



ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE

Citizenship in Society - Update for Unit Leaders

June 1, 2023

Implementing the merit badge has improved. Over 90 Golden Gate Area Council cohorts have met over the past year giving opportunities to 700 Scouts. Scoutbook records show that 1,048 completed the badge in 2021 and 2022. That includes GGAC Scouts enrolled with counselors qualified by other councils.

Our process still prioritizes 17-year-old Life Scouts. Participation has been expanded for 14-15 year-old Scouts as the demand by 16-17-year-olds diminished. Currently, the wait list is short and opportunities are quickly available.

The process starts with **Unit leaders**. Please:

- ▶ Review the Citizenship in Society requirements.
- ▶ Review the Scout's record of completed merit badges.
- ▶ Discuss cohort participation with both the Scout and Parent.
- ▶ Determine readiness.
- ▶ Submit a virtual blue card by completing the on-line form: [Virtual Blue Card](#)

Please ensure the parent is connected to the Scout in Scoutbook as all communication and Merit Badge sign-offs will occur through Scoutbook

What will happen:

- ▶ The Scout is prioritized by birthdate.
When a session is available, Requests for Interest are sent to parents of the oldest Scouts.
- ▶ Affirmative replies will trigger a message with the:
 - registration link;
 - a coupon code;
 - password; and
 - instructions for Scout to:
 - Review the available Citizenship in Society Cohort's schedule;
 - Select Cohort with compatible schedule
 - Register using the one-time Coupon Code or pay \$1,000 (**this is there only to ensure the scout has a coupon code!**).

We use **Scoutbook** for all communications.

We use **Zoom** for virtual meetings.