



Merit Badge Information Sheet [MBIS]
November 15, 2025

Merit Badge:	Genealogy
Counselor Name:	Mark Huegelmann
Phone Number:	630.212.1174
E-mail Address:	huegelmannmark@gmail.com
Preferred Method of Contact:	email
	When you email, put your “Genealogy MB” and your name on the subject header. If you can, send all the documents in one email. To comply with Safeguarding Youth guidelines, scouts should copy a leader or parent on all email communication with the counselor. Prerequisites MUST be done prior to attending this session. Come prepared to discuss your work.
Prerequisites: <i>list all requirements which need to be completed in advance</i>	Do EACH of the following: a. Explain to your counselor what the words genealogy, ancestor and descendant mean. b. Explain what a family tree is and what information would be kept there. c. Explain what a family group record is and what information would be kept there. basic genealogy vocabulary. 2. a. Create a timeline for yourself or for a relative. Then write a short biography based on that timeline. 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 EACH of the following: a. Name three types of physical genealogical resources, where you can find them, and explain how these resources can help you chart your family tree. b. Name three types of digital genealogical resources, where you can find them, and how these resources can help you chart your family tree. c. Obtain at least one genealogical document that supports an event that is or can be recorded on your pedigree chart or family group record. d. Tell how you found it and how you would evaluate the genealogical information you found for requirement 4c. e. Tell a



Merit Badge Information Sheet [MBIS] November 15, 2025

likely place to find these type of genealogical records: marriage record, census record, birth record, and burial information. 5. Contact a genealogical expert or organization and find out what they offer. 6. Begin your family tree by listing yourself and include at least two additional generations. You may complete this requirement by using the chart provided in this pamphlet or the genealogy software program of your choice. 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. This requirement may be completed using the chart provided or the genealogy software program of your choice. 8. Do the following: a. Explain the effect computers and the internet are having on the world of genealogy. b. Explain how photography has influenced genealogy. c. Explain how record indexing works and how that has influenced genealogy. 9. Discuss what you have learned about your family and your family members through your genealogical research.

Bring In written and photographic evidence of all the other requirements.

Class Work:
*list all requirements
which
will be completed in class*

Have all work prepared prior to class and be prepared to show and discuss your work.

Use of "Online" Workbook:

Found at: <http://usscouts.org/mb/worksheets>
Requirements: <https://www.scouting.org/merit-badges/genealogy/>

Merit Badge Booklet:

NOT REQUIRED

Number of Sessions needed:
each session is 1 hour 25 minutes

1

Maximum Class Size:

20



Merit Badge Information Sheet [MBIS]
November 15, 2025

Notes and/or Comments: