



Genealogy

Merit Badge Workbook

This workbook can help you but you still need to read the merit badge pamphlet (book). No one can add or subtract from the Boy Scout Requirements #33215. Merit Badge Workbooks and much more are below: [Online Resources](#).
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Scout's Name: _____ Unit: _____

Counselor's Name: _____ Counselor's Ph #: _____

1. Explain to your counselor what the words genealogy, _____

ancestor, _____

and descendant mean. _____

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.

c. Tell how you would evaluate the genealogical information you found for requirement 4b. _____

5. Contact ONE of the following individuals or institutions.

- 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.)

Ask what genealogical services, records, or activities this individual or institution provides, and report the results: _____

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. _____

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. _____

Online Resources (Use any Internet resource with caution and only with your parent's or guardian's permission.)

Boy Scouts of America: ► scouting.org ► [Guide to Safe Scouting](#) ► [Age-Appropriate Guidelines](#) ► [Safe Swim Defense](#)
► [Scout](#) ► [Tenderfoot](#) ► [Second Class](#) ► [First Class](#) ► [Rank Videos](#) ► [Safety Afloat](#)

Boy Scout Merit Badge Workbooks: usscouts.org -or- meritbadge.org **Merit Badge Books:** www.scoutstuff.org

AfriGeneas — <http://www.afrigeneas.com>

Ancestry.com — <http://www.ancestry.com>

Genealogy Sites — <http://www.cyndislist.com>

FamilySearch — <http://www.familysearch.org>

Genealogy.com — <http://www.genealogy.com>

RootsWeb.com — <http://www.rootsweb.com>

The USGenWeb Project — <http://www.usgenweb.com>

The WorldGenWeb Project — <http://www.worldgenweb.org>

Family Chronicle: <http://www.familychronicle.com>

Family Tree Magazine: <http://www.familytreemagazine.com>

National Archives: <http://www.archives.gov>

Library of Congress: <http://www.loc.gov/rr/genealogy>

Pedigree Chart

Me
Name: _____
Born: _____
Place: _____
Married: _____
Place: _____
Died: _____
Place: _____

My Father:
Name: _____
Born: _____
Place: _____
Married: _____
Place: _____
Died: _____
Place: _____

My Mother:
Name: _____
Born: _____
Place: _____
Married: _____
Place: _____
Died: _____
Place: _____

His Father: Name: _____
Born: _____
Place: _____
Married: _____
Place: _____
Died: _____
Place: _____

His Mother: Name: _____
Born: _____
Place: _____
Married: _____
Place: _____
Died: _____
Place: _____

Her Father: Name: _____
Born: _____
Place: _____
Married: _____
Place: _____
Died: _____
Place: _____

Her Mother: Name: _____
Born: _____
Place: _____
Married: _____
Place: _____
Died: _____
Place: _____

Family Group Record

(Listing you as a child)

Husband's Name	
Birth Date	Place
Died	Place
Married	Place
Father's Name	Mother's Name
Other info	
Wife's Maiden Name	
Birth Date	Place
Died	Place
Father's Name	Mother's Name
Other info	
Children (list whether living or dead, in order of Birth)	
Name	Male/Female
Birth Date	Place
Spouse's Name	Other Info
Died	Place
Married	Place
Name	Male/Female
Birth Date	Place
Spouse's Name	Other Info
Died	Place
Married	Place
Name	Male/Female
Birth Date	Place
Spouse's Name	Other Info
Died	Place
Married	Place
Name	Male/Female
Birth Date	Place
Spouse's Name	Other Info
Died	Place
Married	Place
Name	Male/Female
Birth Date	Place
Spouse's Name	Other Info
Died	Place
Married	Place

Family Group Record

(Listing one of your parents as a child)

Husband's Name	
Birth Date	Place
Died	Place
Married	Place
Father's Name	Mother's Name
Other info	
Wife's Maiden Name	
Birth Date	Place
Died	Place
Father's Name	Mother's Name
Other info	
Children (list whether living or dead, in order of Birth)	
Name	Male/Female
Birth Date	Place
Spouse's Name	Other Info
Died	Place
Married	Place
Name	Male/Female
Birth Date	Place
Spouse's Name	Other Info
Died	Place
Married	Place
Name	Male/Female
Birth Date	Place
Spouse's Name	Other Info
Died	Place
Married	Place
Name	Male/Female
Birth Date	Place
Spouse's Name	Other Info
Died	Place
Married	Place
Name	Male/Female
Birth Date	Place
Spouse's Name	Other Info
Died	Place
Married	Place