

## Citizenship in the Nation

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Helpful Pre-requisites: If you have the following requirements done and can show proof at Merit Badge College, you will complete Citizenship in the Nation that day. Otherwise, you will receive a partial, and will need to contact Mr. Pitts ( [jeffpitts@aol.com](mailto:jeffpitts@aol.com) ) when you have completed the requirements.

1. If you can, fill out the worksheet at <http://usscouts.org/mb/worksheets/Citizenship-in-the-Nation.pdf> . This will help in our “discussion” during class.
2. Go online and do a little research about a national monument for Requirement 2d. If you can make a powerpoint with photos, that would be even better, you can present your work in class. We will have computers and projectors available.
3. In the afternoon we will make a field trip to Bennett Place, which will fulfill Req. 2a.
4. Requirement 3 can be done via newspaper, evening news, or on-line. We will discuss several current issues in class, the more you are informed, the better you will be prepared to contribute to the discussion. When you contribute to the discussion, you will fulfill this requirement.
5. There are several suggestions for historic speeches to fulfill Requirement 6 listed in the MB pamphlet. Be creative and try to find one that we haven’t heard before! Be sure to have your references ready, as well as why you like the particular speech you chose.
6. Our senators are Richard Burr <http://burr.senate.gov> and Kay Hagan <http://hagan.senate.gov> . Our congressman is David Price [www.price.house.gov](http://www.price.house.gov) When you discuss a national issue or personal concern with them, check their websites to see if they have any opinion on the matter, that way you can write a well informed letter. If you write your letter in an email, be sure to print a copy, as well as any response you receive from our representatives.

I am looking forward to this class, and to meeting all of you. The only rules we will need are contained in the Scout Oath and Law, be prepared to follow those and we will have no problems. See you on November 13<sup>th</sup>!