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ALPHA MERIT BADGE UNIVERSITY

BREVARD COUNTY, FL



OCTOBER 2-3, 2026

VIRTUAL KICKOFF: OCTOBER 2
IN-PERSON EVENT: OCTOBER 3



KEISER UNIVERSITY

900 S. BABCOCK ST.
MELBOURNE, FL 32901



IN PARTNERSHIP WITH

SCOUTING AMERICA
AND KEISER UNIVERSITY

2026 PARTICIPANT GUIDE



ALPHA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY, INC.

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ALPHA MERIT BADGE UNIVERSITY

— BREVARD COUNTY —

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DEVELOPING
LEADERS.
BUILDING
FUTURES.
MAKING AN
IMPACT.



VIRTUAL OPENING
KICKOFF

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2026

START TIME: 19:06

INTRO • KEYNOTE • EXPECTATIONS
SCHEDULE • LOGISTICS



ALPHA MERIT BADGE
UNIVERSITY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2026

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

📍 KEISER UNIVERSITY – MELBOURNE CAMPUS
900 S BABCOCK ST. | MELBOURNE, FL 32901



EARN
MERIT BADGES



LEARN
FROM EXPERTS



BUILD
LEADERSHIP SKILLS



MAKE
LASTING CONNECTIONS



DISCIPLINE. LEADERSHIP. SERVICE.



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Alpha Merit Badge University

Program Summary

Alpha Merit Badge University (AMBU) is a youth development initiative hosted by Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Iota Beta Lambda Chapter, in collaboration with Scouting America and Keiser University. Scheduled for October 2–3, 2026, the program will provide Scouts with opportunities to complete requirements toward Eagle-required and elective merit badges while engaging with professionals and community leaders serving as Merit Badge Counselors.

The initiative expands the chapter's commitment to mentorship, education, leadership development, and community service by providing Scouts with structured instruction, career exposure, and meaningful interaction with professionals across STEM, business, technology, public service, and other fields.



Date & Time

AMBU will take place over two parts:

- Virtual Opening Kickoff — Friday, October 2, 2026, beginning at 7:06 PM (19:06). This session will include introductions, a keynote address, expectations, a review of the schedule, and event logistics.
- Alpha Merit Badge University (In-Person) — Saturday, October 3, 2026, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM.



Location

The Friday, October 2 kickoff will be held virtually:
[Zoom Link](#)

The Saturday, October 3 sessions will be held in person at:

Keiser University – Melbourne Campus
900 S. Babcock St., Melbourne, FL 32901



Who Can Attend?

Alpha Merit Badge University is open to all Scouts. Several of the badges offered are Eagle-required and are best suited to Scouts who are First Class rank or above and prepared to engage with challenging material; it remains the responsibility of each Scout's parent/guardian and Scoutmaster to determine readiness for a given badge. All Scouts are welcome to attend and participate.

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Why Attend Alpha Merit Badge University?

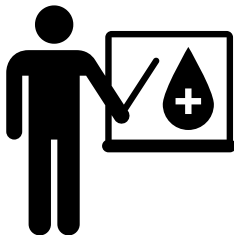
AMBU gives Scouts the chance to earn merit badges, including several Eagle-required badges, while building leadership skills and forming lasting connections with mentors and peers. Beyond badge completion, Scouts gain exposure to career fields and professional role models who reflect the fraternity's mission of developing leaders and building futures.

- Earn Merit Badges toward rank advancement, including Eagle-required badges
- Learn From Experts with real-world, professional experience
- Build Leadership Skills through structured, hands-on instruction
- Make Lasting Connections with mentors and fellow Scouts



Merit Badges Offered

Merit badge classes are organized into four scheduling blocks on Saturday, October 3. Blocks I and II are Eagle-required, full-morning badges; Blocks III and IV offer a rotation of elective badges. The current schedule is as follows:



Who Will Be Teaching the Merit Badges?

Merit Badge Counselors (MBCs) at Alpha Merit Badge University are professionals in their respective fields, bringing years and in many cases decades of real-world experience to the classroom. Scouts will learn directly from practicing experts in areas such as STEM, business, engineering, government, and public service, gaining not only badge instruction but genuine career insight and mentorship.



Important Class & Prerequisite Information

Class Size: Maximum 20 Scouts per class. First Aid is limited to 8 Scouts due to hands-on requirements.

Prerequisites: Numbers correspond to official merit badge requirements. Complete prerequisites before AMBU when possible.

Suggested Pre-Reading for Oceanography:

[Introduction to Oceanography \(resource PDF\)](#) : Chapters 1, 7, 9, 14

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Merit Badge Schedule

**** Class sizes for First Aid will be limited 8 Scouts**
Class sizes are limited to 20 Scouts per class

Block	Time	Merit Badge / Class	Duration	Prerequisites Needed
I	9:00 AM – 12:50 PM	**First Aid (Eagle)	3:50	Bring a triangular bandage., 2B, 15C
II	9:00 AM – 12:50 PM	Citizenship in the Community (Eagle)	3:50	2, 3a, 3b, 5, 7b, 7c, 8
III	9:00 AM – 12:50 PM	Citizenship in the Nation (Eagle)	3:50	5, 7, and 8 (can start in class)
IV	9:00 AM – 10:50 AM	Digital Technology	1:50	1, 5, 6, 8, 9
IV	9:00 AM – 10:50 AM	Oceanography	1:50	5, 6, 8a
IV	9:00 AM – 10:50 AM	American Business	1:50	5, 6
IV	9:00 AM – 10:50 AM	Entrepreneurship	1:50	3, 4, 5, 6,
IV	9:00 AM – 10:50 AM	Artificial Intelligence	1:50	4, 7
IV	9:00 AM – 10:50 AM	Dentistry	1:50	None
V	11:00 AM – 12:50 PM	Engineering	1:50	4, 5, 6, 9
V	11:00 AM – 12:50 PM	Inventing	1:50	3, 4, 5, 6, 7
V	11:00 AM – 12:50 PM	Salesmanship	1:50	1, 2, 3, 4, 5
V	11:00 AM – 12:50 PM	Scholarship	1:50	5
V	11:00 AM – 12:50 PM	Traffic Safety	1:50	None
V	11:00 AM – 12:50 PM	Programming	1:50	None
V	11:00 AM – 12:50 PM	Space Exploration	1:50	2, 5

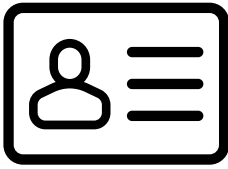
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Registration & Fees

Registration Fee: \$25

Registration is required for all Scouts and parents attending AMBU. The fee covers program materials, instructional supplies, an AMBU patch, refreshments, lunch, and event operations. *AMBU is not a fundraiser for Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.; registration fees directly support program costs.*



Does My Scout Need a Blue Card?

Blue cards will be provided on-site for each merit badge session. Scouts are responsible for informing their Scoutmaster that they will be attending AMBU and which merit badges they plan to complete; registration for the event implies Scoutmaster approval.



What to Bring

- BSA Class A uniform
- Completed prerequisites for each registered merit badge
- Water bottle
- Pen, pencil, and paper
- A positive attitude and readiness to learn!



Expected Behavior

All participants are expected to follow the Scout Oath and Law. Scouts should be respectful of Merit Badge Counselors, mentors, and fellow participants throughout both the virtual kickoff and the in-person sessions.