

# Citizenship in Society Merit Badge Counselor (Facilitator) Expectations

Black Swamp Area Council

February 2022

As a Merit Badge Counselor (Facilitator) for the Citizenship in Society merit badge, I acknowledge and agree to the following expectations of the Black Swamp Area Council:

Date Completed	Expectation
_____	I am a registered Merit Badge Counselor and have taken training. <a href="https://training.scouting.org/catalog">https://training.scouting.org/catalog</a>
_____	I have reviewed the merit badge requirements. <a href="http://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/merit_badge_reqandres/CitizenshipSociety_Counselors.pdf">http://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/merit_badge_reqandres/CitizenshipSociety_Counselors.pdf</a>
_____	I have completed the BSA Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) training, found in the e-Learning section of <a href="https://training.scouting.org/courses/SCO_1800">https://training.scouting.org/courses/SCO_1800</a>
_____	I have reviewed the Merit Badge Counselor Guide <a href="https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/diversity_equity_and_inclusion/Citizenship-in-Society-Merit-Badge-Counselor-Guide-2021.pdf">https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/diversity_equity_and_inclusion/Citizenship-in-Society-Merit-Badge-Counselor-Guide-2021.pdf</a>
_____	I have viewed the training video <a href="https://vimeo.com/613861523">https://vimeo.com/613861523</a>
_____	I understand that I will not serve as a subject matter expert, but as a facilitator – listening actively and encouraging thinking, learning, research, and reflection by the Scout.
_____	I will follow the BSA Scouter Code of Conduct <a href="https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/bsa-scouters-code-of-conduct/">https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/bsa-scouters-code-of-conduct/</a>
_____	I will work with a Scout on individual study (following youth protection rules), or with a small group of 3 to 5 Scouts who are within two years of age and are from the same unit. I will not offer the merit badge in a group, camp, meeting, or online setting that is not consistent with this procedure.
_____	I will work only with a Scout who has properly initiated the merit badge process by obtaining a signed blue card from his/her Scoutmaster (or having the Scoutmaster create a Merit Badge Counselor connection with me for the badge via Scoutbook).
_____	I will obtain written permission from a Scout's parent or guardian before discussing sensitive subject matter with the Scout(s).
_____	I will not advocate a particular point of view, and will avoid interjecting my own opinions or biases. I will credit a Scout with the completion of merit badge tasks when they have given a response based on good faith and rooted in the values of the Scout Oath and Law.
_____	I will keep ideas and opinions expressed by a Scout during the merit badge discussion confidential, and ask others to do the same. Suspected youth protection issues will be reported as per Guide to Safe Scouting.
_____	I will not create or share supplemental materials – including worksheets, handouts, or items from non-BSA sources – for use with this merit badge.
_____	Signature

Print Name

Unit Number

Send completed form to: Black Swamp Area Council; 2100 Broad Ave; Findlay, OH 45840