

Preparation for:

Family Life Merit Badge
Genealogy Merit Badge



Project Family

Takeaways

- Finding out more about their families
- Accepting Responsibility
- A Scout is Loyal

Complete following requirements.

1. Interview a grandparent, another family elder, or a family friend about what life was like when he or she was growing up.
2. With members of your family or a family friend, discuss some of your family names, history, traditions, and culture. Do one of the following:
 - a. Create a family tree of three generations.
 - b. Make a poster or web page that shows the places that some of your family members came from.
 - c. Choose a special celebration or holiday that some of your family members participate in, and create either a poster, picture, or photo slideshow of it.
3. Show your understanding of your duty to family by creating a chart listing the jobs that you and other family members have at home. Choose three of the jobs you are responsible for, and chart them for two weeks.
4. Select a job that belongs to another family member, and help that person complete it. Some examples would be to create a grocery shopping list for the week, to take out trash for a week, to do the laundry for your family one time, to prepare meals for your family for one day, or to complete some yard work.
5. With the help of an adult, inspect your home and its surroundings. Make a list of hazards or security problems you find. Correct one problem you found, and tell what you did.
6. Complete one of the following:
 - a. Hold a family meeting to plan an exciting family activity. The activity could include:
 - A family reunion
 - A family night
 - A family outing
7. Create a list of community service or conservation projects that you and your family can do together, and present it to your family. Select one project, plan it, and complete it with members of your family.

1. Interview a Grandparent, Family Elder, or Family Friend

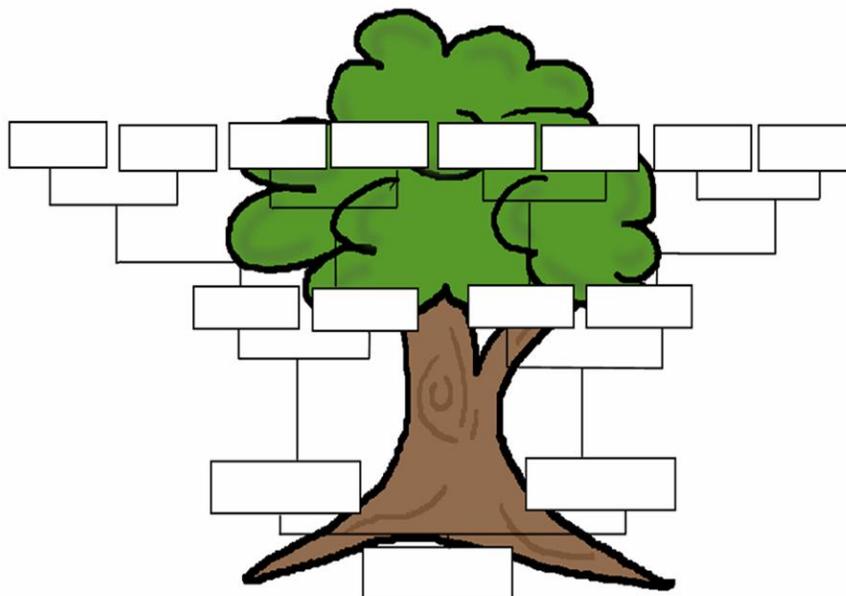
Here are some questions to get you started:

1. When and where were you born?
2. What were your parents' names?
3. What is your happiest memory of your father? Your mother?
4. What is the most important lesson your parents taught you?
5. What are the names of your grandparents?
6. What is your happiest memory of your grandfather? Grandmother?
7. How many brothers and sisters do you have? What do you remember about them from growing up?
8. Where did you grow up?
9. What did you do for fun as a child?
10. How did you like school?
11. What did you want to be when you grew up?
12. Who were your heroes or role models when you were young?
13. What big world events were the most memorable while you were growing up?
14. What kinds of clothes, hobbies, slang terms were popular when you were a teenager?
15. Did you go to college? What did you study? If you didn't go to college, do you wish you had had the opportunity? What did you do instead?
16. What jobs have you had? What was your favorite job?
17. How did you meet your spouse? How old were you when you met/got engaged/got married? What was the wedding like?
18. How many children do you have? What were they like when they were growing up?
19. What's your favorite book or movie and why? What was your favorite when you were young?
20. Do you know any stories about the history of the family name, or the origins of the family?



2. Learn About Your Family History. Create a Family Tree, Origins Poster, or Celebration poster.

MY FAMILY TREE



MACARTHUR

THE MacArthurs are Celts. A tribe of this clan were hereditary pipers to the MacDonalds of the Isles. MacArtair aided Robert the Bruce, from whom he received the forfeited estates of MacDougall. John MacArtair held princely state ; but this ended when a later MacArtair was beheaded by James I, and his lands were forfeited. In later days the MacArthurs gained part of Strachur, in Cowal, Argyllshire, and also owned a portion of Glenfalloch and Glendochart. The family seat of the MacArthurs of Tir-a-cladich was on Loch Awe side. The title *Mac-ic-Artair* suggests that Tir-a-cladich was a cadet of the main MacArtair line.

Origins Poster Example

3. Make a chart showing the jobs you and other family members have at home.

With your parent make a list of the different jobs you, and other members of your family have at home.

On your cardstock paper, use the ruler and a marker to draw a grid for a week's worth of jobs that you will do. Example below:

My Job Chart

Jobs	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Clean my room	✓		✓		✓		
Take out garbage							✓
Fold/hang my laundry			✓				
Do dishes		✓		✓		✓	
Feed the Dog	✓			✓		✓	
Mow the lawn					✓		
Weed the garden						✓	

4. Select a job that below that belongs to another family member, and help that person complete it:



6a. Hold a family meeting to plan an exciting family activity.



The activity could include:

- a. A family reunion
- b. A family night
- c. A family outing

6b. Create a list of community service or conservation projects that you and your family can do together

1. Make Valentine's for Senior Citizens.
2. Collect sleep-away camp items for children and families who have to stay in hospitals.
3. Donate kids' craft kits to a local children's hospital.
4. Organize a board game night at your local nursing home.
5. Make a no-sew fleece blanket for a child in need through Project Linus.
6. Organize a food drive in your neighborhood, church, or school.
7. When school supplies are very cheap at the beginning of the year, pack up a backpack and supplies for a local child in need (the YMCA frequently collects these, in addition to other organizations).
8. Bring gently used board games and decks of cards to a local homeless shelter.
9. Put on gloves and pick up litter at your local park.
10. Collect DVD's and videogames you no longer use/watch and donate them to a Children's Hospital for patients.
11. Stuff warm socks with snacks and fruit to pass out to people who are homeless.
12. Secretly rake leaves or shovel snow for a neighbor in need.
13. Volunteer to read letters or the newspaper to residents in nursing homes.
14. Donate used baby and toddler toys to a nearby church, synagogue, mosque, or temple for their youngest members. Most places of worship have a place for little ones to be entertained during services.
15. Go through the books you've grown out of and donate them to the waiting room of a local dentist or doctor.
16. Donate your gently used stuffed animals to a local firehouse or police station to give to children in emergencies.
17. Find out when the next sporting event is for your local Special Olympics teams, and go there as cheerleaders for the participants with signs, balloons, and noisemakers.
18. Work with your friends to make a "New Student" guide to your town that includes your favorite parks, a map of the neighborhood, and fun things to do.
19. Plant a garden or tree that your school or neighborhood can enjoy.