



## NOV '99 – DISCOVER OUR FAMILY HERITAGE

### A CUB SCOUT'S INTRODUCTION TO GENEALOGY

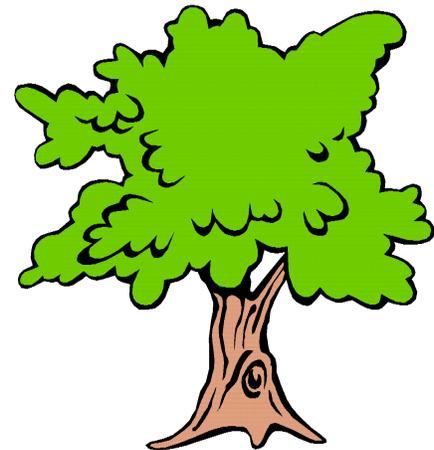
A small bit of each one of your ancestors has gone into making up the special person that you are. There are ways to discover who you are and the path that brought your family to where you are today. Family heritage or your family history is like a road map of your family from its start to today. Did your family come to America from Mexico, Germany, Spain, China, India, or any other country outside of the United States? This is the start of your family in the United States. Your family can help you find out about your family background. A good place to start is with your parents. Ask them to tell you about your family. Ask them to help you write your own life story in pictures and words. It is easier to learn who our relatives are if we have pictures to have and hold and use to help us learn relationships to one other. Photos can be photocopied so that the originals are kept intact. Label these pictures on the back with the name of the relative and their relationship to you.

Family heritage can be a giant puzzle – like putting together a whole picture of your ancestors, your history, and your family. Ask your parents to remember information about your family as far back as they can. Also ask about the national origin of your family.

### FAMILY MEMORY BOOK

You can begin a family memory book with your own life story. Some of the things to include in your story could be:

- Family background
- Parents' birthdates
- Parents' wedding date
- Grandparents' birthdates and wedding dates
- Deaths
- Your birth
- Your life before school
- Where you go to school
- Extra activities after school
- Your favorite things
- Your brothers and sisters



Here is a family questionnaire that you could put in your family memory book (have the boys and their family complete this questionnaire):

- My family loves to . . .
- My favorite family holiday is . . .
- We celebrate it by . . .
- When something wonderful happens in our family, we usually . . .
- Our family shows how much we love each other by . . .
- Our family is special because . . .



