



# The Family Plan

## Badge Description

### The Family Plan Badge

*A happy family is but an earlier heaven* - George Bernard Shaw.

We spend a lot of time setting visions and making plans in life. Some of us set visions, craft missions, and create plans for launching new businesses or world changing not-for-profits; others plan large events or parties down to the last detail.

So why when it comes to the most important institution in our lives—our families—do we charge forward with no plan at all, often finding ourselves overwhelmed driving children to and from sporting events, piano recitals and a thousand other errands, while trying to juggle dozens of other priorities?

Welcome to the idea of a Family Mission Statement, Family Credo and a Family Plan – all contained in the Family Plan Badge.

### Why Take on this Challenge?

One of the few requirements for being a parent at The Forest School is to create and share a Family Plan every year. Your Family Plan can take any form you choose, and the contents are completely up to you.

Time and again, we hear from Forest families that this is one of the most powerful takeaways from The Forest School experience, and has made their family time less hurried, more productive, and far more enjoyable.

## Badge Requirements

### Your Challenge, If You Choose to Accept It

### Level One of the Family Plan Badge

Below are the four challenges required to earn the Lencioni Family Plan Badge.

1. Watch [the video embedded in this webpage](#) to introduce you to the idea of Family Plans.

2. Read and complete this [Family Plan experience](#) from the Acton School of Business which includes [reading this note on Family Plans](#).
3. By the first day of school, create a Google document that includes your Family Credo, Mission Statement, and Family Plan and upload it [here](#) so we can share it with other families at The Forest School.
4. Commit to hold at least four family meetings to check-in on your progress, and put them on your calendar.

## **Going Deeper**

### **Level Two for the Family Plan Badge**

For Level Two of the Family Plan Badge, complete one or more of the following:

1. Read the book [Three Big Questions for the Frantic Family](#) by Patrick Lencioni.
2. Read Steven Covey's book [The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Families](#).
3. Explore your family's history.

This can be rather easy with programs like [ancestry.com](#)..

## **Approval Process**

Some family badges have an approval process—not this one! Post your plan and you've earned your first family badge!