

Boy Scout Merit Badge Requirements



FAMILY LIFE



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REQUIRED**

1. Prepare an outline on what a family is and discuss this with your merit badge counselor. Tell why families are important to individuals and to society. Discuss how the actions of one member can affect other members.

This is an individual written assignment. You need to write the outline and discuss with me.

2. List several reasons why you are important to your family and discuss this with your parents or guardians and with your merit badge counselor.

This is an individual written assignment - write your list of reasons, discuss with your family and ask them to sign and then discuss with me.

3. Prepare a list of your regular home duties or chores (at least five) and do them for 90 days. Keep a record of how often you do each of them.

You need to list a minimum of 5 chores and a calendar or chart of 90 days showing when you did them.

4. With the approval of your parents or guardians and your merit badge counselor, decide on and carry out a project that you would do around the home that would benefit your family. Submit a report to your merit badge counselor outlining how the project benefited your family.

After you have the approval of your parents, please let me know (call or e-mail) what your project will be. When you have completed it, call or meet me so we can review how the project benefited your family. Photographs, etc. are great to show before and after the project work.

5. Plan and carry out a project that involves the participation of your family. After completing the project, discuss the following with your merit badge counselor:
 - a. The objective or goal of the project

- b. How individual members of your family participated
- c. The results of the project

Let me know when you have completed this project and want to review.

- 6. Do the following:
 - a. Discuss with your merit badge counselor how to plan and carry out a family meeting.
 - b. After this discussion, plan and carry out a family meeting to include the following subjects:
 - 1. Avoiding substance abuse
 - 2. Understanding the growing-up process and how the body changes, and making responsible decisions dealing with sex
 - 3. Personal and family finances
 - 4. A crisis situation within your family
 - 5. The effect of technology on your familyDiscussion of each of these subjects will very likely carry over to more than one family meeting.

Bring a note from your parents indicating that you have had a family discussion covering the topics in 6B.

- 7. Discuss the following with your counselor:
 - a. Your understanding of what makes an effective father and why, and your thoughts on the father's role in the family
 - b. Your understanding of the responsibilities of a parent.

Please jot down your thoughts and ideas about being a father and the father's role in the family. We will discuss when we review all of the requirements for this MB.

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