

# Aaronic Priesthood - Deacons Quorum

FAMILY Activities		Merit Badge / Rank Advancement
1	Develop the habit of reading the scriptures daily. During your 2 years as a deacon, read 1 Nephi through Mosiah in the Book of Mormon. Share with your family a few of the prophetic statements about Jesus Christ.	Reading, Public Speaking
2	Read For the Strength of Youth, and discuss with your parents the importance of standards and values.	Family Life (6b); Reading; Public Speaking
3	Under the direction of your parents, organize and teach at least 4 family home evening lessons each year.	Family Life (E)
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 (2,3)
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.	Camp Cooking / Water purification / use of fires or stoves may fulfill requirements for the following merit badges: <b>2nd Class Scout (2g)</b> ; Backpacking (5, 8c); <b>Camping (6)</b> ; Cooking (4); Public Health (5a); Wilderness Survival (11).
6	Read the 12th Article of Faith, and briefly describe to your parents the structure and major functions of your national government.	Cit Nation (2,6)
7	Perform at least 2 service projects for your family each year.	Family Life (3,4,5)
QUORUM Activities		Merit Badge / Rank Advancement
1	Read the Prophet Joseph Smith's testimony in Joseph Smith-History 1:1-20, and discuss it with a priesthood leader.	Reading, Public Speaking
2	Explain to a priesthood leader the law of the fast and how fast offerings are used. Read Isaiah 58 and Doctrine and Covenants 59.	Reading, Public Speaking
3	As assigned by a priesthood leader, give at least one 3-5 minute talk each year in a priesthood or sacrament meeting.	Communications (4); American Cultures; Reading; Public Speaking
4	Discuss with a priesthood leader the history and purposes of the Aaronic Priesthood and quorums.	American Heritage (4)
5	Participate in at least 2 deacons' quorum service projects each year.	Merit badges which require a service project include: <b>2nd Class Scout, Star Scout, Life Scout, Eagle Scout ranks</b> ; 50-Miler patch, Hornaday award, Paul Bunyan Woodsman, Leave No Trace; <b>Camping (9c)</b> ; <b>Emergency Preparedness (5,8)</b> ; <b>Environmental Science (7)</b> ; Forestry; Medicine (10); Reading (4); Safety (6); Soil and Water Conservation; Traffic Safety (6)
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.	Family Life (1); Reading; Public Speaking
7	Write a half-page explanation of the purpose of the sacrament. You can refer to Matthew 26:26, Doctrine and Covenants 20:75-79, or the Topical Guide.	Reading, Public Speaking
SPIRITUAL Development [Complete 8 of the following]		Merit Badge / Rank Advancement
1	Identify 4 scriptures that testify of Christ, and talk about them with a parent or priesthood leader.	Reading, Public Speaking
2	2. Read "The Family: A Proclamation to the World" and "The Living Christ: The Testimony of the Apostles." Review them with a parent or priesthood leader.	Reading, Public Speaking
3	Recite from memory the Articles of Faith to a parent or a priesthood leader.	Reading, Public Speaking
4	Read Doctrine and Covenants 20:38-60, and talk with a parent or a priesthood leader about the duties of a deacon.	Reading, Public Speaking
5	At least once each year, bear your testimony.	Reading, Public Speaking
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 (4); Reading, Public Speaking
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 priesthood leader.	Genealogy (3)
8	If you do not already have one, start a journal, and write in it regularly for 2 months.	Genealogy (7b)
9	Set up a plan to be spiritually and financially prepared to go on a mission at age 19.	Personal Mgt (1,3,5,6)
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.	Personal Mgt (1,3,5,6)

