

Boy Scouts of America

Citizenship in the Community Prerequisites

Requirement 3: Attend a local government board meeting. Take notes on the meeting and choose one issue where a difference of opinion was expressed and explain to your counselor why you agree with one opinion more than you do another one. You can complete this in the attached workbook if you choose. We will accept “attending” a virtual meeting. You can search for a meeting in your community or use one of these links for entities that are hosting meetings virtually.

- Orange County Board of County Commissioners <http://netapps.ocfl.net/mod> (archive) or <https://www.orangecountyfl.net/OpenGovernment/OrangeTVVisionTV/OrangeTVLive.aspx> (live, when meetings scheduled)
- Orlando City Council <https://www.orlando.gov/Our-Government/Mayor-City-Council/City-Council-Meetings/Watch-Council-Online>
- OCPS School Board https://www.ocps.net/departments/school_board_services/meetings_agendas_minutes

Requirement 4: Choose an issue that is important to the citizens of your community. Find out which branch of local government is responsible for the issue, interview one person from the branch of government, and ask what is being done about it and how young people can help. Share what you have learned with your counselor. *NOTE: Email may be an effective way to communicate with the government official, and we will accept a printout of that exchange as proof. You may also communicate via phone or in person and should take notes to share with the merit badge counselor.*

Requirement 7: Identify three charitable organizations outside of Scouting that work for the good of your community, find out more about at least one of these organizations, and volunteer for 8 hours at this organization. *Report what you have learned to your merit badge counselor. Bring documentation showing completion of 8 hours in the form of an hours log or letter signed by someone at the organization supervising the volunteer experience.*

Requirement 8: Develop a public presentation (such as a video, slide show, speech, digital presentation, or photo exhibit) about important and distinctive 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. Stage your presentation in front of your merit badge counselor or other group, such as your patrol or a class at school. *Scouts can deliver their presentations to the workshop group at the museum if they would like. If they choose to deliver their presentation elsewhere, they will need to provide either video or photos to show the counselor that they have completed the presentation publicly.*

**Counselors can sign off on prerequisites with valid proof of completion. Approval to sign off on prerequisites is at the discretion of the facilitating counselor. For more information or questions on how to satisfy the prerequisites prior to the workshop, please call the History Center’s Education Department at [407-836-8580](tel:407-836-8580).*