



Inside Government



Badge Overview

Find out more about the basics of government and start to become an active citizen. When you've earned this badge, you'll know more about how government is run.

Badge Components

1. Decide what being an active citizen means to you

Think about what you think the term "active citizen" means. Using the characteristics that you come up with, draw a picture or write a short story about what being an active citizen means to you. Share with your friends or family!

2. Go inside government

Do you know how your local government works? With the help of an adult, look into the government structure of your town/county.

- How is it structured?
- What is everyone's role in the system?

3. Look into laws

Complete this [worksheet](#) that has you match a wacky law to the state that it's from! When you're done, check your answers at the bottom of the page.

4. Report on the issues

With the help of an adult, research some current news that has been happening on a local, state, or national level. Find an issue that stands out to you and research a bit more to get a variety of information.

- Once you have researched all you need, write an article on the issue from your point of view.

5. Get involved in government

Create a poster, flyer, or brochure that details an issue that matters to you. Think about what you want to put on it.

- What sort of information or graphics would be important to help you share your message?
- When you're done, share your work with your friends and family!

Materials

- Something to write and draw with
- Something to write on
- Access to Internet
- [Wacky Laws Worksheet](#)

Florida Educational Standards

The content of all Girl Scout national proficiency Badges and Journeys have been correlated by grade level to national and state learning objectives.

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