



The Michigan Badge Requirements

Leader's Approval
(date & initials)

1. Qualifications

_____ Youth or adult having an interest in Michigan history.

2. State Symbols

_____ A. Name the State bird, State flower, State fish, State tree, and State stone. Draw the State Flag.

_____ B. What is the State motto and why is it unique to the State of Michigan?

3. State History

_____ A. What city was claimed by both Michigan and Ohio, delaying statehood?
When did Michigan enter the Union?

_____ B. Name a famous Michigania. Tell why that person is famous, and what you like or dislike about him or her.

_____ C. Visit a historical place in Michigan or attend a historical reenactment of a time period that occurred in early Michigan history (Voyager Rendezvous, Living History Show, Native American Pow Wow event, or Back in Time festival applies). Tell about the important events which happened there.

4. State Culture

_____ A. Read a story about any Michigan subject (fiction or non-fiction). Tell what you have learned from the story.

_____ B. Tell about the history and customs of Native Americans who lived in Michigan near your community.

Important: If you have already done any of these requirements for another youth group award, you must do something different for the Michigan badge. For example, if you visited an historical place for another award, you should visit a different historical place for the Michigan badge.

Application for The Michigan Badge

This certifies that _____, Pack Number _____, Den Number _____, has qualified and has been approved by his/her leader to receive The Michigan Badge.

Adult Leader

Address: _____

Phone: (____) _____

Date: _____

Application for The Michigan Badge should be sent to:

THE MICHIGAN BADGE
Great Lakes Council, BSA
Waterford Scout Center
1100 County Center Dr. W
Waterford, MI 48328-1903

Send \$3.00 for each badge (includes postage/handling)
and make checks payable to Great Lakes Council, BSA.

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Leaders' Notes

Requirements

2. State Symbols

- A. Name the **State Bird**: Robin; **Flower**: Apple Blossom; **Fish**: Trout; **Tree**: White Pine; and **Stone**: Petoskey.
- B. What is the State Motto and why is it unique to the State of Michigan?

The State Motto is "Si Quaeris Peninsulan Amoenam Circumspice" which means "If you seek a pleasant peninsula, look about you." Originally adopted by the Michigan Legislature in 1835, it is unique to Michigan because it is the only state in the United States with two peninsulas (upper and lower).

3. State History

- A. What city was claimed by both Michigan and Ohio, delaying statehood? When did Michigan enter the Union?

The City of Toledo was claimed by both Michigan and Ohio, causing a dispute between the states that lasted two years and delayed the statehood for Michigan. Michigan finally agreed to relinquish Toledo in exchange for the western portion of the Upper Peninsula. Michigan, as the 26th state, entered the Union in 1837 as the largest state east of the Mississippi.

- B. Name a famous Michigania. Tell why that person is famous and what you like or dislike about him or her.

Some examples:

Gerald R. Ford	Lily Tomlin	Edward H. White II
Charlton Heston	James A. McDivitt	"Magic" Johnson
Henry Ford	Gordie Howe	Diana Ross
Joe Louis	Tom Selleck	George Custer

- C. Visit a Michigan historical place or historical reenactment event.
 - Historical place examples: Ft. Detroit; Ft. Michilimackinac; The Henry Ford.
 - Reenactment events: Chief Pontiac Trail Scout Rendezvous – Camp Agawam; Colonial Kensington – Kensington Metro park; Voyager Days – Metro Beach Metropark; River of Time – Bay City; Feast of St.Clair – St. Clair; County Fairs with threshing demonstrations and farm life activities; Train museums; Blue & Gray Civil War encampments; Lumbering festivals; Living History Show; Pinegrove museum in Pontiac; Boy Scout museum –Washington, MI.

4. State Culture

- A. Read a story about any Michigan subject (fiction or non-fiction). Tell what you have learned from the story.

Possible subjects:

Michigan history	Auto industry/"Motor City"
Great Lakes	11,000 inland lakes
Soo Locks	Folk lore (Paul Bunyan, Manitou Island)
Upper/Lower Peninsula	Agriculture/Cherries/Blueberries
Furniture	Nation's first state university-University of Michigan

- B. Tell about the history and customs of American Indians who lived in Michigan near your community.

Some Indian Tribes living in Michigan were the Ottawa, Potawatomi, Iroquois, Chippewa, Algonquin, Huron, and Menominee. Many famous Indian Chiefs came from this area; Chief Pontiac being one, for whom Pontiac, Michigan is named. There are many cities, counties, parks, and landmarks in our state that have Indian names.