2025 Eagle’s Egg MBU

**Leader/Parent Guide**



Saturday, May 31st

Camp Arrowhead

8:00am-3:00pm

A flyer for eagle's egg

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Leaders and parents,

First of all, thank you so much for attending the 2025 Eagle’s Egg Sensory-Friendly MBU. This is a very different concept from your typical Merit Badge University. My belief is that Scouting is for all Youth, and that some Youth learn best in different or nontraditional environments. To that end, this MBU will be exclusively for Scouts who have difficulty learning in a traditional MBU environment.

This MBU will have the following major differences compared to the average Merit Badge University:

1. Significantly smaller class sizes (8 Scouts max in all classes except Citizenship in Society which is limited to 5 Scouts ages 15-17).
2. Two Merit Badge Counselors in each class so each Scout will have more individual attention.
3. Due to the wide ranging and differing diagnoses that fall under the “learning-challenged” category, each Scout registering will be required to have a parent or adult guardian attend with them, someone who is familiar with them and their specific needs. Guardians may include adult siblings or Scoutmasters. Guardians must be on-site for the entirety of the event, but do not have to be with their Scout at all times unless that is required for the Scout’s care.
4. Merit Badge counselors are encouraged to think “outside the box” when teaching their class. This may include:
   1. Non-traditional seating
   2. More frequent breaks
   3. More hands-on learning
   4. More moving around in class (please allow/encourage movement)
   5. \*\*\*I’m encouraging minimal pre-requisites as my hope is the Scouts will get to know the Merit Badge counselors during their class and will be more likely to contact them later to finish the badge. For this reason, do NOT feel you need to complete any badge during this MBU. Several of the Merit Badges being offered have home requirements, but keep in mind due to the individual learning speed of your participants, even badges which may normally be completed at a MBU may be only partially done this day. Please come prepared to give out your contact details at the end of the class so your participants will be able to reach you later when they are ready to finish the Merit Badge.

Other important info:

1. Please plan to bring personal sunscreen, bug spray, a water bottle, a hat, and a backpack. Adult guardians may want to bring a camp chair.
2. Field uniform (Class A’s) required for opening/closing flags, but Activities uniform (Class B’s) ok for the rest of the day.
3. Camping merit badge participants are encouraged to arrive Friday evening and camp with your class. At least 2 registered leaders will be onsite, but guardians are asked to camp with their participant, and must be registered with BSA and be current on YPT. Please bring proof of this when checking in.
4. A full breakfast and lunch will be provided for Scouts courtesy of the Tribe of the Lone Bear. We do not guarantee that we will be able to accommodate all special dietary needs, but please make sure to mention these when registering and we will do our best.
5. We will have a “safe space” located in the general area of classes for any Scout that needs some quiet time.

**Agenda**

6:00 p.m. Friday, May 30th – Registration opens for Camping participants and anyone else who would like to camp that evening.

7:00 a.m. Saturday, May 31st – Registration opens for all other attendees

7:30 a.m. – Breakfast in the dining hall

8:00 a.m. – Opening flags/remarks (behind dining hall)

8:15 a.m. – Dismissal to classes (see below for locations)

12:00 or TBA – Break for lunch (*time may vary at Tribe of Lone Bear’s discretion –*

12:30 or TBA – Classes resume

3:00 – Closing Flags/Adjourn

**IMportant Locations**

Breakfast/Lunch/Opening & Closing Flags – Foster’s Lodge

Camping – Old Pioneer Camp site

Citizenship in Society – Woodcraft/Breezeway

Cooking – Scoutcraft (Pavilion near Breezeway)

Environmental Science – Pavillion 1

First Aid – Pavillion 2

Safe Space – near Pavillion 3

Swimming – Pool

A map of a camp site

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