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1. Prepare an outline on what a family is and discuss this with your merit badge counselor.

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Tell why families are important to individuals and to society.

Individuals:

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Discuss how the actions of one member can affect other members.

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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.

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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.

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| Chore 1 |  |
| Chore 2 |  |
| Chore 3 |  |
| Chore 4 |  |
| Chore 5 |  |
| Chore 6 |  |

*(See the sample Home Chore Chart at the end of this workbook.)*

Discuss with your counselor the effect your chores had on your family.

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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.

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Submit a report to your merit badge counselor outlining how the project benefited your family.

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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

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b. How individual members of your family participated

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c. The results of the project

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6. Do the following:

a. Discuss with your merit badge counselor how to plan and carry out a family meeting.

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b. After this discussion, plan and carry out a family meeting\* to include the following subjects:

1. Avoiding substance abuse, including tobacco, alcohol, and drugs, all of which negatively affect your health and well-being.

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| ⬜ Drugs: |  |
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\*This conversation may take place with only one or both of your parents or guardians.

2. Understanding the growing-up process and how the body changes, and making responsible decisions dealing with sex

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3. How your chores in requirement 3 contributed to your role in the family

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4. Personal and family finances

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5. A crisis situation within your family

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6. The effect of technology on your family

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7. Good etiquette and manners:

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Discussion of each of these subjects will very likely carry over to more than one family meeting.

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

What makes an effective father?

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Why?

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The father’s role in the family:

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b. Your understanding of the responsibilities of a parent

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## Sample Home Duty or Chore List

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| Duty 3 |  | Duty 4 |  |
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| Duty 2 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Duty 2 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Duty 2 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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