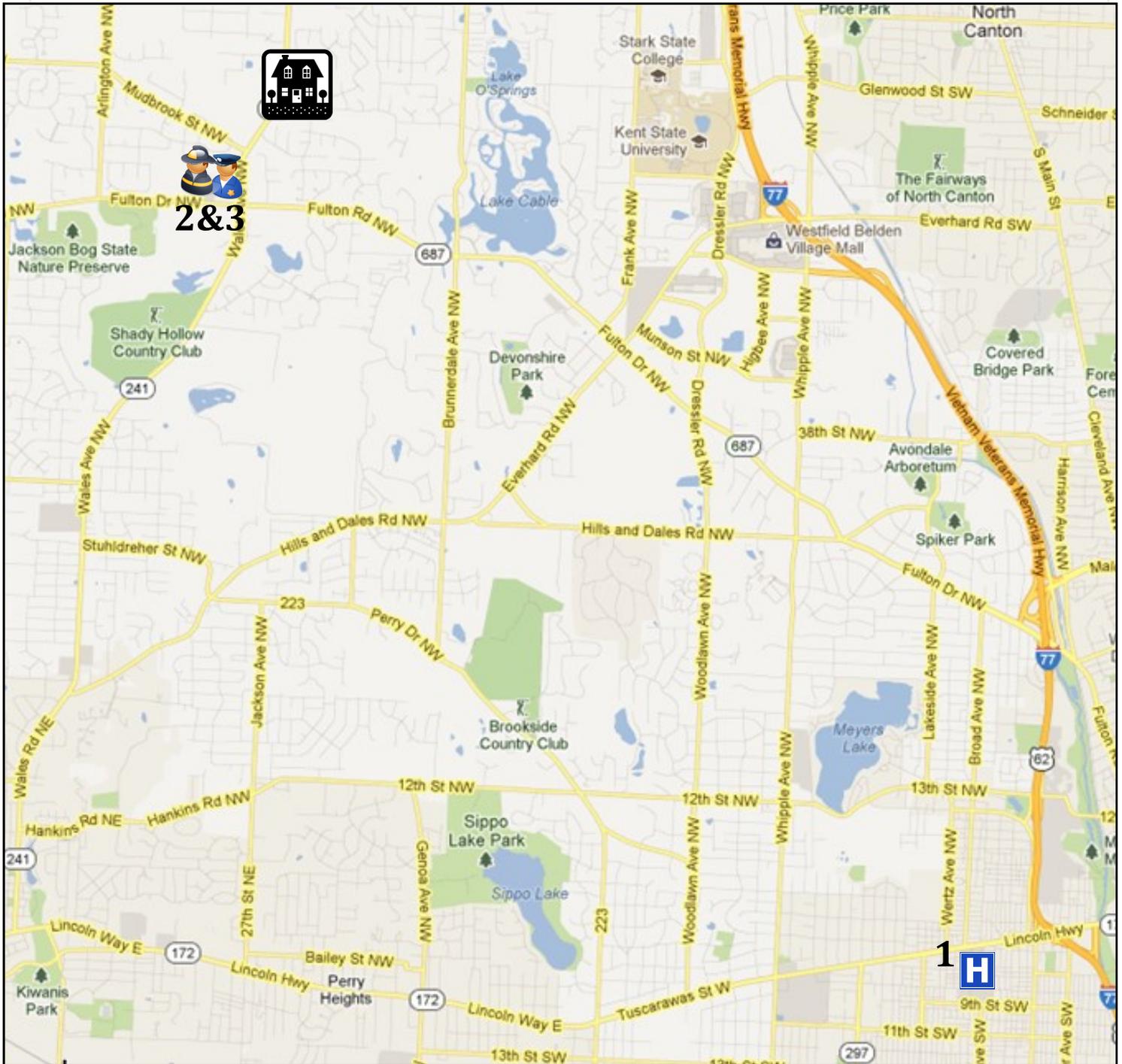
Troop: \_\_\_\_\_

# Explanation of Pre-work Requirements

Requirement Number		Page
<b>2a</b> <b>Due in class</b>	Create a map of your community: locate your house, the nearest hospital, police station and fire station. Insert the map into your pre-work booklet.	<b>3</b>
<b>3</b> <b>Due in class</b>	Do the Following: A. Attend <b>one</b> of the following: a city council meeting, a town council meeting, a school board meeting, a county or state court session. B. Choose one of the issues discussed at the meeting where a difference of opinion was expressed. Explain to your counselor on page 4 why you agree with one opinion more than the other.	<b>4</b>
<b>4</b> <b>Due in class</b>	Choose an issue that is important to the people in your community and find out what branch of local government is responsible for this issue. A. With your <b>parent's approval</b> , interview one person from that branch of government. (meeting, phone, letter, or email) B. Ask what is being done about this issue and what young people can do to help. C. Send the merit badge counselor a copy of your interview.	<b>5</b>
<b>5</b> <b>Due in class</b>	<b>Watch <i>Remember the Titans</i></b> , a movie that shows how the actions of an individual or group of individuals can have a positive effect on a community. A. <u>In class we will discuss what you learned from the movie</u> and what it means to be a valuable and concerned member of the community. (no write-up)	
<b>7</b> <b>Due in class</b>	A. <u>Choose a charitable organization outside of Scouting</u> that interests you and works for the good of the community. B. By using a variety of resources answer the following questions to find out more about this organization. C. With your <b>parent's approval</b> , contact the organization and find out what young people can do to help. <u>While working on this merit badge, volunteer at least eight hours of your time for the organization.</u> After your volunteer experience is over, discuss what you have learned in paragraph form on page 8.	<b>6</b>
<b>8</b> <b>Due in class</b>	<u>Develop a public presentation about tyour community.</u> Include the following information about your community; (1)the history, (2)cultures, (3)ethnic groups; (4)best features, (5)popular places where people gather; and (6)challenges it faces. You have 3-5minutes to present this to the class and your counselor. Please keep the presentation low tech and provide a <b>visual aid</b> . (ex. Poster, pamphlet...)	<b>7</b>

**Requirement 2A #2:** At Home, create a map: locate your house, the nearest hospital, police station and fire station to your house. Bring a print out of your map to class. Be as creative as you would like.

**Below is an example of Jackson Township, Ohio.**



**Sample address: Salerno St Northwest Canton Ohio 44718**

- 1. Nearest Hospital:** Aultman Hospital 2600 6th Street Southwest, Canton, OH 6.4 mi SE
- 2. Nearest Police Station:** Jackson Township Police Department, 7383 Fulton Dr. Northwest, Massillon, Ohio 0.6 mi SW
- 3. Nearest Fire Station:** Jackson Township Fire Department, 7383 Fulton Dr. Northwest,