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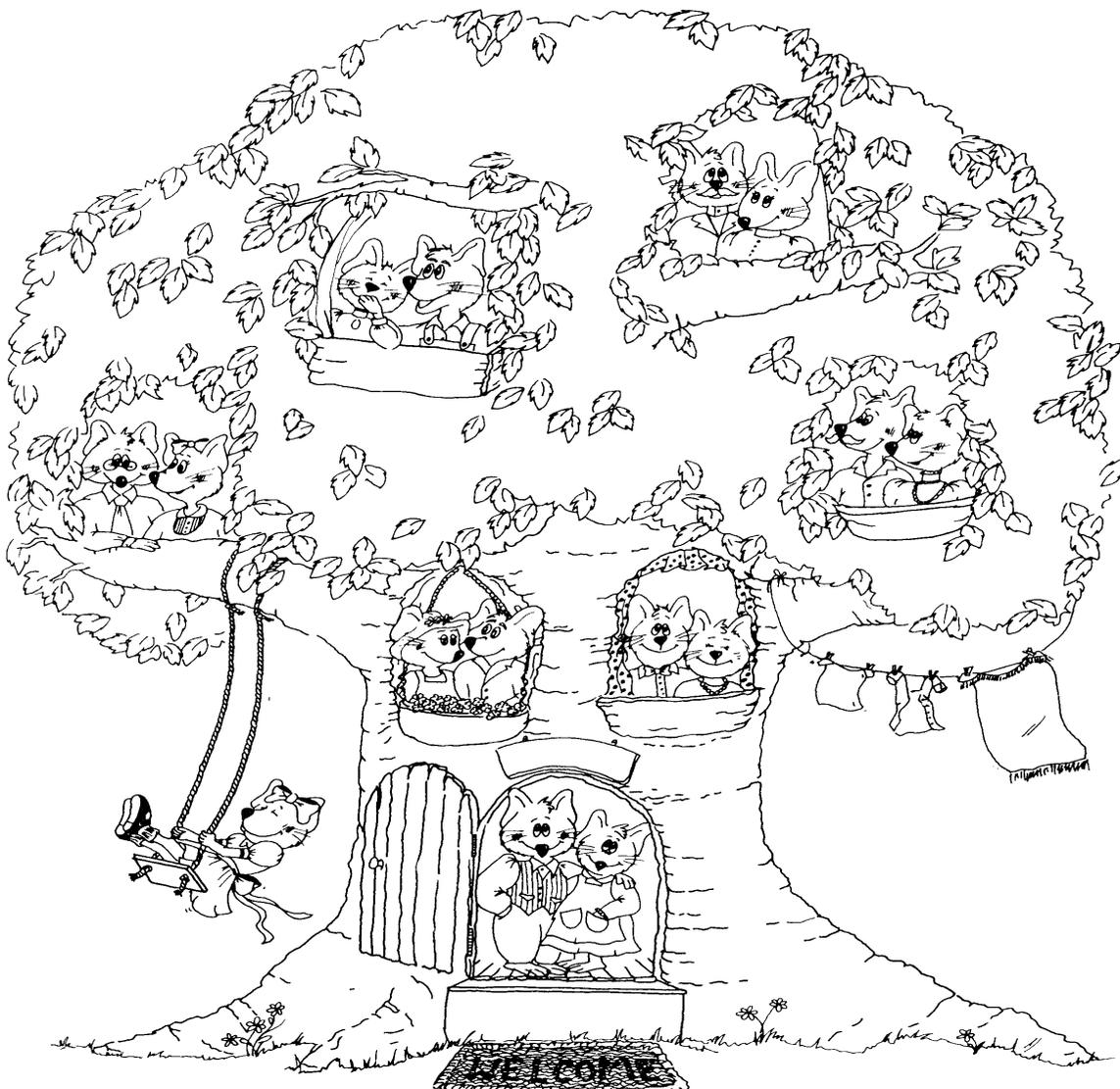


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### FAMILY MEMORY BOOK, continued

Another great thing to add to your family memory book is a picture of your family members with a paragraph saying what you admire most about each one of your family members.

Finally, to help you get started on your family memory book, draw a family tree or use the one on this page. Start with what you know, what your parents know, what your parents' family knows, and what your relatives know.



### FAMILY TREE

UNDER EACH COUPLE, WRITE THE NAMES OF YOUR PARENTS (AT THE DOOR), GRANDPARENTS (ABOVE YOUR PARENTS), GREAT-GRANDPARENTS (ABOVE CLOTHES AND SWING), GREAT-GREAT-GRANDPARENTS (AT THE TOP). ENLARGE PICTURE TO DESIRED SIZE.



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### **FAMILY MEMORY BOOK, continued**

Your family memory book can keep growing and growing as you find out more information about your family history. Here are some questions you can ask your family and relatives to learn more about them:

#### Family:

1. How did you celebrate your birthday?
2. What kind of things did the whole family do together?
3. Did you have an older brother or sister take care of you?
4. What is the favorite thing you remember about your mother when you were younger?
5. What is the favorite thing you remember about your father when you were younger?
6. Do you remember your grandparents? What were they like? Did you see them often?

#### Holidays:

1. How did you celebrate special holidays?
2. What did you dress up as for Halloween?
3. What did you have for Thanksgiving dinner? Did you have Thanksgiving dinner at home or at someone else's house? Who was there?
4. Did you celebrate New Year's Eve? How?
5. What special goodies did you have at special times of the year?
6. Did you celebrate the Fourth of July? Did you watch firework displays?

