

## Citizenship in the Nation

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Pre-reqs:

Please be familiar with the requirements here:

[http://meritbadge.org/wiki/index.php/Citizenship\\_in\\_the\\_Nation](http://meritbadge.org/wiki/index.php/Citizenship_in_the_Nation).

Each Scout will need to bring a notebook and something to write with.

Here are the requirements to do ahead of time if possible:

### REQUIREMENT 2

· Do TWO of the following:

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.

We will do 2A on Saturday afternoon, traveling to Bennett Place, a national historical site. Bring the information for 2D in order to complete the requirement.

### REQUIREMENT 6

With your counselor's approval, choose a speech of national historical importance. Find out about the author, and tell your counselor about the person who gave the speech. Explain the importance of the speech at the time it was given, and tell how it applies to American citizens today. Choose a sentence or two from the speech that has significant meaning to you, and tell your counselor why.

NOTE: Each scout should bring a copy of the chosen speech and the information about it to talk about in class.

### REQUIREMENT 8

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

NOTE: Each scout should bring a copy of the letter (properly formatted with a stamped, addressed envelope).