

2026 EAGLE'S EGG MBU

Parent/Leader Guide



Saturday, May 30th

Camp Arrowhead, Marshfield, MO

8:00am-3:00pm

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Sensory-Friendly

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Please join us for a Sensory-Friendly MBU offering Eagle-Required Merit Badges and designed exclusively for Scouts who have difficulty learning in a traditional classroom setting or those who thrive in smaller, more hands-on learning environments; featuring very small class sizes, 2 Merit Badge instructors per class for more individual learning, frequent breaks, and active movement encouraged.

Merit Badges offered include: Camping (starting Friday evening May 29th at 6:00 pm), **Communications (**JUST ADDED**)**, Cooking, Personal Management, and Swimming/Swim Instruction!

Registration is LIVE now through May 25th @ 11:00 pm (no late registrations)

\$25/Scout, \$10/adult - Includes cracker barrel Friday night for those camping, FULL breakfast and lunch

Important Notes:

1. All registrants ***MUST*** be accompanied by a parent or adult guardian familiar with their medical/behavioral needs.
2. Adults staying overnight Friday ***MUST*** be registered with BSA and have current YPT.
3. Class size is ***VERY*** limited so register ASAP!

Parents and Leaders,

First of all, thank you so much for attending the 2026 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).
2. At least 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:
 - a. Non-traditional seating
 - b. More frequent breaks
 - c. More hands-on learning
 - d. More moving around in class (please allow/encourage movement)
 - e. ***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 your Scout needs 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 Scouts, even badges which may normally be completed at a

MBU may be only partially done this day. Instructors are asked to come prepared to give out their contact details at the end of the class so Scouts will be able to reach them 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, and any other item you or your Scout may need for their comfort. 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 their class. At least 2 registered leaders will be onsite, but guardians are also 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. ANY Scout/guardian pair who desire to camp Friday evening may do so provided both the Scout and adult guardian are registered with BSA. Adults please bring proof of completion of YPT when checking in .
5. 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.
6. We will have a "safe space" located in the general area of classes for any Scout that needs some quiet time.
7. Please contact Crystal Warren at any time with questions/concerns – (417) 343-6285, jtmom2000@gmail.com

Agenda

6:00 p.m. Friday, May 29th – Registration opens at Foster’s Lodge for Camping participants and anyone else who would like to camp that evening.

7:00 a.m. Saturday, May 30th – Registration opens for all other attendees

7:30 a.m. – Breakfast in Foster’s Lodge

8:00 a.m. – Opening flags/remarks (in front of Foster’s Lodge)

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

12:00 or TBA – Break for lunch (*time may vary at Merit Badge Counselor’s discretion*) – *location will be announced at opening flags*

12:30 or TBA – Classes resume

3:00 – Closing Flags/Adjourn

Important Locations

Breakfast/Lunch/Opening & Closing Flags – TBA at check-in (we are sharing our space this weekend with Tribe of the Lone Bear so locations may change)

Camping – Old Pioneer Camp site

Communications – Woodcraft/Breezeway

Cooking – Scoutcraft (Pavilion near Breezeway)

Personal Management – Pavillion 1/Med Lodge

Safe Space – Pavillion 2

Swimming – Pool