**Requirement 3**

Do the Following

1. Attend a city or town council or school board meeting; county/state court session. **Before you attend the meeting tell the Merit Badge Counselor what meeting you will be attending.**
2. Please answer the questions below .

What meeting did you attend? \_\_\_\_\_

What was the date and time of the meeting? \_\_\_\_\_

Who were the board members or officials in the meeting? \_\_\_\_\_

What were the topics discussed in the meeting? \_\_\_\_\_

Was there an issue or subject that had two or more officials expressing different opinions? Explain the issue. \_\_\_\_\_

Whose opinion did you agree with and why? \_\_\_\_\_

Requirement 4

Community Issue / Interview

**Community Issue:**\_\_\_\_\_

Branch of Government\_\_\_\_\_

Name of Government Official:\_\_\_\_\_

**Sample email template**

**From...** Your email  
**To...** government email  
**Cc...** Alexandra.fernandez@fairfaxcounty.gov  
**Subject** the community issue you chose

**Dear Sir or Madam,**

**My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I am a boy scout in troop\_\_\_\_\_. I am writing with regards to \_\_\_*your community issue*\_\_\_\_. This is a concern because\_\_\_\_\_. I would like to know how \_\_\_*branch of government*\_\_ is addressing this issue and what could scouts like me do to help with \_\_\_*community issue*.. Thank you in advance.**

**Your name**

This is just a sample form letter please feel free to right a letter in your own words. Make sure you include the following information:

- 1.your name, and your community issue
- 2.why you think it is important to the community,
- and 3. what the government is doing and what you can do to help.

**Requirement 7:** Identify 3 charitable organizations outside of Scouting that interests you and brings people together to work for the good of the community. Choose one organization and research the history and purpose of the organization and answer the questions below. Finally, volunteer a total of 8 hours at this location.

Identify 3 Charitable Organizations in your community?

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

Your charitable organization \_\_\_\_\_

How long has this organization been active in the community? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

How is this organization funded? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

What is the mission or purpose of the organization? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

How large is the organization? Number of volunteers and/or paid staff? \_\_\_\_\_

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What did you learn from your experience?

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# Citizen of the Community Merit Badge

## Requirement 7

Scouts Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Volunteering	Date and Hours	Supervisor's Name and email or phone number

Sully Scout Program  
Sully Historic Site  
3650 Historic Sully Way  
Chantilly, Virginia 20151  
703-437-1794

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Christine.roderick@fairfaxcounty.gov



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