UMES Merit Badge College Is Here!!!

Join hundreds of Scouts from the Del-Mar-Va Peninsula and surrounding area for this exciting, classroom-based opportunity to help Scouts earn their merit badges. Quality programs, top-notch instructors, and a smiling staff make this the must-attend event of the year!

******PLEASE BRING A PEN OR PENCIL AND PAPER******

A SCOUT MUST ATTEND BOTH SESSION 1 AND SESSION 2
The scout will only register for first session but must attend and be an active participant in both sessions to complete the selected Merit Badges. The classes you select will be worked on during Session 1 and will be completed during Session 2. There may also be additional work outside of class to finish all requirements. The break in between classes will give you the necessary time to complete the requirements assigned as homework or that cannot be completed in a classroom setting.

Check in begins: 8:00 a.m.

Lunch For an additional fee, you may register your scout to attend with lunch provided. The registrant type with lunch includes lunch at both sessions. If you do not choose to register with lunch, scouts are encouraged to bring a bagged lunch.

Cell Phones - A Scout is Courteous - If you must have a cell phone, set it to silent/vibrate. Demonstrate respect for the instructors and other classmates and do NOT make or take calls or text messages during class time.

GUIDANCE FOR SCOUTS ATTENDING THE MBC

The Merit Badge College is an opportunity to learn from subject matter experts in career or lifelong hobby subjects. We seek out experts in areas that may be difficult for you to find such as Electronics or Forestry.

Pick a Merit Badge
You can select classes from the Merit Badge College catalog that you have an interest in taking. We expect that you will talk to your Scoutmaster and parents about which badge to take. But in the end, we hope that you select a topic that you truly wish to learn about. Do not let rank advancement be the only consideration.

Consider Your Age
While there is not an age or grade requirement for any merit badge, certain classes at the MBC are recommended for older Scouts. In the short duration of a single day, the nature and amount of material covered in these classes can make it difficult for a younger Scout to keep up. This can slow the pace of the class, and the class will not

complete the intended material. We want you to enjoy what you do here so you will do it well.

Getting Ready for MBC Day
OK. So, you have selected your badges and registered online. Congratulations! The next thing is to get a copy of the Merit Badge pamphlet for yourself. Read the pamphlet so that you are completely familiar with it. You can find all the requirements for Merit Badges at this link https://www.scouting.org/skills/merit-badges/all/ Within each badge is a link where you can download the associated badge's pamphlet at no cost.

Prerequisite information and course catalogs can be found in the links in the attachment section of the registration page. They are also available and within your registration once you have checked out. Several of the MB classes will have published a list of pre-requisites. These are requirements that you should complete before MBC day. When you complete them, bring all material to class with you such as notes, pictures, writings, reports, letters, a note from the Scoutmaster or a signed prior partial MB Card. It is the Scout's responsibility to be familiar with and complete any prerequisite, project or other outside work prior to the MBC and present the work or evidence to the counselor. It is up to you to make sure that you complete every requirement. Even if they are not listed, some requirements may by their nature not be doable in a classroom. You should at least attempt to complete these before the MBC. If you can do this, then you will get the most out of the workshop. If you do not, then you will not.

The Merit Badge Counselor has the discretion to determine if the Scout has met the requirements. We do not guarantee that you will complete any badge.

Printing your class schedule and obtaining a counselor's email address
Once your class selection is complete, and you have completed the checkout process, you can go to the reports tab in your registration to print your schedule. Be sure to check the "include instructors' email" box so you will have access to their email address.

Merit Badge Blue Cards - You will be able to print class records and blue cards following the second session of MB College. Counselors will post records in the event registration system. Each Scout should discuss their merit badge selections with their Scoutmaster before registering for the event as your registration indicates you have approval for taking the class. Counselors are not required to keep offline records. Some will, but some will not. To print your blue cards:

- Find your confirmation email.
- Click on the reports link.
- Choose blue cards plain paper.
- Preview the report.
- Choose print on both sides in your printer settings and print.

EXCELLENCE IS NOT AN ACT. EXCELLENCE IS A HABIT. BE EXCELLENT!
PROPER SCOUT BEHAVIOR IS EXPECTED. EACH SCOUT IS AN AMBASSADOR TO THE HOST SCHOOL.