

Hello Scouts,

Here is the prework for Citizenship in the Community. I need you to complete and submit this prework by Noon on Wednesday before you program. That will give me time to review and ask any follow up questions. If you have any questions about the work, please let me know.

### **Requirement 1—Done in Class**

#### **Requirement 2a:**

- a. On a map of your community or using an electronic device, locate and point out the following:
1. Chief government buildings such as your city hall, county courthouse, and public works/services facilities
  2. Fire station, police station, and hospital nearest your home
  3. Parks, playgrounds, recreation areas, and trails
  4. Historical or other interesting points of interest

### **Requirement 2b—Done in Class**

#### **Requirement 3**

- A. 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.
- B. Choose one of the issues discussed at the meeting where a difference of opinion was expressed. Explain to your counselor why you agree with one opinion more than the other.
1. What meeting did you attend?
  2. What was the date and time of the meeting?
  3. Who were the board members or officials in the meeting?
  4. What were the topics discussed in the meeting?
  5. Was there an issue or subject that had two or more officials expressing different opinions?  
Explain the issue
  6. Whose opinion do you agree with and why?

#### **Requirement 4**

Choose an issue that is important to the citizens in your community; then do the following:

- A. Find out which branch of local government is responsible for this issue.
- B. With **our counselor's and a parent's approval**, interview one person from the branch of government you identified in requirement 4a. Ask what is being done about this issue and how young people can help.
- C. Share what you have learned with your counselor.
1. What issue is important to you and your community?
  2. What branch of the government is responsible for this issue?
  3. Who did you interview, Name and Job Title?
  4. What is being done to solve this issue?
  5. How can you help?

## Requirement 5

Watch **Remember the Titans**, a movie that shows how the actions of one individual or group of individuals can have a positive effect on a community. To help remember the movie for our discussion, please write down some answers to the following questions. **In class we will discuss what you learned from the movie about what it means to be a valuable and concerned member of the community.**

1. Where did this movie take place?
2. Who were the main characters in the movie?
3. What were three issues the characters were dealing with?
4. How were some of main issues resolved?

## Requirement 6—Done in Class

### Requirement 7

- 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 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. **Volunteer at least 8 hours of your time for the organization.**
  1. Three Charitable Organizations?
  2. What is the Charitable Organization you chose?
  3. How long has this organization been active in the community?
  4. How is this organization funded?
  5. What is the mission or purpose of the organization?
  6. How large is the organization? Number of volunteers and/or paid staff.
  7. What have you learned from volunteering at this organization?

### Requirement 8

Develop a public presentation LOW TECH, meaning no tech (photo exhibit-something all can see from their seats) 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. **This presentation should be 5-7 minutes, and counselors will ask a question or two at the end.**