

# Morrisville Family History Center Open House

**Saturday March 24, 2012 – 1pm**

## **Boy Scouts – Earn Genealogy Merit Badge**

- Boy Scout Genealogy Merit Badge Counselors and professional genealogists will be present.
- Complete instruction and hands-on assistance will be available.
- Many of the merit badge requirements will be able to be completed on-site.
- If you complete the at-home requirements (#2, 3, 4b, 6), you can finish the badge at the Open House. Bring the complete work to the class. See attached requirements.
- On-line genealogical resources will be available.

## **Location and Date**

Saturday March 24, 2012 – 1pm (4th Saturday)

**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Morrisville Ward**

**1204 Pine Grove Rd, Morrisville, PA 19067**

(Between Yardley and Morrisville, near the corner of Pine Grove Rd. and Big Oak Rd.)

## **The Morrisville Family History Center Genealogy Open House**

- Free genealogy classes
- Open to families (children too)
- Games and activities for children so that parents can attend genealogy classes
- Get pedigree charts, family group sheets
- Find microfilm and microfiche records that document your relatives
- Get a quick start on your family tree
- Learn how to access online family history databases
- Learn how to use the Family History Center
- Learn about local facilities and resources to help you do your genealogy
- Learn why Latter-day Saints do family history
- Refreshments available

## **Family History Centers**

- The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints provides Family History Centers worldwide
- Centers are designed to help patrons identify their ancestors.
- Family History Centers are branch facilities of the Family History Library in Salt Lake City.
- Centers provide access to most of the microfilms and microfiche in the Family History Library to help patrons identify their ancestors.
- Everyone is welcome to come to the centers and use Family History Center resources.

See: [http://www.familysearch.org/eng/library/fhc/frameset\\_fhc.asp?PAGE=library\\_fhc\\_about.asp](http://www.familysearch.org/eng/library/fhc/frameset_fhc.asp?PAGE=library_fhc_about.asp)

# Genealogy Merit Badge Requirements

(Bold requirements should be completed at home)

1. Explain to your counselor what the words genealogy, ancestor, and descendant mean.
2. **Do ONE of the following:**
  - a. **Do a time line for yourself or for a relative. Then write a short biography based on that time line.**
  - b. **Keep a journal for 6 weeks. You must write in it at least once a week.**
3. **With your parent's help, choose a relative or a family acquaintance you can interview in person, by telephone, or by e-mail or letter. Record the information you collect so you do not forget it.**
4. Do the following:
  - a. Name three types of genealogical resources and explain how these resources can help you chart your family tree.
  - b. **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.**
  - c. Tell how you would evaluate the genealogical information you found for requirement 4b.
5. Contact ONE of the following individuals or institutions. Ask what genealogical services, records, or activities this individual or institution provides, and report the results:
  - a. A genealogical or lineage society
  - b. A professional genealogist (someone who gets paid for doing genealogical research)
  - c. A surname organization, such as your family's organization
  - d. A genealogical education facility or institution.
  - e. A genealogical record repository of any type (courthouse, genealogical library, state or national archive, state library, etc.)
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 the Genealogy merit badge pamphlet or the genealogy software program of your choice.
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 and sisters as the children. This requirement may be completed using the chart provided or the genealogy software program of your choice.
8. Do the following:
  - a. Explain the effect computers and the Internet are having on the world of genealogy.
  - b. Explain how photography (including microfilming) has influenced genealogy.
9. Discuss what you have learned about your family and your family members through your genealogical research.