#### Favorite things:

1. Did you have any pets? What kind of pets were they? What color?
2. What was your favorite toy?
3. What was your favorite food? What foods did you not like?
4. Did you have a favorite place to go to be alone?
5. Did you have a place where you and your friends met?
6. What was your first car like?

#### Houses:

1. Did you live in a city or in the country?
2. What was your house like? (How many rooms, floors, etc.)
3. Did you have your own bedroom?
4. What chores did you have to do at home?
5. Did you have a TV, radio, or record player?



#### School:

1. What was your school building like? How many people were in a class?
2. What was your favorite subject? What did you like least about school?
3. Did you ever get in trouble in school?
4. Did you have a favorite teacher?
5. Did you go to a town library? What were your favorite books?
6. What games did you play at recess? What was the name of your best friend?

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### SONGS

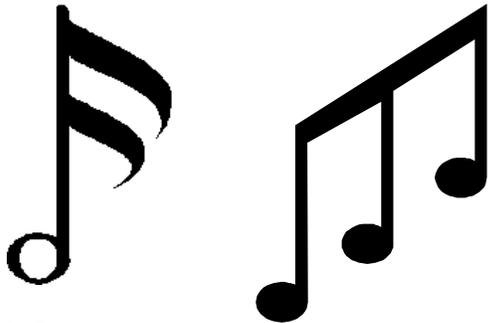
#### PEOPLE IN THE FAMILY SHOULD DO A LOT TOGETHER

*Tune: Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious*

##### CHORUS:

People in a family should do a lot together.  
In the house or out of doors,  
No matter what the weather.  
Do not try to put it off,  
It's either now or never,  
People in a family should do a lot together.

Mom or Dad should take the time,  
You'll be glad you did,  
To be a parent and a friend,  
Do something with your kid.  
One day they are tiny,  
And the next day they are grown,  
And before you know it,  
They'll be making their own home.



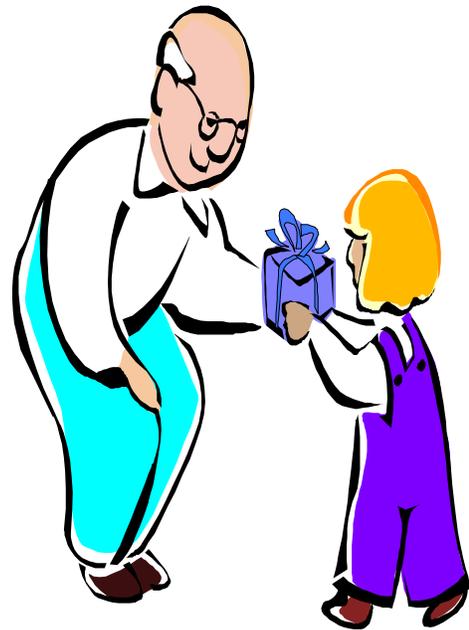
### POEM

#### DON'T DRESS YOUR CAT IN AN APRON

*By: Dan Greenburg*

Don't dress your cat in an apron  
Just 'cause he's learning to bake.  
Don't put your horse in a nightgown  
Just 'cause he can't stay awake.  
Don't dress your snake in a muu-muu  
Just 'cause he's off on a cruise.  
Don't dress your whale in galoshes  
If she really prefers overshoes.

A person should wear what he wants to  
And not just what other folks say.  
A person should do what he likes to –  
A person's a person that way.





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### SKITS

#### THE FAMILY TREE

*Preparation: Den Leader and 5 Cub Scouts with cardboard cutouts of trees for the boys. Begin with boys in a line, holding trees.*

DL: Each one of us is one of nature's miracles – a natural resource. Together we make up families, whether large or small. This poem is one person's thoughts about "The Family Tree".

