



GENEALOGY

JUNE HAC - MERIT BADGE FOR SCOUTS BSA

MERIT BADGE TRACKING



The tracking tool below is simply for your own tracking of completion of requirements.

Scouts are encouraged to find a local merit badge counselor to meet, discuss, and sign off on completion of the merit badge, however the HomeScouting Adventure Club will offer limited counseling sessions for Scouts needing a counselor.

Requirement	Completed?
1. Explain what the words genealogy, ancestor, and descendant mean.	
2. Do ONE of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> a. Create a timeline for yourself or for a relative. Then write a short biography based on that timeline. <input type="checkbox"/> b. Keep a journal for six weeks. You must write in it at least once a week. 	
3. With your parent's help, choose a relative or a family acquaintance you can interview in person, by telephone, or by email or letter. Record the information you collect so you do not forget it.	
4. Do the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> a. Name three types of genealogical resources and explain how these resources can help you chart your family tree. <input type="checkbox"/> b. Obtain at least one genealogical document that supports an event that is or can be recorded on your pedigree chart or family group record. The document could be found at home, a government office, religious organization, archive, or library. <input type="checkbox"/> c. Tell how you would evaluate the genealogical information you found for req. 4b. 	
5. Contact ONE of the following individuals or institutions. Ask what genealogical services, records, or activities this individual or institution provides, and report the results: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> A genealogical or lineage society <input type="checkbox"/> A professional genealogist (someone who gets paid for doing genealogical research) <input type="checkbox"/> A surname organization, such as your family's organization <input type="checkbox"/> A genealogical educational facility or institution <input type="checkbox"/> A genealogical record repository of any type (courthouse, genealogical library, state or national archive, state library, etc.) 	
6. Begin your family tree by listing yourself and include at least two additional generations.	
7. 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.	
8. Do the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Explain the effect computers and the Internet are having on the world of genealogy. <input type="checkbox"/> Explain how photography (including microfilming) has influenced genealogy. 	
9. Discuss what you have learned about your family and your family members through your genealogical research.	



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MERIT BADGE WORKSHEET



Through exploring The Trail inside the ClubHouse for the HomeScouting Adventure Club, complete this worksheet to demonstrate your knowledge of genealogy. This worksheet will not be turned in and for your own use to demonstrate knowledge.

Explain the following terms:

Genealogy: _____

Ancestor: _____

Descendant: _____

Complete ONE of the following: Create a timeline OR keep a journal for 6 weeks.

- On a separate piece of paper, create a timeline for yourself or for a relative. Then write a short biographic based on that timeline.
- Keep a journal for 6 weeks. You must write in it at least once a week.

With your parent's help, choose a relative or a family acquaintance you can interview in person, by telephone, or by email or letter. Record the information you collect so you do not forget it. To save on printing, use a separate piece of paper to take notes.

Who did you interview? _____

What is their relation to you? _____

When did you interview them? _____

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Name three types of genealogical resources and explain how these resources can help you chart your family.

Resource: _____

How it helps you chart your family tree: _____

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Obtain at least one genealogical document that supports an event that is or can be recorded on your pedigree chart or family group record. The document could be found at home or at a government office, religious organization, archive, or library.

How would you evaluate the genealogical information you found?

Contact ONE of the following individuals or institutions. Find out what genealogical services, records, or activities this individual or institution provides. Take notes on what they provide on the next page.

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

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Take notes on what the institution from the previous page offers.

Begin your family tree by listing yourself and include at least two additional generations. *Use the chart in the back of this worksheet to help you.*

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. *Use the chart in the back of this worksheet to help you.*

Explain the effect computers & the Internet have on the world of genealogy.

Explain how photography (including microfilming) has influenced genealogy.

What have you learned about your family and your family members through your genealogical research?

PEDIGREE CHART

A HomeScouting
Adventure

See here for details
on fields to fill in

Me

Born (date):

Where (city, state):

Married (name of spouse & date):

Where (where did they get married?):

Died (date):

Where (city, state):

MY FATHER

My Father's Name:

Born:

Where:

Married:

Where:

Died:

Where:

MY MOTHER

My Mother's Name:

Born:

Where:

Married:

Where:

Died:

Where:

MY DAD'S FATHER

His Father's Name:

Born:

Where:

Married:

Where:

Died:

Where:

MY DAD'S MOTHER

His Mother's Name:

Born:

Where:

Married:

Where:

Died:

Where:

MY MOM'S FATHER

Her Father's Name:

Born:

Where:

Married:

Where:

Died:

Where:

MY MOM'S MOTHER

Her Mother's Name:

Born:

Where:

Married:

Where:

Died:

Where:

FAMILY GROUP RECORD

Fill out this form for you as a child. On the next page, there will be another form where a parent can be listed as a child.

Husband's Name <i>(this would be your father) :</i>	
Birthdate:	Where <i>(city, state):</i>
Died:	Where <i>(city, state):</i>
Married: <i>(name of spouse & date)</i>	Where <i>(city, state):</i>
His Father's Name:	His Mother's Name:
Other Information:	
Wife's Name <i>(this would be your mother) :</i>	
Birthdate:	Where <i>(city, state):</i>
Died:	Where <i>(city, state):</i>
Married: <i>(name of spouse & date)</i>	Where <i>(city, state):</i>
His Father's Name:	His Mother's Name:
Other Information:	
Children <i>(list whether living or dead, in order of birth, aka oldest to youngest). Make sure to include yourself!</i>	
Name:	Male / Female
Birthdate	Where <i>(city, state):</i>
Married:	Died:
Name:	Male / Female
Birthdate	Where <i>(city, state):</i>
Married:	Died:
Name:	Male / Female
Birthdate	Where <i>(city, state):</i>
Married:	Died:
Name:	Male / Female
Birthdate	Where <i>(city, state):</i>
Married:	Died:

FAMILY GROUP RECORD

Fill out this form for one of your parents as a child. Remember, you can only choose one parent for this page. If you want to create another record for another parent, make a copy of this page and do it again.

Husband's Name <i>(this would be your parent's father) :</i>	
Birthdate:	Where <i>(city, state)</i> :
Died:	Where <i>(city, state)</i> :
Married: <i>(name of spouse & date)</i>	Where <i>(city, state)</i> :
His Father's Name:	His Mother's Name:
Other Information:	

Wife's Name <i>(this would be your parent's mother) :</i>	
Birthdate:	Where <i>(city, state)</i> :
Died:	Where <i>(city, state)</i> :
Married: <i>(name of spouse & date)</i>	Where <i>(city, state)</i> :
His Father's Name:	His Mother's Name:
Other Information:	

Children <i>(list whether living or dead, in order of birth, aka oldest to youngest). Make sure to include your parent!</i>	
Name:	Male / Female
Birthdate	Where <i>(city, state)</i> :
Married:	Died:
Name:	Male / Female
Birthdate	Where <i>(city, state)</i> :
Married:	Died:
Name:	Male / Female
Birthdate	Where <i>(city, state)</i> :
Married:	Died:
Name:	Male / Female
Birthdate	Where <i>(city, state)</i> :
Married:	Died: