Genealogy Class
Merit Badge Rally
October 16, 2021

WELCOME: **Hello Scouts!** Please read all the information below. This information will help you get prepared for your class and be successful in earning your Genealogy Merit Badge.

Genealogy requirements are listed below. There are pre-requisites that need to be **completed prior to your class on October 16th.** Read and prepare as noted for each requirement before the session.

GENEALOGY WORKBOOK (worksheets): http://usscouts.org/mb/worksheets/Genealogy.pdf. This workbook should be saved to your device and used to record your work on.

GENEALOGY MERIT BADGE PAMPHLET: If you need a copy of the pamphlet you can …
1. Ask your Scoutmaster if they have one in their library
2. Check your local Council store
3. Purchase a digital download at https://www.scoutshop.org/.

NOTE: There is **NO Zoom Class prior** to your meet on October 16th. However, you are expected to do the pre-requisites which are listed below. The idea is that when everyone meets on October 16th, if all pre-requisites have been completed, then you will have earned this merit badge. Your instructor will be keeping track of what everyone completes on a requirements sheet. That sheet is turned into Gamehaven, and blue cards are sent out via email to the main contact on the registration.

MERIT BADGE COUNSELOR: Questions? Contact Mr. Gary Thomas - gcbthomas@gmail.com

Below are your Pre-Requisites due before class on October 16th:
- **Requirement 1 –** Explain to your counselor what the words, *genealogy, ancestor* and *descendent* mean.
- **Requirement 2-** Create a time line for yourself or for a relative. Then write a short biography based on that time line.
- **Requirement 3-** With your parent's help, choose a relative or a family acquaintance you can interview in person, by telephone, by email, or by letter. Record the information you collect so you do not forget it.
- **Requirement 4a –** Name three types of genealogical resources and explain how these resources can help you chart your family tree.
- **Requirement 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 this document or the genealogy software program of your choice. https://www.ancestry.com/cs/charts-and-forms **NOTE:** You can go back on your family tree as far as you want but, they should have the information on both of their parents and their grandparents. It just needs to be a direct line, aunts and uncles are not necessary.
- **Requirement 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.

- **Requirement 6-** Begin your family tree by listing yourself and include at least two additional generations. NOTE: You can go back as far as you want, but you should have information on both parents and your grandparents. It just needs to be a direct line. Aunts and Uncles are not necessary. To help you with this please download the ancestry chart.
  anchart.pdf (ancestrycdn.com)

- **Requirement 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 or sisters as the children. NOTE: You are being asked to fill out two separate charts. To do this you will need your sibling information, as well as the information for one parent and their sibling. Again, you can use the link below to put the two family group sheets together.
  famgrec.pdf (ancestrycdn.com)

- **Requirement 9 –** Discuss what you have learned about your family and your family members through your genealogical research

SCOUTS PLEASE NOTE: While you do not need the Genealogy merit badge book, I do ask that you download and print out the Merit Badge Worksheet. **See link above.** You will need this worksheet to begin the work before coming to class. One of the options for **requirement 2** is to keep a six week journal that you will need to write in a least once a week.