



Mackinac Island Service Troop 168

Citizenship in the Nation Merit Badge Syllabus

Introduction

Congratulations on your interest in earning the Citizenship in the Nation Merit Badge during your stay at Mackinac Island!

In order to successfully earn this merit badge, some preliminary work should be completed prior to your arrival at Mackinac Island. If you have completed the preliminary work, you should be able to complete the merit badge in two or three short work sessions while on the Island. Alternatively, feel free to complete this merit badge on your own before you arrive at the Island!!

The worksheet for this merit badge can be found at: <http://usscouts.org/mb/worksheets/Citizenship-in-the-Nation.pdf>

Please free to contact Chip Fitzgerald, 810-488-1368 or wefitzgerald@comcast.net, if you have any questions.

Prerequisites and Expectations

1. Review and familiarize yourself with the Citizenship in The Nation Merit Badge book (2010 version or newer).
2. Complete the following requirements prior to arrival at Mackinac Island. See further instructions described for each requirement in the Citizenship in the Nation Worksheet. Bring all completed requirements to Mackinac Island.
 - #2(a) Mackinac Island as a national historic landmark exploration requirement.
 - #2(d) Father Marquette National Memorial exploration requirement.
 - #3 Important National Issues requirement.
 - #6 President Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address requirement.
 - #8 Voice your opinion requirement.
3. Bring paper, pens, pencils, and a copy of the Citizenship in the Nation Worksheet to the island.
4. Feel free to complete any other requirements on your own prior to arrival at the island (encouraged but not required).

Learning Objectives

1. The basic concepts of American Democracy.
2. The foundation of American Democracy.
 - a. Declaration of Independence.
 - b. The Constitution (Preamble, Articles, Bill of Rights, Amendments).
3. The three branches of government and their purpose.
 - a. Legislative, Executive, Judicial.
4. Becoming informed on national issues.
5. Voicing your opinion and how to properly write a letter to your senator or congressperson.
6. Familiarization of Mackinac Island as National Historic Landmark and the statue of Father Marquette as a National Memorial.