



Boy Scouts

Citizen in the Community

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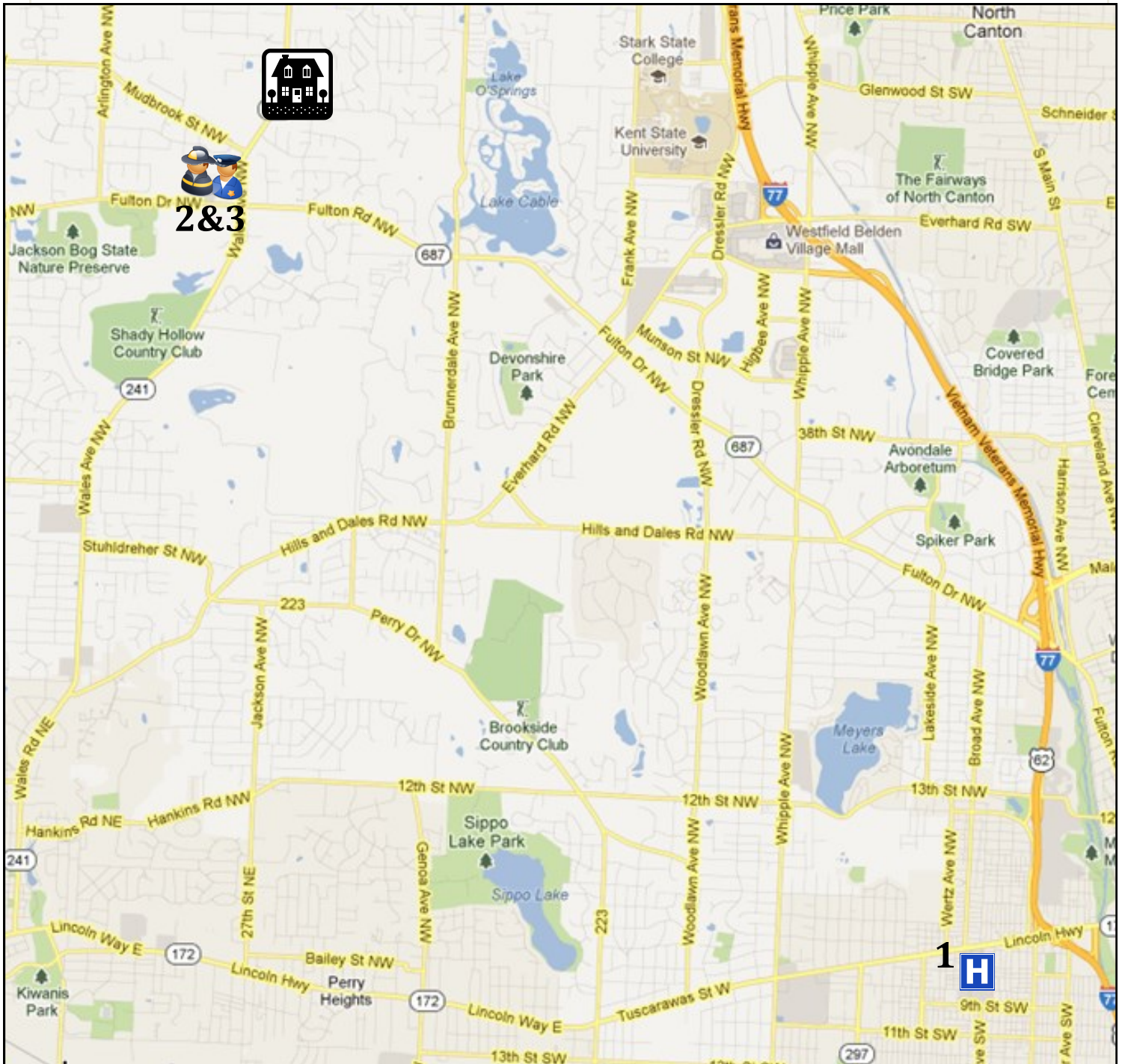
Troop: _____

Explanation of Pre-work Requirements

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<p>2a</p> <p>Due in class</p>	<p>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.</p>	3
<p>3</p> <p>Due in class</p>	<p>Do the Following:</p> <p>A. Attend <u>one</u> of the following: a city council meeting, a town council meeting, a school board meeting, a county or state court session.</p> <p>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.</p>	4
<p>4</p> <p>Due in class</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>A. With your <u>parent's approval</u>, interview one person from that branch of government. (meeting, phone, letter, or email)</p> <p>B. Ask what is being done about this issue and what young people can do to help.</p> <p>C. Send the merit badge counselor a copy of your interview.</p>	5
<p>5</p> <p>Due in class</p>	<p>Watch <i>Remember the Titans</i>, a movie that shows how the actions of an individual or group of individuals can have a positive effect on a community.</p> <p>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)</p>	
<p>7</p> <p>Due in class</p>	<p>A. <u>Choose a charitable organization outside of Scouting</u> that interests you and works for the good of the community.</p> <p>B. By using a variety of resources answer the following questions to find out more about this organization.</p> <p>C. With your <u>parent's approval</u>, 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.</p>	6
<p>8</p> <p>Due in class</p>	<p><u>Develop a public presentation about your 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 <u>visual aid</u>. (ex. Poster, pamphlet...)</p>	7

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: _____

Phone, address, or email _____

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 organization 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 Organization in your community?

Your chartable 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?_____

What did you learn from your experience?

Citizen of the Community Merit Badge

Requirement 7

Scouts Name: _____

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

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