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| **Merit Badge:** | **Genealogy**  |
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| **Preferred Method of Contact:** | **Email from scouts, keep in mind YPT and another adult should bd CC** |
|  | **Prerequisites:*****list all requirements which needto be completed in advance*** | **I would like to all the scouts to be ready with requirements #3 and #4b before class. The rest of the following can be done before or after the session. We will go over making a timeline, creating a family tree and creating a family group record form when we meet.** **2. Do ONE of the following:****a. Do a time line for yourself or for a relative. Then write a short biography based on that time line.****b. Keep a journal for 6 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 e-mail or letter. Record the information you collect so you do not forget it.****4. Do the following:****a. Name three types of genealogical resources and 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 record. The document could be found at home or at a government office, religious organization, archive, or library.****2. Do ONE of the following:****a. Do a time line for yourself or for a relative. Then write a short biography based on that time line.****b. Keep a journal for 6 weeks. You must write in it at least once a week.****4. Do the following:****a. Name three types of genealogical resources and explain how these resources can help you chart your family tree.****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:****a. A genealogical or lineage society****b. A professional genealogist (someone who gets paid for doing genealogical research)****c. A surname organization, such as your family's organization****d. A genealogical education facility or institution.****e. 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. You may complete this requirement by using the chart provided in the Genealogy merit badge 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.** |
| **Class Work:*****list all requirements which will be completed in class*** | **1. Explain to your counselor what the words genealogy, ancestor, and descendant mean.****3. 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 you collect so you do not forget it.****4 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 or at a government office, religious organization, archive, or library.****4 c. Tell how you would evaluate the genealogical information you found for requirement 4b.****8.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.****9.Discuss what you have learned about your family and your family members through your genealogical research.** |
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| **Use of “Online” Workbook:** | **Found at =** <http://usscouts.org/mb/worksheets/Genealogy.docx> |
| **Purchase of Merit Badge Booklet:** | **Booklet purchase is not required, but helpful. Exactly what a requirement is looking for usually can be found in the merit badge book. (local library might have a copy if your troop does not).** |
| **Number of Sessions needed:*****each session is 2 hours*** | **1** |
| **Maximum Class Size:** | **10** |
| **Notes and/or Comments:** | **If you email me your completed prerequisites at least two****day BEFORE our session, I can review your work in****advance and be ready to issue a blue card.****Requirement #5 says “Contact” and “Ask” this cannot be fulfilled by just visiting a website. Scout must write, call or visit (no visits at this time)****Pedigree chart and family group forms are included with the worksheets.****Online family trees are optional. You can start a family tree online with free online trails 10-15 days. If you select this option, I suggest you keep your tree private.** **Scouts are encouraged to write or call with questions while working on merit badge.** |