**Citizenship in Society, Troop 313**

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**Dates:** 5:45 p.m. – 6:45 p.m. Tuesdays, COK Fire Pit – September 20, 27, October 11, 18

[**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:

* 4-7 participants for optimal discussion.
* MUST do prep work ahead of time to participate.
* MUST RSVP with Michele Gross by **Saturday, September 10 with Prep Work (see next page).**
* A Scout will NOT receive credit for the discussion pieces unless he participates in discussion.
* Dinner will be provided, hopefully at the campfire. This provided an atmosphere that helped us all engage in conversation. Please bring $10 to help cover the cost of the meals. (You only need to bring the $ once.) Last session, we had pizzas, a foil packet meal, and hot dogs.

**Parent Note:**

* We found that this Merit Badge worked best when parents discussed the material with their Scout before the Merit Badge discussion. The following items especially would be helpful for you to review with your scout ahead of time:
  + Ethical Decisions
  + Ethical Leadership
  + **Requirement 6 requires your approval**
  + **Requirement 8 requires your help**
* Parents should review the leaders guide so that they are aware of how the discussions will work.
* I will need one parent to stay with me and the Scouts at each Merit Badge Class for Youth Protection. Parents can take turns to ensure each session is covered.

**Due September 10 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) (Click on link)
2. Requirement 1a – Research terms (Identify Sources – include website link, etc.) – this means defining them using your words. Explaining how they relate to Scout Oath & Scout Law will occur during Discussion time.
3. Requirement 2a (Identify Sources– include website link, etc.)

September 20 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

September 27 Discussion – be prepared to discuss:

1. Requirement 4
2. Requirement 5

October 11 Discussion – be prepared to discuss:

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

October 18 Discussion – this will only take place for Scouts who have completed the following Requirements prior to October 18 Discussion time. **Prep work is required. Items in bold are what to send to MB Counselor by October 16.**

1. Requirement 6c. Requirement 6a&b must be done on your time with another Scout or youth your age. **(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. Please read this one carefully, as it needs to be someone in the Community, School, or Scouting. A Historical Figure can only be used if you feel that there is not someone in the Community, School, or Scouting. **(Name of individual. If a historical figure, identify the sources you used.)**
3. Requirement 9 **(Documentation part of the Requirement.)**