

Boy Scout Genealogy Merit Badge Day Camp
Chapter Recommendations

1. Becoming a Merit Badge Counselor
 - a. Locate and contact your local council
 - b. Fill out application to become a merit badge counselor
 - c. Complete Child Protection class online at www.scouting.org

2. Setting up your Day Camp
 - a. Determine Cost
 - b. Determine minimum/maximum number of scouts
 - c. Where will your event take place? (Recommend local library or facility with genealogical materials)
 - d. Determine how scouts will contact you to RSVP and pay
 - e. Contact your local council to advertize Day Camp
 - f. Recommend that you require a troop leader and/or parent to attend with the scout

3. Prerequisites
 - a. In an email a couple weeks prior to the class, these are the instructions on prerequisites we typically send out to scout parents:
 - If you would like us to be able to sign off on the whole badge there will be a couple items your scout will need to do at home beforehand as they can't really be done in a class setting. Here is a good link to a workbook for the badge <http://www.usscouts.org/mb/worksheets/Genealogy.pdf> . I will provide a workbook during class, but you will probably need to refer to it to do the following items:
 - Your scout will need to complete #3, which deals with interviewing a relative and #4b which is a genealogical document about their family group sheets or pedigree chart (e.g. Birth certificate, marriage certificate, etc.) In addition, please have them start on their pedigree chart and family group sheets (numbers 6 & 7). I will have the sheets available and they will have time to work on it during the class, but you may need to go over it beforehand so they know what information to put in the forms (e.g. Grandparents full names, birthdates, marriage dates, etc.).
 - If he doesn't complete this before the class that is okay, but we may not be able to sign off on the whole badge.
 - If you want us to sign his blue card, please bring one, as we will not have any here.