



# Family History Project

The first AH-HA (At Home History Adventures) project encourages you to have fun and get to know your family a little more!

## Who:

- You and your family, including parents, siblings, grandparents, etc.

## What:

- Your project is to create a family tree. Family trees show all your family members often in a chart format using lines to show how everyone is connected. You can learn about relatives that lived long ago by creating a family tree.

## How:

- Your family tree will be an actual tree! You are the trunk, and other family members are leaves, branches, or flowers. Create one tree to represent the members of your family.
- Make sure you put yourself and any siblings, your special adults (parents, step-parents, aunts, uncles, grandparents etc.) on the tree. You can even add a close friend like a babysitter or caregiver. Every family is different and special!
- Draw or create your tree using any materials (crayons, markers, cardboard, construction paper, etc.) you can.
- Be creative and have fun! Everyone's tree should be as unique as the family it represents. Will your family be represented as leaves on the tree or something else?
- Finally, post your completed family tree on Heritage Sylvania's Facebook Camp AH-HA event page. You may find a new relative!
- Save your tree for a project we will post in the coming weeks.

## Tips:

- Parents, get involved and have fun with your child! They may need your help labeling and creating their tree. Want to make it bigger than regular copy paper? Cut a brown paper bag apart and create your tree on that!
- Each family is different. Celebrate the uniqueness of your family. Maybe your branches are family friends, caregivers or other special adults. Family can be anyone that is close to us!
- Start the tree with your child/children as the trunk and use the branches for family members. Feeling extra creative? Maybe your family's tree takes the shape of a flower with your child as the center of the flower and relatives as the petals. Or maybe your tree is a vine or a bush. Or maybe your tree is made of handprints of each of your children. You can trace their hands or use finger paints and have them stamp their own hands. The hands can be the leaves or flowers of your tree. **There are no wrong ways to make a family tree.**
- Familysearch.org has a family tree maker you can use to create a printable family tree.
- Remember to post a picture of your family tree or a picture of your children working on theirs in the comments section below! We will choose one randomly selected family tree project to win Camp AH-HA gear!

## Extensions:

- Older children may be interested in going beyond grandparents and wish to add aunts, uncles, cousins, great-grandparents and beyond.
- Call or video chat grandparents or other older family members in order to get information for the family tree or hear family stories.
- Familysearch.org is a free genealogy website that can help you trace your 'roots' and add leaves to your tree.