



COMPLEMENTARY SCOUTING RESOURCES - SCOUTING ADVANCEMENT/DUTY TO GOD AWARD
BOY SCOUT - DEACON

These Scouting resources are not intended as a comprehensive list of all resources available. Please use other resource information as needed.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Duty to God Requirement	Scouting Advancement Resources
1 Develop the habit of reading the scriptures daily. During your 2 years as a deacon, read <i>1 Nephi through Mosiah</i> in the <i>Book of Mormon</i> . Share with your family a few of the prophetic statements about Jesus Christ.	
2 Read <i>For the Strength of Youth</i> , and discuss with your parents the importance of standards and values.	
3 Under the direction of your parents, organize and teach at least 4 family home evening lessons each year.	
4 Keep a written record of your family history. Ask a parent or the ward family history consultant to help you prepare a 4-generation pedigree chart.	Genealogy Merit Badge
5 With the help and permission of a parent, prepare at least 2 meals for your family. Where possible, also wash and iron your clothes for 1 month.	Family Life Merit Badge
6 Read the twelfth article of faith, and briefly describe to your parents the structure and major functions of your national government.	Citizenship in the Nation Merit Badge
7 Perform at least 2 service projects for your family each year.	Family Life Merit Badge

QUORUM ACTIVITIES

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1 Read the Prophet Joseph Smith's testimony in <i>Joseph Smith - History 1:1-20</i> , and discuss it with a priesthood leader.	
2 Explain to a priesthood leader the law of the fast and how fast offerings are used. Read <i>Isaiah 58</i> and <i>Doctrine and covenants 59</i> .	
3 As assigned by a priesthood leader, give at least one 3 to 5 minute talk each year in a priesthood or sacrament meeting.	Communications Merit Badge
4 Discuss with a priesthood leader the history and purposes of the Aaronic Priesthood and quorums.	
5 Participate in at least 2 deacons quorum service projects each year.	Star & Life Rank Advancements
6 Participate in baptisms for the dead, if possible. If not, talk with a priesthood leader about the temple and what it means to Latter-Day Saints.	
7 Write a half-page explanation of the purpose of the sacrament. You can refer to <i>Matthew 26:26</i> , <i>Doctrine and Covenants 20:75-79</i> , or the Topical Guide.	

SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

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1 Identify 4 scriptures that testify of Christ, and talk about them with a parent or priesthood leader.	
2 Read " <i>The Family: A Proclamation to the World</i> " and " <i>The Living Christ: The Testimony of the Apostles</i> ." Review them with a parent or priesthood leader.	
3 Recite from memory the Articles of Faith to a parent or a priesthood leader.	
4 Read <i>Doctrine and Covenants 20: 38-60</i> , and talk with a parent or a priesthood leader about the duties of a deacon.	
5 At least once a year, bear your testimony.	
6 Read an account of one of your ancestors, or learn about an ancestor from one of your relatives. Report what you learned in family home evening or in a quorum meeting.	Genealogy Merit Badge
7 Complete additional family history work, such as a family group record showing your parents as children with the other members of their families. Share this information with a parent or a priesthood leader.	Genealogy Merit Badge
8 If you do not already have one, start a journal, and write in it regularly for 2 months.	Genealogy Merit Badge
9 Set up a plan to be spiritually and financially prepared to go a mission at age 19.	Personal Management Merit Badge
10 Make a list of skills you will need to become a successful missionary. Talk to a parent or priesthood leader about how you can learn these skills.	
11 Invite at least 2 friends to a Mutual activity, Sunday meeting, or family home evening.	
12 Write a letter to your parents, your grandparents, or a ward or stake leader. Thank them for their example and positive influence on you.	

Scouting Publications and Resources

Boy Scout Handbook (33105)
 Scoutmaster Handbook (33009)
 Troop Program Features - Volume 1 (33110)
 Troop Program Features - Volume 2 (33111)
 Troop Program Features - Volume 3 (33112)
 Troop Program Resources(33588)
 Boy Scout Requirements 2002 (33215e)

Guide to Safe Scouting (34416c)
 Health and Safety Guide (34415b)
 Leave No Trace (22105)
 GSLC Learning and Teaching the Principles For Leave No Trace (42566)
 Fireman Chit (34236b)
 Various Merit Badge Pamphlets