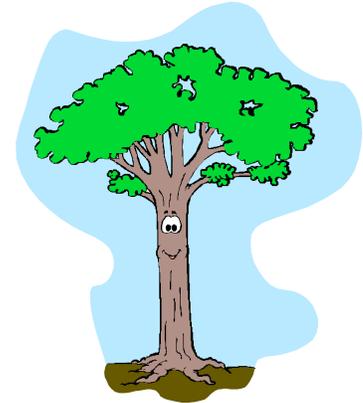
#1: There's one thing in God's nature world that means a lot to me. It symbolizes much of life; it is a lovely tree.

#2: With roots so deep in God's rich earth it's not disturbed by weather; like families with faith in God who live in peace together.

#3: It's trunk, the body strong and firm, like parents everywhere; to guide, control, direct, sustain the offspring, which they bear.

#4: The branches, which like children spread, in every known direction, until the fruitage of their growth has reached it full perfection.

#5: And so a tree appears to me the gem of God's creation as it portrays our families, which constitute a nation.



### CRAFTS

#### COAT OF ARMS

Some families have crests or family designs that have been passed down from ancestors. These designs were an important way to show the family line. They also made everyday life more colorful. If your family does have a coat of arms, you can recreate it out of poster board. If your family does not have a coat of arms, you can design your own with the help of your family. You can use the basic shapes on the following page, enlarged to desired size. Start designing your coat of arms with simple lines and two colors, one dark and one light. Use red, blue, black, green, or purple. You can use gold and silver or yellow and white also. Only bright colors are used. Once your basic design is decided, you can add simple things if you like, such as lions, birds, fish, eagles, etc. Cloth banners can be used with your coat of arms to hang on the wall of your room.

Make you design first with pencil and paper. Cut out your shape using poster board or felt. Glue on small pieces to create your basic design and then continue with small cutouts of the additional designs. The size of the coat of arms or the banner is up to you. After the coat of arms or the banner is finished, mount it on a dowel rod for hanging.



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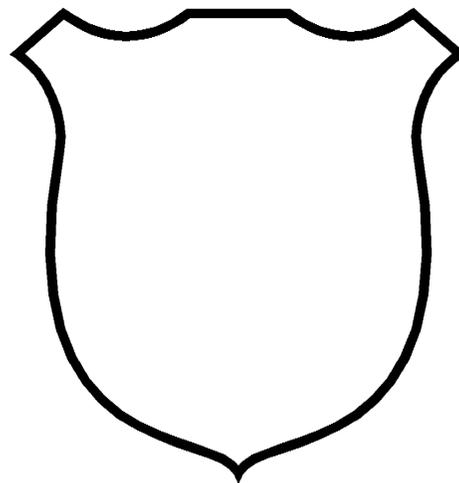
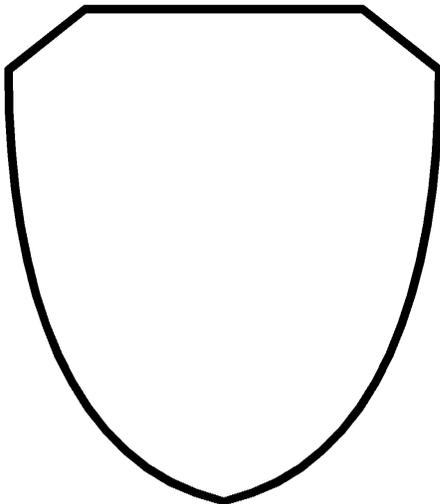
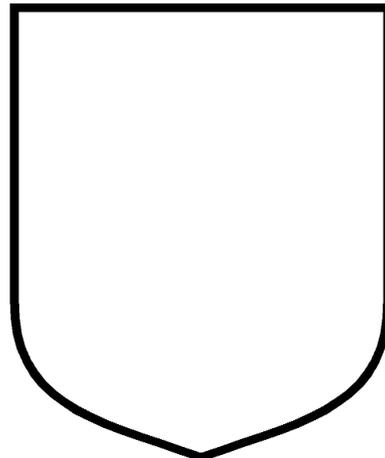
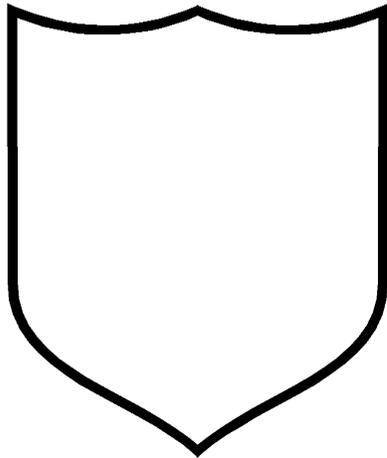
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### COAT OF ARMS, continued



