



OVERLAND TRAILS COUNCIL MERIT BADGE UNIVERSITY JULY 26-28, 2019



MERIT BADGE UNIVERSITY GENERAL INFORMATION AND POLICIES

SECTION ONE: DATES, REGISTRATION FEES & SCHEDULES

2019 REGISTRATION DATES & FEES

Due to the Nature of This Event Pre-Registration Is Required to Attend

	Registration	Fees
May 1st, 2019 11:59 PM	Early Bird Registration Deadline	Scouts \$75.00 Leaders \$45.00 Other Family members \$50
June 17, 2019 11:59 PM	Registration Deadline	Scouts \$95.00 Leaders \$50.00 Other Family members \$50
July 8th, 2019 11:59PM	Late Registration Deadline	Scouts \$150.00 Leaders \$50.00 Other Family members \$50

*****NO REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER JULY 8TH.*****

REGISTRATION & PAYMENTS The registration fees include Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast, lunch and dinner, Sunday breakfast, facilities, liability insurance, MBU patch and program supplies for Scouts and adults registered for Merit Badge University. MBU T-shirts can be ordered at the time of registration for \$15.00

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE: If you have a Scout who would like to attend but doesn't have the financial ability to pay the fee. Request a financial assistance form from the Overland Trails Council.

REFUNDS AND MBU WITHDRAWALS: Cancellations on or before July 8th will be considered for a refund. All refunds must be requested using the refund request form. Refund request form can be found online at:
www.overlandtrailscouncil.org/MBU

SECTION TWO: MERIT BADGE SESSION INFORMATION

MERIT BADGE SESSIONS:

- Friday Merit Badge Session One or "Early Bird" Session – Scheduled for Friday afternoon.
- Sessions Two and Three are scheduled for Saturday
- Session Four is scheduled for Sunday morning.

MERIT BADGE SELECTION: *Not all Merit Badges are available during every class session and some merit badges may require 2 sessions to complete.* Also, please pay close attention to the pre-requisites that need to be completed and signed off prior to attending; please refer to the "Workbook Download and Class Registration Table", available online at www.otc-bsa.org/mbu

MULTIPLE SESSION MERIT BADGES: The following Merit Badges require multiple sessions to complete.

Robotics

Chess

Search and Rescue

Additional Merit Badges may be added to this list as Merit Badge requirements are reviewed. Please check the workbook webpage for any changes.

HORSEMANSHIP: The horsemanship merit badge requires some degree of proficiency before being able to complete the merit badge requirements, novices will not be able to complete some requirements and additional practice will be required.

MERIT BADGE PRE-REQUISITES: Prerequisites are listed on the workbook pages and should be completed and approved before attending class. *****It is the unit's responsibility to check the completion of the Prerequisites not the MBU counselor.*****

MERIT BADGE WORKBOOKS: Before the weekend, print a copy of the merit badge workbook and prerequisite page for each merit badge class a scout will be attending. Complete the requirements that are listed on the prerequisite page and review the merit badge pamphlet.

WORKBOOKS DISCLAIMER: The MBU does require the use of the Merit Badge Workbooks found on our webpage, we acknowledge that their use is not for the replacement or substitution for the BSA's Merit Badge Pamphlets or changing the requirements as set forth in those pamphlets, their use is solely for the uniformity during such a large event.

BRING TO CLASS: A copy of the Merit Badge Pamphlet, the entire workbook, including the pre-requisite sections that are completed, any photos, letters or approval or responses, and any other materials that will document that all work is completed. Also bring any additional items list on the "Bring to Class" section on the prerequisite page and a pen or pencil.

ATTENDANCE: Scouts will need to sign an attendance sheet at the beginning of every class. It will be the Scout's responsibility to affirm his presence in class. If he does not sign in, we have no way of knowing that he attended the class.

CLASS CHANGES: If Scouts need to change class selections they must do so before July 1st, 2019. New class selections are subject to class availability. If you know you will be taking a merit badge at summer camp, please do not sign up for it at MBU. All class changes must be directed to MBU at mbu@otc-bsa.org

MBU CLASS CANCELLATION: The Merit Badge University committee reserves the right to cancel a class due to low registration or the loss of a Merit Badge Counselor. Notification will be sent to Scouts and Leaders as soon as a cancellation determination is made

2019 BLUE CARD POLICY: MBU BLUE CARDS WILL BE AVAILABLE ONLINE NO LATER THAT AUGUST 9th.

SECTION THREE: GENERAL INFORMATION

CHECK IN: MBU Check -in begins at 11:00am on Friday at the Central Community College and will continue throughout the day and evening as units arrive. All Units are required to check in at Central Community College, so they can receive their weekend unit information and class schedules. If your unit can not make to check in on Friday, please contact the Overland Trails Council office in advance so that other arrangements can be made to get this information to you.



CAMPSITES: Campsites will be determined prior to check-in. Please advise us, prior to July 1st if your unit has any special needs or physical limitations we should be aware of, including electricity for C-PAP machines. Units will be allowed to take vehicles into the campground to unload gear. No vehicles or unit trailers will be allowed to stay in the campground area and will be required to return to the designated parking area.

Please note: 1) open flames of any kind are NOT permitted; 2) we are camping on an open prairie, to help protect tent floors it is recommended that you place a tarp or ground cloth under each tent; and 3) follow the practices of "Leave No Trace".

