**Citizenship in Society, Troop 313**

**Merit Badge Counselor:** Michele Gross

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**Dates:** 5:45 p.m. – 6:45 p.m. Tuesdays – March 8, 15, 22, 29

[**Background on Merit Badge from BSA**](https://www.scouting.org/about/diversity-equity-inclusion/the-boy-scouts-of-america-introduces-new-citizenship-in-society-merit-badge/)**:**

“The new merit badge encourages Scouts to explore important topics around diversity, equity, inclusion and ethical leadership and learn why these qualities are important in society and in Scouting. Beginning July 1, 2022, the Citizenship in Society merit badge will be required for any youth seeking to achieve the prestigious Eagle Scout rank.”

[**Citizenship in Society Merit Badge Pamphlet:**](http://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/merit_badge_reqandres/CitizenshipSociety_ScoutReqs.pdf?_gl=1*1iw11sh*_ga*OTYzMzI4NTc0LjE1ODQ3MjU4NDQ.*_ga_20G0JHESG4*MTY0Mzg0MTEwOC4zNy4xLjE2NDM4NDEyNzcuNTk.&_ga=2.182511270.1603168477.1643717008-963328574.1584725844)

“By now in your journey as a Scout, you have probably completed other merit

badges and become familiar with using the merit badge pamphlet that usually

accompanies the requirements. The process of earning this merit badge will be

different, as it intentionally places the responsibility of research and identification

of resources on you instead of using a merit badge pamphlet.”

**Participation Note:**

To participate in this first group discussion of Citizenship in Society Merit Badge, the following criteria must be met:

* Preference is given to Life Scouts (preferably Scouts who are closer to starting their Eagle Project) – Star Scouts can apply and will be accepted if not enough Life Scouts participate
* 4-7 participants for optimal discussion (see information in pamphlet under “Requirements”)
* MUST do prep work ahead of time to participate
* MUST RSVP with Michele Gross by **March 1** by submitting first round of prep-work
* Scouts will be notified by **March 5** and wait-listed if 5-7 participants are exceeded
* Scouts will get credit for work completed even if not selected. This work can be used for subsequent MB classes (at Summer Camp, with the Troop, etc.). It is up to the Scout to keep his work in the event a future MB Counselor wants to see “proof” of the work completed.
* A Scout will NOT receive credit for the discussion pieces unless he participates.

Due March 1 via Email:

1. [Read Citizenship in Society Merit Badge Pamphlet](http://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/merit_badge_reqandres/CitizenshipSociety_ScoutReqs.pdf?_gl=1*1iw11sh*_ga*OTYzMzI4NTc0LjE1ODQ3MjU4NDQ.*_ga_20G0JHESG4*MTY0Mzg0MTEwOC4zNy4xLjE2NDM4NDEyNzcuNTk.&_ga=2.182511270.1603168477.1643717008-963328574.1584725844)
2. Requirement 1a – Research terms (Identify Sources – include website link, etc.) – Explaining how they relate to Scout Oath & Scout Law will occur during Discussion time.
3. Requirement 2a (Identify Sources– include website link, etc.)

March 8 Discussion – be prepared to discuss:

1. Requirement 1a – How the terms relate to the Scout Oath and Scout Law
2. Requirement 2b – Use the leader you did for Requirement 2a
3. Requirement 3

March 15 Discussion – be prepared to discuss:

1. Requirement 4
2. Requirement 5

March 22 Discussion – be prepared to discuss:

1. Requirement 8
2. Requirement 10
3. Requirement 11

March 29 Discussion – this will only take place for Scouts who have completed the following Requirements prior to March 29 Discussion time. **Prep work is required. Items in bold are what to send to MB Counselor by March 28.**

1. Requirement 6c. Requirement 6a&b must be done on your time with another Scout. **(Send information on the trait, belief, or characteristic is different than you.)**
2. Requirement 7b. Requirement 7a must be done on your time with individual you selected. **(Name of individual. If a historical figure, identify the sources you used.)**
3. Requirement 9 **(Documentation part of the Requirement.)**