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Scouts to gather at the NM Supreme Court Building to earn merit badges

SANTA FE – Chief Justice David K. Thomson will speak Saturday to Scouts who are meeting at the Supreme Court Building to complete requirements for citizenship merit badges.

More than 60 Scouts from across New Mexico are expected to attend the event, which offers classes taught by trained adult scout leaders on four citizenship merit badges: Citizenship in the World, in the Nation, in the Community and in Society.

"The Supreme Court welcomes the opportunity to host this civic educational event that allows young people to learn about government, leadership, and individual rights and responsibilities," said Chief Justice Thomson.

The Citizenship Merit Badge University is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 10. The event begins with a flag ceremony outside the Supreme Court Building. The chief justice will make introductory remarks. Santa Fe Mayor Alan Webber also is expected to attend. The Scouts will later break up into groups to work on their badges throughout the day. Some Scouts plan to tour the state Capitol.

"When these young people gather at the Supreme Court they will see a historic building that is a symbol of the independent judicial branch of government that promotes the rule of law in our society," said Chief Justice Thomson.

The Supreme Court Building opened in 1937, and is the only Public Works Administration project in New Mexico still in use for its original purpose. The building is on the National Register of Historic Places and the New Mexico Register of Cultural Properties.

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Chief Justice David K. Thomson

New Mexico Supreme Court Building in Santa Fe