CAMPUS MAPS: Maps of Stuhr Museum and Central Community College can be found on the MBU website.

NEW ADDITION BOY SCOUT RESIDENT CAMP OFFERED JULY 20 TO JULY 26TH AT CAMP AUGUSTINE.

SHOWER FACILITIES: MBU participants will be able to use shower facilities at Camp Augustine.

OTHER OVER-NIGHT LODGING: A block of rooms has been set up with Boarders Inns and Suites for the weekend. A special scout rate of \$89 plus tax has been secured. To reserve call Boarders Inn and Suites at 308-384-5150. Boarders Inn and Suites is located ¼ mile from Stuhr Museum on HWY 34.

TWO DEEP LEADERSHIP: BSA requires all units to maintain at least two deep leadership. All units must be under the supervision of their own adult leaders. There must be at least two adults at MBU always, and standard BSA Youth Protection Guidelines must be followed. At least one adult attending must be at least 21 years of age and registered with the BSA. All adults accompanying Scouts during the university weekend must register and pay all associated fees. Each unit will be asked to provide a list of adults who will be in attendance for the weekend during check-in. If a unit changes leadership throughout the weekend they must have all adults check in and out at the registration area.

UNIT LEADER RESPONSIBILITIES: Adult leaders are responsible for monitoring the behavior of youth members and interceding when necessary. We are encouraging leaders to participate in the available training however if leaders do not attend trainings we would ask that leaders attend merit badge class sessions to assist the counselors with any behavior issues that may arise so that the counselors can concentrate on the Merit Badge requirements.

PROVISIONAL SCOUT ATTENDANCE: For any Scouts interested in attending MBU without their troop please contact the Overland Trails Council office at 308-382-3717.

TRANSPORTATION: Transportation will be furnished to participants taking classes at off-site locations. Scouts taking classes off-site are required to use the provided transportation. Transportation is not included to any evening offsite activities. Each unit is responsible for getting their scouts to these activity locations and returning them to Stuhr Museum.



EMERGENCIES & ACCIDENT REPORTING: All medical emergencies must be reported to staff. EMT's will be on staff throughout the weekend to handle any medical emergencies. All accidents, even those not requiring medical attention, should be reported to staff.

MEALS, & CONCESSIONS: The following meals are provided as part of the registration fee:

Friday: Evening Dinner

Saturday: breakfast, lunch, and dinner

Sunday: breakfast

Please advise us of any special dietary needs we should be aware of at the time of registration.

T-SHIRTS: T-shirts must be pre-ordered at time of registration. Cost is \$15.00. Shirt orders will be shipped to unit leaders for all orders before June 17th. Deadline to order shirts is June 17th.

THE GEORGE FERRIS AWARD: The George Ferris Award will be awarded to the top unit at Merit Badge University. Judging criteria can be found at “George Ferris Award”.

THE “SPIRIT STICK AWARD”: The MBU Spirit Stick Award is given to two Scouts (one in Council and one out of Council) that demonstrates the true meaning of Scout spirit by living the Scout Oath and Law. Download and complete the “Spirit Stick Award Nomination Form”. Applications will be accepted during MBU. Please bring them to the headquarters at Stuhr Museum by noon on Saturday

ADULT LEADER BSA TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES: The following Leader training opportunities will be available:

- Saturday Morning -Troop Committee Challenge 8:45 am to 11:15 am
Youth Protection 8:45am to 9:30 am
Recruiting Adult Volunteers – 9:35am to 10:25am
CPR and 1st Aid Training all morning – extra \$20 charge collected at event
- Saturday Afternoon – Planning High Adventure Trips 2:15pm to 3:00pm
Winter Camping 3:05pm to 3:50pm
Retaining Older Scouts 3:55pm to 4:45pm

SECTION FOUR: CAMPUS FUN

MBU ACTIVITY TICKET: An Activity Ticket is required for admission to Saturday evening’s Moonlight Swim at Island Oasis. Activity tickets may be pre-ordered or purchased during check-in. Cost is \$10.00 per ticket.

CAMPUS ACTIVITIES: Some have become a tradition, and some are different every year but all help to promote the “scouting spirit”, teamwork, and friendships. Some of this year’s activities include:

Friday Night Camp Fire

Traditional Moonlight Swim at Island Oasis Water Park (Activity Ticket is required)

Scouts Worship Service

Stuhr Museum

Scavenger Hunt

2019 Merit Badge University Schedule

Due to the complexity of this event this is a General Time Schedule Outline and is for guidance during planning purposes only. A definitive Event Time Schedule will be included in each unit's packet at the time of check-in.

Friday, July 26	Activity
11:00	Check in Begins – Central Community College (East Doors)
1:30 – 4:30	Friday Merit Badge Session One
5:00-7:00	Friday Evening Dinner at Fire Hall with Water Fights
8:30	Friday Night Campfire
11:00	Lights-out
Saturday, July 27	Activity
6:50	Flag, Announcements
7:00	Breakfast
8:30—11:30	Merit Badge Session Two
12:00	Lunch
2:00-5:00	Merit Badge Session Three
5:30	Dinner
6:15	Worship Service
6:45 – 8:00	On Campus Activities
8:00—10:00	Moonlight Swim
11:00	Lights-out
Sunday, July 28	Activity
7:00	Closing Flag, Announcements, Awards
7:30	Breakfast
9:00--12:00	Merit Badge Session Four
10:00—2:00	Unit Check Out and Staff Campground Break Down



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