



Seven Feathers Chapter  
Golden Sun Lodge  
Order of the Arrow  
Proudly Presents:

The 31st Annual  
**Merit Badge University**  
**2026**



March 7, 2026  
Southeast Community College  
Beatrice, NE

## **MBU Schedule**

**8:00-8:45 AM Check-in** (Academic Excellence Center)

**8:45-9:00 AM Welcome**

**9:00-Noon (Merit Badge Session #1)**

**Noon-1:00 PM Lunch** (Campus Dining Hall or Off Site)

**1:00-4:00 PM (Merit Badge Session #2)**

**4:00 PM Depart for Home**

## **Registration**

Due to demand and organization, registrations are on a first-come, first-serve basis. **Registration is open until Monday, March 2nd, 2026, at 9 AM. No late registrations or on-site walk-ins will be accepted at the office or at the event. We will make no exceptions to this policy!!!** Adults, be sure to check out the opportunities to register for leader training.

## **Event Size Limit**

Merit Badge classes will be limited to 20 to 25 Scouts. Depending upon the merit badge offered, we reserve the right to have a lower-class size potentially for some merit badges. Units may not get to participate or have their first choice of merit badges. It will be important to register early.

## **Check-In Procedures**

Check-In will be at the Academic Excellence Center. **Please send one (1) adult representative to the registration table to check in the unit or individual Scouts to pick up necessary materials.** Please note the leader or representative needs to have knowledge of the youth attending and their registered classes. Each group will receive an information packet that includes wrist band(s), a list of classes that youth are registered for, and other information materials. **Please remember, no one will be allowed to register on the day of or switch merit badge classes on site. PLAN ACCORDINGLY!** Adult leaders are responsible for making sure their scouts are attending their classes.

## Merit Badge Requirements

Counselors teaching merit badge classes will use the most current, accurate, and official requirements available. Your best resource for finding the most up-to-date requirements can be found on the BSA National Website.

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsources/boyscouts/advancementandawards/meritbadges.aspx>

We encourage youth to follow the procedures in the Guide to Advancement and to review the merit badge requirements prior to arriving. Some merit badges have prerequisite requirements or requirements that obviously cannot be accomplished in a three-hour block or require a documented visit to a meeting or location that is not available during this event. For a prerequisite to be signed off, the day of the MBU, you need to work in advance of the class. An example might be a log or journal. Photo documentation may work too if the items are too valuable or too large to bring. The **Key** is to look at the requirements **BEFORE** arriving at the event. **Please be aware that not all requirements can or will be earned in a three-hour class period.**

Merit Badge Counselors do their best to get through as many requirements as possible at MBU's. Participation and preparation are key to success. Parents and leaders should realize and understand that participation and preparation by each Scout is of the utmost importance. It is up to the discretion of the Merit Badge Counselor to determine if Scouts are prepared and participating in the class. There have been on occasion Scouts that have skipped class or slept through most of the class and have not gotten requirements completed.

**Merit Badge Classes**

Following is a listing of the merit badge classes that will be offered this year at the MBU. **Please be aware that not all requirements can or will be earned in a three-hour class period.** Scouts will be instructed about which requirements will need to be finished outside of the Merit Badge University. In many cases, for a Scout to complete a merit badge, they will need to complete additional requirements not obtained in the MBU class offered and schedule time with an approved Merit Badge Counselor. Only a currently registered Merit Badge Counselor may sign off on the work. Scoutmasters and Advancement Chairs may only sign off on a merit badge if they are registered for the merit badge in question. National requirements have changed regarding who may sign off on a Merit Badge. More information can be found in The Guide to Advancement. **Units have on-line access to the requirements youth completed at the Merit Badge University through the registration number of the individual who registered the Scout or Scouts.** Instructions will be found in your information packet received at check-in.

**2026 Merit Badge University: Offered Merit Badges**

As we look to have a balance to the schedule, note that.

