

# Boy Scouts of America

## Citizenship in the Nation Prerequisites

As Scouts fulfill the requirements for this merit badge, they will learn how to become active citizens and be thankful for their liberties and rights. They will learn how to participate in their government, how to protect their freedom, and how to stand up for individual rights on behalf of all its citizens.

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**Requirement 5:** Watch the national evening news five days in a row or read the front page of a major newspaper five days in a row.

**Requirement 7:** Do TWO of the following:

a) Visit a place that is listed as a National Historic Landmark or that is on the National Register of Historic Places. Tell your counselor what you learned about the landmark or site and what you found interesting about it.

Click [here](#) for a list of Orlando's historic places that can satisfy this prerequisite.

b) Tour your state capitol building or the U.S. Capitol. Tell your counselor what you learned about the capitol, its function, and the history.

c) Tour a federal facility. Explain to your counselor what you saw there and what you learned about its function in the local community and how it serves this nation.

d) Choose a national monument that interests you. Using books, brochures, the internet (with your parent's permission), and other resources, find out more about the monument. Tell your counselor what you learned and explain why the monument is important to this country's citizens.

### **Requirement 8**

- Name your two U.S. senators and the member of the House of Representatives from your congressional district.
- Write a letter about a national issue and send it to one of these elected officials, sharing your views with him or her.
- Show your letter and any response you receive to your counselor.

*NOTE: 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.*