



# Chief Pontiac Trail

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## CHIEF PONTIAC TRAIL REVISED BOY SCOUT CREDENTIAL HIKE REQUIREMENTS REVISIONS FOR 2006 AND BEYOND

The Chief Pontiac Trail Committee is providing minimal guideline revisions to the Credential Hike Program that applies to Boy Scouts, Ventures, Explorers and Adult leaders for Treks commencing in 2006 and beyond.

### Background

The Chief Pontiac Trail Committee has found in recent years that the required documentation for a Credential Trek that is either a 2-day Hike; a Hike/Canoe Trek or a Winter Trek has shown a wide range of inconsistencies in the composition and formatting of the initial 300 word Indian History Report or the 250 word After-Trek Report & Map Sketch. The largest quantity of CPT report submissions are generated on electronic media or PCs. Therefore these requirements are relatively easy to adhere to.

For all CPT Treks occurring in 2006 and beyond; the following documentation and formats requirements are required:

1. All reports are to be *double spaced* and have a *Page Number*
2. All reports must have, either as a *header or a footer*, with complete *Author's information* on each page of the Indian History, the Trek Report and the Trek Map Sketch:

Scout or Scouter's Name

Trek Number & Trek Type (Hike/Canoe/Winter)

Troop Number

Council Name

Age on the date of trek step off (both youth & adult)

Rank or Adult Position within the Troop/Crew/Post

Chief Pontiac Trail Credential Serial Number, if previously assigned.

3. The Indian History Report must list at least three sources in the *required bibliography*: (books, magazines, websites, newspaper articles or encyclopedia reference)

#### 4. Reports and the required copies are to follow the:

START ! ; 1 - 2 - 3 GO ! PROCESS:

START ! The start of a Chief Pontiac Trail Trek is to Review the CPT Credential Trek Guidelines on the council website and *Reserve a trek crew date* commitment 120 days (4 months) prior to the trek.

- 1 All participants in a Trek should submit the combined set of reports (Indian History or After-Trek) as a *ONE single package*. The last Scout/Scouter who is delinquent will hold up the entire group's report approval process.
  - 2 The *300 word Indian History Report* must be 2 copies: one "original" to be returned and a second copy for CPT archiving.
  - 3 The *250 word After-trek Report and Map Sketch* must be 3 copies: one "original to be returned; one copy for CPT archiving. The third copy will be "selectively edited" to provide a "combined Trek" narrative to be read at the time of the Unit Court of Honor where the appropriate Chief Pontiac Trail awards will be presented and "original" reports are returned.
- "GO" *Go get your award!* This applies to the Unit: Troop/Crew/Post Court of Honor Award Ceremony Date. This event must be at least 3 weeks after the date of the After-Report Turn-in to allow for clerical processing and engraving of the various CPT Credential Awards.

## Examples of Author Header/Footer for Chief Pontiac Trail Credential Indian History Report; After-Trek Report and After-Trek Map Sketchs

Scout:                    Johnnie M. Scout  
                              Trek 2005-30   Canoe  
                              Troop 5197  
                              Clinton Valley Council  
                              Age: 13  
                              Star  
                              S/N 1234

Venture                    Andrea Hood  
                              Trek 2004-32   South Gray Hike  
                              Crew 5297  
                              Erie Shores Council  
                              Age: 15  
                              Venture  
                              S/N 4321

Scouter                    Oliver B. Haymond  
                              Trek 2005- 03   Winter  
                              Troop 197  
                              Clinton Valley Council  
                              Age: 48  
                              Assistant Scoutmaster  
                              S/N "New" (Note: No previous CPT Award)

### Maps Sketch Minimums (wildlife sightings; "lost here", etc - encouraged)

Map Sketch Criteria that must be hand drawn (not a Xerox copy of CPT Map). A GPS overlay recorded by the author is acceptable also.

1. North direction arrowhead or a 4 point compass symbol.
2. Major roads and railroad crossing and in the area:  
    East -West Roads: M-59 (Highland Rd.); I-96; Sleeth  
    North South Roads: Duck Lake; Milford Rd. Wixom Rd.  
    CSX Railroad tracks through Proud Lake, west of Wixom
3. Trailheads; Overnight Camp Sites; Dams; Water & Hike trek path.