

Troop 9, Wilmette
Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge
Movie Vote

Name of Scout: _____ Date: _____

Movie Vote, put check by desired movie:

VOTE FOR ONE		
	High Noon (1952) (UR)	Retiring Marshall Will Kane (Gary Cooper) insists on defending his town from a gang of hooligans who are due on the noon train -- but he faces the task alone as the cowardly townspeople flee like rats from a sinking ship. Director Fred Zinnemann creates an incredibly tense Western (rightly considered one of the true genre classics) that unfurls in real time – as the clocks on the wall constantly remind us.
	Mr. Holland's Opus (1995) (PG)	In 1965, passionate musician Glenn Holland (Richard Dreyfuss) takes a day job as a high school music teacher, convinced it's just a small obstacle on the road to his true calling: writing a historic opus. As the decades roll by with the composition unwritten but generations of students inspired through his teaching, Holland must redefine his life's purpose. Dreyfuss earned an Oscar nomination for his outstanding work in this emotional drama.
	Pay it Forward (2000)	Young Trevor McKinney (Haley Joel Osment) responds to an assignment from his teacher (Kevin Spacey) with a plan to help three people ... who will help three more, and so on, in an ever-widening circle. Trevor touches more people than he expected in director Mimi Leder's gentle drama: his abused mother Arlene (Helen Hunt), his physically and emotionally scarred teacher and a journalist who hears of the plan and starts investigating.
	Schindler's List (1993)	The screenplay by Steven Zaillian was adapted from Thomas Keneally's 1982 biographic novel (<i>Schindler's Ark</i>), constructed by interviews with 50 Schindler survivors found in many nations, and other wartime associates of the title character, as well as other written testimonies and sources. Oskar Schindler was an enterprising, womanizing Nazi Sudeten-German industrialist/opportunist and war profiteer, who first exploited the cheap labor of Jewish/Polish workers in a successful enamelware factory (Deutsche Emailwaren Fabrik or D.E.F.), and eventually rescued more than one thousand of them from certain extinction in labor/death camps.
	Erin Brockovich (2001)	Broke and desperate, the twice-divorced single mom Erin bosses her way into a clerical job with attorney Ed Masry (Albert Finney), who's indebted to Erin after failing to win her traffic-injury case. Erin is soon focused on suspicious connections between a mighty power company, its abuse of toxic chromium, and the poisoned water supply of Hinkley , California , where locals have suffered a legacy of death and disease. Matching the dramatic potency of <i>Norma Rae</i> and <i>Silkwood</i> , Erin Brockovich filters cold facts through warm humanity, especially in Erin's rapport with dying victims and her relationship with George (superbly played by Aaron Eckhart), a Harley-riding neighbor who offers more devotion than Erin's ever known. Surely some of these details have been embellished for dramatic effect, but the factual basis of Erin Brockovich adds a boost of satisfaction, proving that greed, neglect, and corporate arrogance are no match against a passionate crusader. (Trivia note: The real Erin Brockovich appears briefly as a diner waitress.)

Other Movies to Consider

Local Hero

Cool Hand Luke (for older boys)

Follow Me, Boys
It's A Wonderful Life
Mr. Holland's Opus
Erin Brockovich -- Julia Roberts as
Going My Way -- Bing Crosby
To Kill a Mockingbird
Inherit the Wind
Ghandi
A Civil Action
Regarding Henry
Dead Poet's Society
The Man From Snowy River,
All The President's Men
Hoosiers

Movies With a Meaning

Note: Only watch a movie...*"With the approval of your counselor and a parent..."* Please do not add links for anything above a mild PG-13. Please note the ratings and reasons for the ratings for each film.

