

**Samoset Council  
At Home Merit Badge Resource Guide**

# Genealogy

◦ Complete all the merit badge requirements listed below. When it says Counselor – you may use mom or dad as your Counselor. The merit badge is designed for one requirement to be completed each day.

◦ Once complete, fill out the *Samoset Council Scouting At Home Advancement Certificate* and turn in to your unit or email to [support@samoset.org](mailto:support@samoset.org)

◦ Merit Badge books may be ordered from the Samoset Scout Shop

◦ Worksheets may be found at <http://usscouts.org/mb/worksheets/list.asp>

<p>Req 1: Explain to your counselor what the words genealogy, ancestor, and descendant mean.</p>	<p>Req 2a: Do a time line for yourself or for a relative. Then write a short biography based on that timeline.</p>	<p>Req 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.</p>	<p>Req 4a: Name three types of genealogical resources and explain how these resources can help you chart your family tree.</p>	<p>Req 4b: 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.</p>	<p>Req 4c: Tell how you would evaluate the genealogical information you found for requirement 4b.</p>	<p>Req 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)</p>
<p>Req 5 Continued: 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.)</p>	<p><b>Free Day!</b>  How do all the oceans say hello to each other?  They wave!  Where do cows go for entertainment?  To the moo-vies!</p>	<p>Req 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</p>	<p>Req 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.</p>	<p>Req 8a: Explain the effect computers and the Internet are having on the world of genealogy.</p>	<p>Req 8b: Explain how photography (including microfilming) has influenced genealogy.</p>	<p>Req 9: Discuss what you have learned about your family and your family members through your genealogical research.</p>

