



# GENEALOGY MERIT BADGE

## The 2012 Spring PowWow

### Official Merit Badge Worksheet

Scout's Name

Instructor's Name

Scout's Address

City

State

ZIP

#### Instructions

- 1) The Scout is to review the merit badge book **before the first week of PowWow.**
- 2) Bring this work sheet, paper, and pencil or pen each week.
- 3) **Bring a merit badge blue card on the second week.**

#### Requirement Instructions\*

- 1) Requirement 1 should be passed off during the two sessions of PowWow.
- 2) Requirement 2 should be started **prior to the first session of PowWow.**
- 3) Requirement 3 should be homework between the two sessions of PowWow.
- 4) The document needed for requirement 4b should be brought to the first session of PowWow so that the requirement can be completed in class.
- 5) The Scout should complete requirement 5 **either before PowWow or as homework** between the sessions of PowWow.
- 6) Requirement 6 should be passed off during the two sessions of PowWow.
- 7) The Scout should complete requirement 7 **either before PowWow or as homework** between the sessions of PowWow.
- 8) Requirement 8 should be passed off during the two sessions of PowWow.
- 9) Requirement 9 should be passed off during the two sessions of PowWow.

**\* Due to possible time constraints at the PowWow, certain requirements that were originally planned to be completed in class may need to be completed as homework. Please listen to all instructions in class to be aware of any changes.**

#### Requirement 1

**Initial**

Explain the meaning of genealogy.

Explain the meaning of ancestor.

Explain the meaning of descendant.

#### Requirement 2

**Initial**

Do ONE of the following:

- a) Create a time line for yourself or for a relative. Then write a short biography based on that time line. Attach the time line and biography to this work sheet.
- b) Keep a journal for six weeks. You must write in it at least once a week. Show your journal to your counselor.

#### Requirement 3

**Initial**

With your parent's help, choose a relative or a family acquaintance you can interview in person, by telephone, or by e-mail or letter. Record the information that you learned and attach it to this work sheet.

**Requirement 4****Initial**

a. Name three types of genealogical resources:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Explain how these resources can help you chart your family tree.

b. Obtain at least one genealogical document that supports an event that is or can be recorded on your pedigree chart or family group records. Give a description/summary of the document and show it to your counselor.

c. Describe how you would evaluate the genealogical information you found on the genealogical document.

**Requirement 5****Initial**

Contact ONE of the following individuals or institutions. Ask what genealogical services, records, or activities this individual or institution provides, and report the results:

- a. A genealogical or lineage society
- b. A surname organization, such as your family's organization
- c. A professional genealogist (someone who gets paid for doing genealogical research)
- d. A genealogical education facility or institution
- e. A genealogical record repository of any type (courthouse, genealogical library, state archives, state library, national archive, state library, etc.)

**Requirement 6****Initial**

Begin your family tree by listing yourself and include at least two additional generations. You may use the chart in the merit badge pamphlet or the genealogy software program of your choice. Show your chart to your counselor.

**Requirement 7****Initial**

Complete a family group record form, listing yourself and your brothers and sisters as the children. On another family group record form, show one of your parents and his or her brothers and sisters as the children. This requirement may be completed using the chart provided or the genealogy software program of your choice. Show both family group record forms to your counselor.

**Requirement 8****Initial**

Do the following:

a. Explain the effect computers and the Internet are having on the world of genealogy.

b. Explain how photography (including microfilming) has influenced genealogy.

**Requirement 9**

**Initial**

Discuss what you have learned about your family and your family members through your genealogical research below:

**Merit badge work sheets will not be accepted at the Council Office in place of the official Merit Badge Application Card. Those who do not complete all the requirements should take their partially completed merit badge work sheet and their official application card to their local merit badge counselors for completion.**