



# Chief Pontiac Trail

Great Lakes Council, Boy Scouts of America



## Credential Hike Report Requirements

### First-time hiker's essay requirements

Each first-time hiker must submit two copies of an essay of at least 300 words on the life of Chief Pontiac and his accomplishments. Essays for O-A Treks shall be on an Indian culture/history topic related to the namesake tribe of the sponsoring OA Lodge as determined by the Lodge subject to CPT approval.

Essays are to be handwritten in ink, typed or computer generated (no pencil).  
Formatting directions are in (xxx) if you're using Word software.

#### Essays must have:

Header info on every page: (View, header footer)

Scout or Scouter's Name

Troop/Crew/Lodge and number

Council and District names

Age at time of trek

Rank or Adult Position within the Troop/Crew/Lodge

Body

300 words minimum (use word count, tools, word count)

Bibliography

Three sources minimum

(Note: Wikipedia is not an acceptable source of information.)

The bottom

Author's signature

Page numbers on every page

The trek leader shall complete a **CPT Essay Checklist** for each essay submitted to indicate that it has been reviewed. The leader must submit all essays together, along with the Unit's completed CPT Roster Form, at least six weeks in advance of the trek date.



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### Documentation after your hike

Each Hiker must submit two copies of a report of at least 250 words on their trek experience, sketch a map of the route taken and return the tri folded "Credential Map" you were given before the hike.

Hints – Formatting directions are in (xxx) if you're using Word software.

Trek number can be found on the tri folded "Credential Map"

You can use the "Credential Map" as a guide to help draw your map.

### **The Report:**

Header info on EVERY page (View, header footer)

Scout or Scouter's Name

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

Troop/Crew/Lodge and Number

Council and District 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.

The Body

250 words minimum (use word count, tools, word count)

The Bottom

Your signature

Page numbers on every page

**Return the tri folded "Credential Map" you were given before the hike.**

Open it up, *date and sign* in the space provided at the bottom left corner.

### **Your Map**

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. The map must resemble your hike, not a straight line!

Minimum requirements

8 ½ x 11 paper only

North direction arrowhead or a 4 point compass symbol.

Major roads and railroad crossing 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

Trailheads; Overnight Camp Sites; Dams; Water & Hike trek path.

Header info that is the same as your report. (print an extra blank page and use it for the map)

Your signature