

Citizenship in Society Merit Badge Prerequisites by Session

First Session

Requirement #1 - Before the first session, research the following terms and be prepared to discuss how you feel they relate to the Scout Oath and Scout Law:

- Identities
- Diversity
- Equity
- Equality
- Inclusion
- Discrimination
- Ethical Leadership
- Upstander

Requirement #2 - Before the first session, research an individual you feel has demonstrated positive leadership while having to make an ethical decision. (It could be someone in history, a family member, a teacher, a coach, a counselor, a clergy member, a Scoutmaster, etc.) Also, be prepared to explain what decision and/or options that leader had, why you believe they chose their final course of action, and the outcome of that action.

NOTE: An ethical decision is one where someone chooses how to respond to a given situation based on the “good / right” thing to do and “bad / wrong” thing to do.

Second Session

Requirement # 5 - Before the second session, consider the following scenarios and document your thoughts so that you are prepared to participate in a discussion with your counselor and the group:

- Ideas on what you personally can do to create a welcoming environment in your Scouting unit.
- An experience you had in which you went out of your way to include another Scout(s) and what you did to make them feel included and welcomed.
- Things you can do to help ensure all Scouts in your unit are given an opportunity to be heard and included in decision-making and planning.

Third Session

Requirement #7 - Identify and interview an individual in your community, school, and/or Scouting who has had a significant positive impact in promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion. If you feel your community, school, or local Scouting group does not have such an individual, then research a historical figure who meets these criteria. Document what you have learned so that you can discuss that person with your counselor and the group.

- Discover what inspired the individual, learn about the challenges they faced, and document what you feel attributed to their success.
- Be prepared to discuss what you learned and how you can apply it in your life.

Requirement #8 - With the help of your parent or guardian, study an event that had a positive outcome on how society viewed a group of people and made them feel more welcome. Be prepared to describe to your counselor the event and what you learned.