AM / PM denotes the session of separate offerings.

American Heritage (AM)	Dog Care (PM)	Personal Management (PM)
Citizenship in the Community (AM / PM)	*Electricity (AM)	Programming (PM)
Citizenship in the Nation (AM / PM)	Engineering (PM)	Public Health (AM)
Citizenship in the World (AM / PM)	Fire Safety (PM)	Radio (AM)
Communication (AM / PM)	Game Design (AM)	Music (PM)
First Aid (AM)	Sustainability (PM)	Veterinarian Medicine (AM)
Disabilities Awareness (PM)	Inventing (AM)	Digital Technology (AM)
Search & Rescue (PM)	Art (AM)	*Electronics (PM)
	Signs, Signals, & Codes (AM)	

\*Please note that there is a \$5.00 materials fee for the Electronics and Electricity MB's.\*

## **2026 Merit Badge University: Offered Leader Trainings**

### **National Rifle Association: Range Safety Officer (RSO) Training**

- Course content consists of RSO's roles and responsibilities, range standard operating procedures, range inspection and range rules, firearm stoppages and malfunctions, and Range Safety Briefings which include procedures to follow in the case of an emergency. RSO's who have successfully completed the course then can become a Chief Range Safety Officer, someone essential to training and supervising NRA Range Safety Officers and developing range standard operating procedures.
- **How this helps with Scouting** – Upon completion of this course the RSO will be able to assist and is expected to assist with Range and Target Activities at Cornhusker Council ranges both at Camp Cornhusker and the OEC as well as other Council sponsored events like day camps, merit badge clean up days, shooting clay events, and other Scouts BSA and Venturing events. This only applies to firearms and not Archery. Note that this is not a replacement for the range master training used for the Cub Scout level.
- **\$50.00 Fee Requires registration to participate.**

### **CPR / AED training from the American Heart Assn.**

- This class will cover all aspects of and will allow you to become CPR certified along with gaining the qualifications for AED usage.
- Class size is limited, so register now!
- **\$40.00 Fee Requires registration to participate.**

### **Safeguarding Youth Training**

- This class will cover all aspects of the Safeguarding Youth Protection Trainings and allow the recipient to be fully trained on Youth Protection.
- All adults in Scouting America must take the Safeguarding Youth Training by May 31, 2026, and this would be a great opportunity to complete that in an in-person setting.
- There is no fee for this training but we do ask that you sign up for the session

## **A Scout Is Prepared: What Should I Bring?**

- The “**Field Uniform**” is the appropriate attire for this event for everyone attending. Some refer to it as Class A, an unofficial nickname for scout uniforms.
- Youth inducted into the Order of the Arrow please bring your **OA Sash** with you. We need help directing Scouts and adult leaders to their class locations.
- Bring your **Merit Badge Pamphlets**, known as the Booklet, for help in discussions and research information. Ask your Scouts BSA leadership for more information.
- A pen and/or pencil to write with. Spares are great if you lose one.
- Paper for notes is advisable. Merit Badge Workbooks are a great tool and work great for notes and making lists or drafting short reports. Workbooks are not so great for requirements that ask you to discuss or show. Do not fall into the trap of filling out the entire workbook and believing your MBC will look at it quickly and sign you off. You still have more work to complete the requirements. Workbooks cannot be required to be used by a Counselor.
- **Lunch:** Bring a sack lunch or you may purchase lunch at the Campus Dining Hall or leave campus during the break and seek sustenance in Beatrice.

## **Instructions for Online Registration**

Go online to <https://www.cornhuskercouncil.org/>. Click on the calendar. Click on month & go to March. Click on March 7th and follow the prompts for registration. Not all merit badges will be offered morning and afternoon sessions. There will not be a waiting list, and when classes are full registration for that class will be closed.

**Registration for youth Fee: \$20.00 for event due at time of registration on or prior to March 1st, 2026. Some select MB's with specific kits or materials may have an additional charge.**

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