



BSA Citizenship in the World Merit Badge Information for Scouts and Their Families

We look forward to working with you on this merit badge. The information below will help you prepare for a productive class.

This is a five-hour class. Scouts should attend the entire session to complete the in-class work. We will meet in the Education Center at Colvin Run Mill Historic Site.

Scouts should bring:

- **Water and a snack**
- **A pen or pencil**
- **Any completed prework**
- **A blue card signed by the troop leader**

Note: Colvin Run Mill does not provide blue cards.

Badge Requirements

Merit badges are not designed to be completed in a single five-hour session, so Scouts will need to complete some requirements outside of this class.

Requirements to complete before the class (prework)

3a. Pick a current world event. In relation to this event, discuss with your counselor how a country's national interest, history, and its relationship with other countries might affect areas such as its security, its economy, its values, and the health of its citizens.

AND

3b. Select a foreign country and discuss with your counselor how its geography, natural resources and climate influence its economy and its global partnerships with other countries.

7. Do **two** of the following and share with your counselor what you have learned:

a. Visit the website (with your parent or guardian's permission) of the U.S. State Department. Learn more about an issue you find interesting that is discussed on this website.

b. Visit the website (with your parent or guardian's permission) of an international news organization or foreign government, **or** examine a foreign newspaper available at your local library, bookstore or newsstand. Find a news story about a human right recognized in the United States that is not recognized in another country.

- c. Visit with a student or Scout from another country and discuss the typical values, holidays, ethnic foods and traditions practiced or enjoyed there.
 - d. Attend or participate in a World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) event such as the World Scout Jamboree, World Scout Moot, World Scout Congress, Jamboree on the Air or Jamboree on the Internet. Attendance at a national or regional jamboree sponsored by a WOSM national Scout organization is also allowed.
 - e. Participate in or attend an international event in your area, such as an ethnic festival, concert or play.
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Parents: Some topics discussed during the merit badge may be controversial.

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