

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

American Heritage

◦ 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 and email to 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 align="center">Req 1</p> <p>Read the Declaration of Independence. Pay close attention to the section that begins with “We hold these truths to be self-evident” and ends with “to provide new Guards for their future security.” Rewrite that section in your own words, making it as easy to understand as possible. Then, share your writing with your merit badge counselor and discuss the importance of the Declaration to all Americans.</p>	<p align="center">Req 2a</p> <p>Select two individuals from American history, one a political leader (a president, senator, etc.) and the other a private citizen (a writer, religious leader, etc.). Find out about each person’s accomplishments and compare the contributions each has made to America’s heritage.</p>	<p align="center">Req 2b</p> <p>With your counselor’s approval, choose an organization that has promoted some type of positive change in American society. Find out why the organization believed this change was necessary and how it helped to accomplish the change. Discuss how this organization is related to events or situations from America’s past.</p>	<p align="center">Req 3a</p> <p>Select a topic related to the United States that is currently in the news. Describe to your counselor what is happening. Explain how today’s events are related to or affected by the events and values of America’s past.</p>	<p align="center">Req 3b</p> <p>For each of the following, describe its adoption, tell about any changes since its adoption, and explain how each one continues to influence Americans today: the flag, the Pledge of Allegiance, the Great Seal of the United States, the motto, and the national anthem.</p>	<p align="center">Req 3c</p> <p>Research your family’s history. Find out how various events and situations in American history affected your family. If your family immigrated to America, tell the reasons why. Share what you find with your counselor.</p>	<p align="center">FREE DAY</p> <p>Why did the student eat his homework?</p> <p>Because the teacher told him it was a piece of cake!</p>
<p align="center">Req 4a</p> <p>(a) Explain the National Register of Historic Places and how a property becomes eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Make a map of your local area, marking the points of historical interest. Tell about any National Register properties in your area. Share the map with your counselor and describe the historical points you have indicated.</p>	<p align="center">Req 4c</p> <p>Find out when, why, and how your town or neighborhood started, and what ethnic, national, or racial groups played a part. Find out how the area has changed over the past 50 years and try to explain why.</p>	<p align="center">Req 5a</p> <p>Watch two motion pictures (with the approval and permission of your counselor and parent) that are set in some period of American history. Describe to your counselor how accurate each film is with regard to the historical events depicted and also with regard to the way the characters are portrayed.</p>	<p align="center">FREE DAY</p> <p>Two pickles fell out of a jar onto the floor. What did one say to the other?</p> <p>Dill with it</p>	<p align="center">Req 6</p> <p>Discuss with your counselor the career opportunities in American heritage. Pick one that interests you and explain how to prepare for this career. Discuss what education and training are required for this career.</p>		