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Genealogy
Requirements Sheet
Merit Badge Powwow 2009

The scout is to read the **Genealogy Merit Badge pamphlet before the Powwow** (2005 edition or later). Some requirements may take up to 90 days to complete before coming to the Powwow. Read all the requirements below and bring necessary items to guarantee passing off the merit badge on the day of the Powwow. Bring to class paper, pen or pencil, and any other items asked for. Write your name, merit badge and class time (9:00 or 1:00) on **every** paper or project. (If there are any questions pertaining to requirements, the most recent Boy Scout Requirements handbook will always be used).

Recommended Requirments to complete before Powwow

- 2. 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.
 - 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 e-mail or letter. Record the information you collect so you do not forget it.
- 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.

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Requirments that will be passed off at the Powwow

- 1. Explain to your counselor what the words genealogy, ancestor, and descendant mean.
- 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.
 - c. Tell how you would evaluate the genealogical information you found for requirement 4b.

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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 educational facility or institution
- e. A genealogical record repository of any type (courthouse, genealogical library, state or national archive, state library, etc.)

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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.

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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.

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9. Discuss what you have learned about your family and your family members through your genealogical research.

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