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

	Duty to God Requirement	Scouting Advancement Resources
1	Run 2 kilometers or 1 1/4 miles, and set a goal for steady improvement.	Personal Fitness Merit Badge Summer Camp or District Race
2	Develop and begin a 1-year plan to improve your personal physical fitness.	Personal Fitness Merit Badge
3	Swim 50 meters, using 2 different strokes.	BSA Swim Check Swimming Merit Badge
4	Learn to float on your back in the water for at least 2 minutes.	BSA Swim Check Swimming Merit Badge
5	Learn how to rescue someone who is drowning.	Safe Swim Defense/Safety Afloat Swimming Merit Badge Lifesaving Merit Badge
6	Hike 10 kilometers or 6 miles in 1 day.	Hiking Merit Badge Summer Camp or District Activity
7	Prepare the equipment for an overnight camping trip. Show that you can set up a tent, cook on an open fire or on a camp stove, build a latrine, and restore the surroundings to how they were before your stay.	Tenderfoot Rank Advancement Leave No Trace Award Conservation Good Turn
8	While camping, show that you know the proper way to build a cooking fire or set up a camp stove. Teach someone else how to build a fire, emphasizing 5 safety rules.	Cooking Merit Badge Second Class Rank Advancement First Class Rank Advancement Fireman Chit
9	Learn a new game or sport.	Indian Lore Merit Badge Sports Merit Badge Other merit badges like small boat sailing, snow sports, etc. may apply. District Fun-a-ree
10	Play on a sports team in your quorum, ward, school, or community.	Sports Merit Badge District Sporting Event
11	Learn the rules of play, and officiate for a sport of your choice.	Athletics Merit Badge District Sporting Event
12	Explain to a parent or priesthood leader the rules of safe bicycle riding. Complete a 30-kilometer or 20-mile ride.	Cycling Merit Badge District or Camp Ride

EDUCATION, PERSONAL, & CAREER DEVELOPMENT

	Duty to God Requirement	Scouting Advancement Resources
1	Make a plan to improve basic reading, writing, and arithmetic skills, and follow the plan for at least 3 months.	
2	Choose 2 careers you may be interested in doing someday. Find out what education or other requirements you would need for them, and interview someone in each position to learn what you must do to prepare for these careers.	Merit Badges: Forestry, Geology, Animal Science, Architecture, Art, Astronomy, Aviation, Chemistry, Cinematography, Communications, Dentistry, Engineering, Environmental Science, Journalism, Law, Photography, Plant Science, Space Exploration, Truck Transportation, Woodworking
3	Visit a government office. After your visit, explain to a parent or priesthood leader the function of the office.	Citizenship in the Nation Merit Badge District Event
4	Learn how to purify water and to wash and prepare fresh fruits and vegetables.	First Class Rank Advancement Merit Badges: Cooking, Public Health, Wilderness Survival Summer Camp or District Event
5	Learn emergency treatment for electrical shock, near drowning, serious burns, broken bones, heat exhaustion, and serious falls.	Second Class Rank Advancement First Class Rank Advancement First Aid Merit Badge
6	Attend a cultural event such as a church, school, or community play, music program, or musical.	American Cultures Merit Badge Music Merit Badge Theater Merit Badge
7	Learn to play a musical instrument.	Music Merit Badge
8	Perform a musical selection in sacrament meeting or another church or community meeting.	Music Merit Badge Summer Camp or District Event
9	Develop and follow a financial budget for 3 months.	Personal Management Merit Badge
10	Read at least 4 issues of a Church magazine.	Reading Merit Badge
11	Learn computer and keyboarding skills. Demonstrate these skills by typing family history information in Personal Ancestral File or another similar program.	Genealogy Merit Badge
12	Read the <i>Word of Wisdom</i> in Doctrine and Covenants 89, and explain to a parent or priesthood leader what is meant by “and shall find wisdom and great treasures of knowledge, even hidden treasures.”	

CITIZENSHIP & SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

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1	Explain to a parent or priesthood leader how to be a friend, maintain a friendship, and resolve conflicts between friends.	
2	Be a friend to someone who may feel left out, and invite him to a quorum or Mutual activity.	
3	Show a parent or a priesthood leader that you know how to use proper manners while eating, greeting acquaintances in formal and informal settings, greeting a person of authority, and introducing a speaker at a public event.	Communications Merit Badge
4	Teach your family to play a new game or sport.	
5	Explain to a parent or priesthood leader what it means to obey, honor, and sustain the law.	Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge Citizenship in the Nation Merit Badge
6	Participate in a cultural event such as a school play or musical.	American Cultures Merit Badge Music Merit Badge Theater Merit Badge
7	Learn and practice proper dance etiquette.	
8	Explain <i>Luke 6:31</i> , and tell a parent or priesthood leader about when and how you have applied its teachings.	
9	Help organize and carry out a quorum or ward youth activity.	Merit Badges: Athletics, Theater, Backpacking, Camping, Hiking Other merit badge requirements can be passed off in the course of doing this Duty to God requirement – will require leader forethought.
10	With your quorum, clean up or repair a part of your neighborhood.	Second Class Rank Advancement Star Rank Advancement Life Rank Advancement
11	Participate in 4 family, quorum, or ward social activities.	Second Class Rank Advancement
12	Sing with a church, school, or community choir.	Music Merit Badge.