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.	
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<b>PHYSICAL Development [Complete 8 of the following]</b>		<b>Merit Badge / Rank Advancement</b>
1	Run 2 kilometers or 1 1/4 miles, and set a goal for steady improvement.	<b>Tenderfoot Scout</b> ; Athletics; Canoeing; <b>Cycling</b> ; Fishing; Golf; Hiking (3); Horsemanship; Indian Lore (3); Orienteering; <b>Personal Fitness (6,7,8)</b> ; Rifle Shooting; Rowing (11g); Scholarship (4); Shotgun Shooting; Skating; Small-boat Sailing; Snow Sports (5); Sports; <b>Swimming</b> ; Waterskiing
2	Develop and begin a 1-year plan to improve your personal physical fitness.	<b>Personal Fitness (7,8)</b>
3	Swim 50 meters, using 2 different strokes	<b>2nd Class Scout, 1st Class Scout</b> ; BSA Snorkeling award; Canoeing; <b>Lifesaving</b> ; Motor boating; Rowing; Small-boat Sailing; <b>Swimming</b> ; Waterskiing
4	Learn to float on your back in the water for at least 2 minutes	<b>2nd Class Scout, 1st Class Scout</b> ; BSA Snorkeling award; Canoeing; <b>Lifesaving</b> ; Motor boating; Rowing; Small-boat Sailing; <b>Swimming</b> ; Waterskiing
5	Learn how to rescue someone who is drowning	<b>2nd Class Scout, 1st Class Scout</b> ; BSA Snorkeling award; Canoeing; <b>Lifesaving</b> ; Motor boating; Rowing; Small-boat Sailing; <b>Swimming</b> ; Waterskiing
6	Hike 10 kilometers or 6 miles in one day	2nd Class Scout, 1st Class Scout; Historic Trails award; Backpacking (9a, 11a) Camping (9b); Hiking
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.	<b>2nd Class Scout</b> ; Backpacking; <b>Camping</b> ; Wilderness Survival. In addition, camping may combine with service projects.
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.	Camp Cooking / Water purification / use of fires or stoves may fulfill requirements for the following merit badges: <b>2nd Class Scout (2g)</b> ; Backpacking (5, 8c); <b>Camping (6)</b> ; Cooking (4); Public Health (5a); Wilderness Survival (11).
9	Learn a new game or sport	<b>Tenderfoot Scout</b> ; Athletics; Canoeing; <b>Cycling</b> ; Fishing; Golf; Hiking (3); Horsemanship; Indian Lore (3); Orienteering; <b>Personal Fitness</b> ; Rifle Shooting; Rowing (11g); Scholarship (4); Shotgun Shooting; Skating; Small-boat Sailing; Snow Sports (5); Sports; <b>Swimming</b> ; Waterskiing
10	Play on a sports team in your quorum, ward, school, or community	<b>Tenderfoot Scout</b> ; Athletics; Canoeing; <b>Cycling</b> ; Fishing; Golf; Hiking (3); Horsemanship; Indian Lore (3); Orienteering; <b>Personal Fitness</b> ; Rifle Shooting; Rowing (11g); Scholarship (4); Shotgun Shooting; Skating; Small-boat Sailing; Snow Sports (5); Sports; <b>Swimming</b> ; Waterskiing
11	Learn the rules of play, and officiate for a sport of your choice.	<b>Tenderfoot Scout</b> ; Athletics; Canoeing; <b>Cycling</b> ; Fishing; Golf; Hiking (3); Horsemanship; Indian Lore (3); Orienteering; <b>Personal Fitness</b> ; Rifle Shooting; Rowing (11g); Scholarship (4); Shotgun Shooting; Skating; Small-boat Sailing; Snow Sports (5); Sports; <b>Swimming</b> ; Waterskiing
12	Explain to a parent or priesthood leader the rules of safe bicycle riding. Complete a 30-kilometer or 20 mile ride.	<b>Tenderfoot Scout</b> ; Athletics; Canoeing; <b>Cycling</b> ; Fishing; Golf; Hiking (3); Horsemanship; Indian Lore (3); Orienteering; <b>Personal Fitness</b> ; Rifle Shooting; Rowing (11g); Scholarship (4); Shotgun Shooting; Skating; Small-boat Sailing; Snow Sports (5); Sports; <b>Swimming</b> ; Waterskiing;
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<b>EDUCATIONAL, PERSONAL, and CAREER Development</b>		<b>Merit Badge / Rank Advancement</b>
1	Make a plan to improve basic reading, writing, and arithmetic skills, and follow the plan for at least 3 months.	Scholarship (1b)

