



GENEALOGY MERIT BADGE WORK SHEET (BYU/UVU PowWow)

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.

Requirement Instructions*

- 1) Requirement 1 will be passed off during the two sessions of PowWow.
- 2) Requirement 2 will be passed off during the two sessions of PowWow.
- 3) Requirement 3 will be passed off during the two sessions of PowWow.
- 4) The Scout will complete requirement 4 **either before** PowWow **or as homework** between the sessions of PowWow.
- 5) The Scout will complete requirement 5 **either before** PowWow **or as homework** between the sessions of PowWow.
- 6) Requirement 6 will be passed off during the two sessions of PowWow.
- 7) The Scout will complete requirement 7 **either before** PowWow **or as homework** between the sessions of PowWow.
- 8) Requirement 8 will be passed off during the two sessions of PowWow.
- 9) Requirement 9 will be passed off during the two sessions of PowWow.

*All requirements may be subject to change by the merit badge counselor based on time constraints at the PowWow session. Please listen to all instructions given by the instructor 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

Interview an older relative or a family acquaintance to obtain information about your family. Record the information that you learned and attach it to this work sheet.

Requirement 4

Initial

Name three types of genealogical resources:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

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

Obtain at least one genealogical document showing proof of some information on your pedigree chart or family group records. Give a description/summary of the document and show it to your counselor.

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

Requirement 5

Initial

Select a person or organization from the list below. Speak with the person/organization that you selected and ask them a question relating to their genealogical services or activities.

A genealogical or lineage society

A surname organization

A professional genealogist

A genealogical education facility or institution

A genealogical record repository of any type (courthouse, genealogical library, state archives, state library, national archives, etc.)

Whom did you contact?

What question did you ask?

What was their answer?

Did you ask any other questions?

YES

NO

If YES, give a description of the questions you asked and the answers you were given. Tell what you have learned from the experience.

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

Show yourself as a child on a family group record form, listing yourself and your brothers and sisters as the children. Show your form to your counselor.

Show one of your parents as a child on another family group record form, listing his or her brothers and sisters. Show the form to your counselor.

Requirement 8

Initial

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

Explain how photography (including microfilming) has influenced genealogy.

Requirement 9

Initial

Describe what you have learned about your family and your family members through your genealogical research on the back of this sheet.

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.