- [12 Angry Men](#) One man, Henry Fonda, sways a jury and saves an innocent man. NR but would be G today.
- [Amazing Grace](#) Chronicles the struggle of William Wilberforce to stop the British slave trade in the late 18th and early 19th centuries. PG for disturbing images of slavery.
- [A Man For All Seasons](#) The story of Sir Thomas More who challenged King Henry VIII's divorce and remarriage. Rated G.
- [America's Godly Heritage](#) Chronicles the faith of the nation's forefathers. Not rated.
- [Balto](#) Animated story of a dog that leads a sledding team across Alaska in order to get medicine for a sick girl. PG [1:14]
- [The Blindside](#) The true story of Michael Oher, a homeless boy who became a first round Baltimore Raven draft pick with the help of a caring woman and her family. PG-13.
- [Fly Away Home](#) An adventure to save orphaned geese. PG.
- [Follow Me Boys](#) The story of how one guy starts a Boy Scout troop to help the town. NR.
- [Gettysburg](#) Great historical account of Colonel Joshua Chamberlain who held Little Round Top though greatly outnumbered. Out of ammunition, Chamberlain orders a charge instead of retreating. PG for war scenes.
- [Gods and Generals](#) Stonewall Jackson and the Battle of Manassas. PG-13 for war scenes.

- [High Noon](#) A marshall faces a man just released from prison where he was put by the marshall. His own town refuses to help & the odds are high he will not live. NR. Gunfight at the end.
- [Hoot](#) Saving a population of endangered owls. PG for mild obscenities.
- [Invincible](#) The true story of Vince Papale, a 30-year-old bartender from South Philadelphia who overcame long odds to play for the Philadelphia Eagles. PG.
- [It's A Wonderful Life](#) The message in this film is one of courage and sacrifice for the greater good as George Bailey, a man with big ideas about seeing the world, continually forsakes his own desires to do what is right for the town. The second message is that each life important. No matter how insignificant we feel we are, we are all inextricably linked to each other and play an important part in the fabric of one another's lives.
- [Luther](#) All about Luther, the father of the Reformation. Rated PG-13 for violence.
- [The Man Who Planted Trees](#) A lone shepherd changes the character of an entire valley.
- [Mighty Ducks](#) Emilio Estevez stars as a lawyer doing community service who becomes coach to a pee wee hockey team. PG.
- [Mr. Holland's Opus](#) A frustrated composer (Richard Dreyfuss) finds fulfillment as a high school music teacher. PG.
- [Mr. Smith Goes to Washington](#) One of Jimmy Stewart's signature roles as an idealistic senator caught in the corruption of the political machine. NR.
- [October Sky](#) The true story of Homer Hickam, a coal miner's son who was inspired by the first Sputnik launch to take up rocketry. PG.
- [One Night with the King](#) The story of Esther. Rated PG for mild violence, suggestion of sensuality.
- [Pay It Forward](#) Like some other kids, 12-year-old Trevor McKinney believed in the goodness of human nature. Like many other kids, he was determined to change the world for the better. Unlike most other kids, he succeeded. Rated PG-13 for mature thematic elements.
- [Phenomenon](#) - John Travolta is hit by a light and becomes very smart and addicted to learning. PG. 123 minutes.
- [The Prince of Egypt](#) Animated story of Moses. Rated PG for violence.
- [Remember the Titans](#) The true story of a newly appointed African-American coach and his high school team on their first season as a racially integrated unit. PG.
- [Rock and a Heart Place](#) Volunteering never sounded so good.

- [Rookie of the Year](#) A twelve year old boy lives every boy's fantasy when he gets to pitch for the Chicago Cubs. PG.
- [Rudy](#) True story of a boy who struggles with life in order to realize his dream: to play football for Notre Dame. PG
- [Spartacus](#) The slave, Spartacus, leads a revolt against a corrupt Rome. NR.
- [The Ten Commandments](#) The story of Moses
- [We Are Marshall](#) When a plane crash claims the lives of members of the Marshall University football team and some of its fans, the team's new coach and his few surviving players try to keep the football program alive. PG.
- [Zulu](#) 1964 epic masterpiece portraying the Battle of Roarke's Drift, 140 British soldiers against 4,000 Zulu. NR, but there is the violence you'd expect in a war movie.