2	Choose 2 careers you may be interested in doing someday. Find out what educational 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.	Communications {E}
3	Visit a government office. After your visit, explain to a parent or priesthood leader the function of the office.	Cit World {E}; Cit Nation; Cit Community
4	Learn how to purify water and to wash and prepare fresh fruits and vegetables.	Camp Cooking / Water purification / use of fires or stoves may fulfill requirements for the following merit badges: <b>2nd Class Scout (2g)</b> ; Backpacking (5, 8c); <b>Camping (6)</b> ; Cooking (4); Public Health (5a); Wilderness Survival (11).
5	Learn emergency treatment for electrical shock, near drowning, serious burns, broken bones, heat exhaustion, and serious falls.	<b>Tenderfoot Scout, 2nd Class Scout, 1st Class Scout</b> ; BSA Lifeguard award; Backpacking; <b>Camping</b> ; Canoeing; Cooking (1); <b>Cycling</b> ; Dentistry (5b); Dog Care (6d); Electricity; <b>Emergency Preparedness; First Aid; Hiking; Lifesaving (13-15)</b> ; Motor boating (1,2); Rowing (1,2); Skating (1); Snow Sports (1-3); Sports (1); <b>Swimming (1,2)</b> ; Waterskiing (1,2); Whitewater (1,2); Wilderness Survival (1).
6	Attend a cultural event such as a church, school, or community play, music program, or musical.	Cit World (9); American Cultures (1a); Music (3a); Theater (1)
7	Learn to play a musical instrument.	Music (1,3c,4c)
8	Perform a musical selection in sacrament meeting or another church or community meeting.	Music (1)
9	Develop and follow a financial budget for 3 months.	<b>Personal Mgt (2)</b>
10	Read at least 4 issues of a Church magazine.	Reading, Public Speaking
11	Learn computers and keyboarding skills. Demonstrate these skills by typing family history information in Personal Ancestral File or another similar program.	Genealogy; Communications; Computers
12	Read the Word of Wisdom 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."	Reading, Public Speaking
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<b>CITIZENSHIP and SOCIAL Development</b>		<b>Merit Badge / Rank Advancement</b>
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 priesthood leader that you now 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.	
4	Teach your family to play a new game or sport.	<b>Tenderfoot Scout</b> ; Athletics; Canoeing; <b>Cycling</b> ; Fishing; Golf; Hiking (3); Horsemanship; Indian Lore (3); Orienteering; <b>Personal Fitness</b> ; Rifle Shooting; Rowing (11g); Scholarship (4); Shotgun Shooting; Skating; Small-boat Sailing; Snow Sports (5); Sports; <b>Swimming</b> ; Waterskiing
5	Explain to a parent or priesthood leader what it means to obey, honor, and sustain the law.	Cit World; Cit Nation; Cit Community
6	Participate in a cultural event such as a school play or musical.	Music; Theater; Cit World (9); American Cultures (1a, d)
7	Learn and practice proper dance etiquette.	
8	Explain Luke 6:31, and tell a parent or priesthood leader about when and how you have applied its teachings.	Reading, Public Speaking
9	Help organize and carry out a quorum or ward youth activity.	Camping activities may fulfill requirements for the following merit badges: <b>2nd Class Scout</b> ; Backpacking; <b>Camping</b> ; Wilderness Survival. In addition, camping may combine with service projects.

10	With your quorum, clean up or repair a part of your neighborhood.	Merit badges which require a service project include: <b>2nd Class Scout, Star Scout, Life Scout, Eagle Scout ranks</b> ; 50-Miler patch, Hornaday award, Paul Bunyan Woodsman, Leave No Trace; <b>Camping (9c); Emergency Preparedness (5,8); Environmental Science (7)</b> ; Forestry; Medicine (10); Reading (4); <b>Safety (6)</b> ; Soil and Water Conservation; Traffic Safety (6)
11	Participate in 4 family, quorum, or ward social activities.	
12	Sing with a church, school, or community choir.	Music
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