



Citizenship in Society (CIS) Merit Badge UPDATE from the Advancement Committee (June 16, 2022)



Currently, we are prioritizing 17-year-old Life Scouts, especially those who will not complete Eagle requirements (less an Eagle BOR) by June 30, 2022.

Participation will be expanded for other Life Scouts (and then other ranks) as the demand by 17-year-olds diminishes. We have over 45 certified CIS Facilitators and counting. Thank you all who received our Orientation!

In May, a letter was sent to SMs and CCs from email address Scoutbook<scoutbook.donotreply@scouting.org> with information on signing up. The basic FLOW below and following:

UNIT LEADERS have been asked to:

1. Review the Citizenship in Society requirements.
2. Review the Scout's record of completed merit badges.
3. Discuss cohort participation with **Scout and parent**. Determine readiness.
4. Complete the **on-line form**: <https://forms.gle/rxgjH2zU8b8aofyf8> (basically electronic "blue card")
5. Assure the parent connects the Scout in Scoutbook. All communication and requirement completions will occur through Scoutbook.



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For this badge, **PARENTS and GUARDIANS** are involved in the process, too:

1. They agree their Scout is age-appropriate for the self research assignments and participating in the discussions in the Citizenship in Society requirements.
2. Complying with BSA policy, an email is sent to the parent included on the unit leaders “electronic blue card” with a sign up link and a COUPON CODE. The coupon code limits enrollment.
3. Parent or Scout must select and register for one of the CIS sessions at <https://scoutingevent.com/023-cis>
4. The coupon code is unique to the Scout and good for one time use. Due to a Black Pugh workaround, the registration "Fee" noted is \$1,000. The code negates the fee to a \$0.00 value
5. Once registered, the Scout’s name will appear on the Facilitator for that session’s "Merit Badges in Progress"
Scoutbook section and the Facilitator can then contact the Scouts with a Zoom link.



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This is an excerpt from the email to **Parents/Guardians**:

1. All sessions will be on Zoom.
2. Scouts are expected to attend all sessions.
3. Scouts should wear a Field Activity Uniform (aka: “Class A”)
4. Cameras must be on at all times during all sessions.
5. All communication will be through ScoutBook. Scoutmasters were asked to give you access. You, in turn should “connect” your Scout in ScoutBook. Instructions are available.
6. You may attend any session; however, **you are encouraged to attend the first part of the first session to hear the ground rules and any other general information the Facilitator may give.**
7. If you have problems with ScoutBook, please send email to scoutbook@ggac.raiseaticket.com.