



Journalism Merit Badge Permission Slip

To earn the Journalism Merit Badge your Scout will need to read an article from a local news source, a national news source, a news magazine and a social media news feed all about a single topic.

News packets have been prepared in advance so your Scout may complete all of the requirements at the Woods with Merit camporee. For their topic they will get to choose one of the following:

- Discontinuing Pennies
- Dwindling Number of Fireflies
- Keeping Your Dog Safe in Winter
- UVA Swimmers in the Olympics

Content sources for the topics each include four of the following: Forbes, Good Housekeeping, National Geographic, The New York Times, Sports Illustrated, UVA Today, Virginia Tech News, The Washington Post and X (Twitter).

As a group we will be talking about how fair and accurate the stories are in presenting different points of view and how each source handled the story.

Please sign below verifying that you are comfortable with your Scout participating in this activity.

Scout Name: _____ Parent Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____