



Important Items to Note

Purpose of the Merit Badge College (the “MBC”): The intent of this program is to supplement your scout’s merit badge work with counselors in their troop, district, as well as at summer camp. Specifically, the MBC seeks to provide your scout an opportunity to meet with highly qualified professionals to learn and foster the development of lifelong interests, particularly for career and hobby-oriented merit badges.

Disclaimer: Earning a merit badge at the MBC is NOT guaranteed. No requirements will be “excused”; none will be “gifted”. Your scout MUST participate. Completion of assigned pre-requisites (“Pre-Req”, i.e. merit badge requirements that cannot be completed during the MBC) is essential to complete the merit badge. For scouts who are disappointed that they did not finish a merit badge at the MBC, please let them know that there is nothing wrong with partially completing a merit badge; your scout can finish the merit badge up until they are 18 years old.

Code of Conduct:

- the Scout Oath and Scout Law apply at all times.
- If your scout’s merit badge counselor determines that your scout is disruptive to a merit badge class, your scout may be asked to leave. No refunds will be given.
- The Twin Rivers Council, University of Scouting participants, and the MBC participants are guests of Shaker High School. Please leave it better than how you found it.
- Scouts should NOT be roaming the hallways.
- Please be respectful to both the MBC staff and its counselors; they are volunteering their time to support your scout’s advancement.

Prior to Arrival: To maximize their learning, your Scout should complete the following BEFORE the MBC:

- Secure the merit badge pamphlet(s) for your scout’s class(es) and then...
- ...have your Scout read the pamphlet(s)!!
- Complete the pre-requisite requirements (refer to the Merit Badge PreReq list)
- Print the merit badge workbook from this site (<http://usscouts.org/mb/worksheets/list.asp>) and complete the specified prerequisites. Before printing, please confirm they have been updated, if applicable for any 2026 requirement updates (<https://www.scouting.org/skills/merit-badges/all/>)

Recording of Merit Badge Advancement: All advancement will be processed through Scoutbook. Prior to the MBC, please have your scout’s Unit Leader “Start Another Merit Badge” for your scout in Scoutbook, provide the “initial unit leader signature” and proceed to “Invite Counselor” for the identified merit badge counselor in the “Merit Badge Counselor Info” form. If the class is being co-taught by merit badge counselors, the unit leader can choose either one.

If your scout's unit does not use Scoutbook, please feel free to bring a cardstock blue card that is signed by your scout's Unit Leader. Cardstock blue cards will NOT be provided at the MBC.

Items for your Scout to Bring to the MBC:

- Class A uniform – Scouts MUST be in their Class A uniform
- Snack from home
- Water bottle / something to drink
- Brown Bag lunch (if not purchasing the lunch option)
- Pen/pencil
- USScouts.org Merit Badge Worksheets with the completed pre-requisites for their class(es)
- Draw string bag or backpack to hold the above items

Cell Phones: Scouts may bring them BUT:

- It must be set to silent/vibrate during class
- A Scout is Courteous – unless instructed by the merit badge counselor for your scout to use their phone, your scout may NOT call/text/browse/play games/etc. during a class

Merit Badge Class Sessions:

Check in starts at 0730

- Morning (AM) = 8:00am-11:45am (includes opening ceremony and general session)
- Afternoon (PM) = 1:10pm – 4pm
- All Day

Cub Adventure Program

- **Check-In = as early as 8:30AM**
- **Morning Adventures = 9:00AM-11:50AM**
 - o **First Adventure = 9:00AM-10:20AM**
 - o **Second Adventure = 10:30AM – 11:50AM**
- **Lunch = 12:00PM – 1:00PM**

Pricing:

- In Council:

Credit / Debit Card = \$25.75

Bank Transfer / Check = \$25.00

- Out of Council:

Credit / Debit Card = \$36.05

Bank Transfer / Check = \$35.00

Electronics MB class requires a soldering project kit, which will be provided in the class and costs an additional:

Credit / Debit Card = \$17.51

Bank Transfer / Check = \$17.00

First Aid Merit Badge Cost is \$23.00 for American Heart Association eCard certification and pocket mask

Lunch Option- Lunch will be available to preorder at time of registration for an additional \$17.00. It will be a boxed lunch from Subway (includes sandwich or salad option, chips and cookie). **If your scout does not preorder lunch they must bring a bag lunch as there will be no food available to purchase on site!**

Where does my Scout report upon arrival?

Please have your scout report to their first classroom where they will receive their:

- packet,
- patch, as well as
- lunch ticket (if this was purchased with the scout's registration)

Hallway Map of Shaker High School

