

COURSE OUTLINE: CITIZENSHIP IN THE NATION MERIT BADGE

November 11 – December 21, 2006

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We will try to finish the merit badge work in time for participants to receive the badge at the next Troop Court of Honor (January 4, 2007) . If for some reason you're unable to attend the group meeting, you can still finish the badge. Keep up with the reading and contact me so that we can arrange a way to make up whatever you've missed.

All of the handout material will also be on the Troop website. Check the link for the course in the Troop Calendar online, or use the search box to find "Citizenship in the Nation."

The Merit Badge pamphlet is not strictly necessary, although you may find it useful. The most important thing to have available is a copy of the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution. You can get a booklet containing these pretty easily and inexpensively, or you can find them easily online. One good online source is the National Archives website – see for example <http://tinyurl.com/ar3ns> .

Our planned schedule is below. We may change it if necessary, but assume that we'll be following it unless you're told otherwise.

SESSION AT TROOP MEETING	WORK BETWEEN MEETINGS
<u>November 16</u> 1. Discuss course schedule 2. Name US representative and senators (Requirement 8) 3. Discuss idea of citizenship (R. 1)	<u>November 17-30</u> 1. List places to visit (2 for each kind)(R.2) 2. Write and send letters (R.8) 3. Read Declaration of Independence and Preamble to Constitution, and think about Requirements 4 and 5
<u>November 23:</u> No meeting (Thanksgiving)	
<u>November 30</u> 1. Decide on places to visit (R.2) 2. Bring in letters you sent (R.8) 3. Discuss Declaration and Preamble (R. 4) 4. Discuss 6 functions of federal government (R.5)	<u>December 2, 9-12 am</u> (TENTATIVE) 1. Visit first place (R.2) <u>December 1-7</u> 2. Write up the first visit (R.2) 3. Read the Constitution, Bill of Rights, and the rest of the Amendments, and think about the questions for Requirement 4
<u>December 7</u> 1. Bring in and discuss the writeup on our first visit (R.2) 2. Discuss the Constitution, Bill of Rights, and Amendments (R.4)	<u>December 9, 9-12 am</u> (TENTATIVE) 1. Visit second place (R.2) <u>December 8-14</u> 2. Write up the first visit (R.2) 3. Read a historically-important speech and write up the discussion (R. 6) 4. Read a newspaper or watch national TV news, and write up the discussion (R. 3)
<u>December 14</u> 1. Bring in and discuss the writeup on our second visit (R.2) 2. Bring in and discuss the writeup on a historically-important speech (R.6) 3. Bring in and discuss the writeup on the news (R.3)	
<u>December 21</u> (MAKEUP DATE IF NEEDED)	
<u>January 4</u> (TROOP COURT OF HONOR)	