### RECIPE BOOK

Ask your family to help you put together a recipe book of your favorite foods. As you visit your other family members, ask them to share their favorite recipes or ones that you have eaten at their homes and really enjoyed. Remember to include with each recipe the name of the relative that gave it to you and how they are related. Also include the date that you received the recipe. This will be a treasured cookbook in the years to come.





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### SWEET SMELLING REMEMBRANCES ORNAMENT

*Materials needed:*

<i>1/3 C applesauce</i>	<i>6 T+ ground cinnamon</i>	<i>cutting board and rolling pin</i>
<i>2 T cloves</i>	<i>2 T nutmeg</i>	<i>cookie cutters of boy and girl shapes</i>
<i>spatula</i>	<i>yarn or ribbon</i>	<i>tempera paint or fabric puff paints</i>

Note: These ornaments are not edible. First, mix 1/3 cup warm applesauce, 6 tablespoons cinnamon, 2 tablespoons cloves, and 2 tablespoons nutmeg together to form a ball. Sprinkle some cinnamon onto a cutting board and roll the dough to about 1/4" thickness with a rolling pin. Cut out dough with cookie cutters and make a hole in the top of each figure to use later for hanging. Lift cutouts with a spatula and lay them in a cool area to dry. Turn them often. Drying time is usually about 24 hours. Decorate with paints and add a hanger made from yarn or ribbon.

### GAMES

#### ANCESTRAL GAMES

It is be fun to play games that your grandmother or grandfather, great-grandmother or great-grandfather played and they may well have played these games in your family's country of origin. At your library, find some games from other lands and share them with your den and/or with your pack.

Resource: Children's Games from Many Lands  
Nina Millen  
Friendship Press, New York, @1965

#### DRESS ME

*Preparation: This is a great icebreaker for a den or pack meeting and it can be played just about anywhere. It is best played with at least 4 players and the only equipment needed is a big, big old shirt.*

The object of the game is to move the shirt from one player to another while they hold hands. It is more fun to have players arranged Cub – adult – Cub – adult.

The first player puts on the big shirt and takes the hand of the next player. The rest of the players try to take the shirt off the first player and put it onto the second without breaking their handhold. The only way that this can be done is to turn the shirt inside out as it goes over the first player's head. Once it is over that player's head and onto the next player, another player joins hands with the player wearing the shirt, and the first player becomes a dresser. Depending on the number of players, the line can be extended until all the players have had the shirt on and then taken it off. If there are enough players and shirts available, this can be played in teams as a race.

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**PEDIGREE CHART GAME**

*Preparation: Each boy will need a small paper bag, a copy of the pedigree chart below (enlarged to desired size), a picture of himself and pictures of the rest of his family. Drawings or slips with names could substitute if pictures aren't available.*

Each person in the group is given the picture of themselves. Put the rest of each boy's family pictures into his paper bag and shake the bag. Each boy places their own picture in the appropriate place on the pedigree chart. Then, let the boys draw a picture from their bag and place it where they think it should go on the pedigree chart. Have parents provide a correct pedigree chart so the boys can compare their results.

**My Pedigree Chart**

