



**MERIT BADGE UNIVERSITY**

**INDIAN WATERS COUNCIL**

**Leader's Guide**

FEBRUARY 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2023  
RIVER BLUFF HIGH SCHOOL  
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December 27, 2022

Dear Scouter,

Merit Badge University is a unique opportunity for Scouts to earn a Merit Badge. **This one-day event will be held at River Bluff High School.** It is sponsored by the Indian Waters Council and is held annually in the spring.

**MBU is scheduled for Saturday, February 25, 2023**

The Merit Badge system is designed to help Scouts explore career fields and areas of interest. We offer several sessions of the more popular Eagle-required Merit Badges, but please encourage your Scouts to use MBU as an opportunity to explore other exciting opportunities, such as Health Care Professions or Fire Safety.

The \$20.00 cost per Scout helps cover facility rental, insurance, lunch, a special MBU patch, teaching aids and supplies. Adult registration is also required. For their \$15.00 fee, adults will also receive a patch, lunch and registration for the **University of Scouting** that will be held the same day at River Bluff High School.

Online registration is required for this event and the Scout Office cannot register units for this event. When you are registering your Scouts for classes, the website will only show open classes. After your troop completes the on-line registration, a confirmation e-mail will be sent to the email address on your registration form. Please make sure the email address submitted is valid and can receive attachments. *If you do not receive a confirmation e-mail within 24 hours after completing your online registration, please contact me.*

Space is limited; this event is on a first come first served basis, so prompt registration is important. Thank you for your consideration and attention and we look forward to seeing you at MBU this year.

Important points to keep in mind:

- Male and female scouts will be in classes together and counselors will be a mix of male and female.
- Like the rest of scouting, MBU has an "Open Door Policy", leaders and parents are welcome to attend any class, we just ask that you do not disturb the classes.
- Lunch times are different for each class, so scouts should be prepared to eat with their class and not with their unit (lunch is provided as part of the registration).
- Troops should register as a unit online and plan to have one person responsible for registration the day of the event.
- **The Age and Rank Policy has been removed but it is important that leaders work with their scouts to make sure they choose a badge that is right for them.**
- Once registration is closed, we cannot make any changes to your unit's registration. This includes scouts switching classes or adding additional scouts. However, we will have a system in place the morning of MBU, where scouts can change to a different class from any open sessions and we will be able to register any scouts that did not sign up before registration closed.

Yours in Scouting,

Ed Helms

IWC Advancement Chair

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# MERIT BADGE UNIVERSITY 2023

## Indian Waters Council

**Saturday February 25, 2023**

**8:30 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.**

**River Bluff High School**

Please review the list of Merit Badge classes offered at this year's MBU and help your Scouts determine what classes they would be interested in and best suited to take.

It is very important that leaders help their Scouts choose a badge that is appropriate to their age, rank and maturity level. **Please go over the requirements with your Scouts before they sign up and make sure they know what is expected of them.** Enclosed is a sheet showing any prerequisites that need to be met before coming to MBU.

**Registration and packet pick-up on the morning of MBU will be done by UNIT ONLY. Please identify ONE person, from your unit, to pick up and be in charge of your unit's paperwork for the day.**

When registering your Scouts, the online program will tell you if a class is full and another choice must be made. Please make sure you have your scouts fill out all four choices on the attached worksheet, before you go online to register for MBU.

**To register online please go to the council website, [www.indianwaters.org](http://www.indianwaters.org) and look for the Merit Badge University/University of Scouting link on the front page.**

In order to expedite your troop's registration and ensure that your Scouts get the classes they desire, fill out all information requested including school, grade, and rank. You will need a credit card to complete registration of your Scouts; checks cannot be accepted for this event.

**Council Service Center CANNOT accept payments for this event.**

### CLASSES OFFERED

**(Eagle Required in *Italics*)**

<b>Art</b>	<b><i>Cooking</i></b>	<b><i>Personal Management</i></b>
<b><i>Cit in the Community</i></b>	<b><i>Emergency Prep</i></b>	<b>Safety</b>
<b><i>Cit in the Nation</i></b>	<b>Fire Safety</b>	<b><i>Sustainability</i></b>
<b><i>Cit in the World</i></b>	<b><i>First Aid</i></b>	<b>Traffic Safety</b>
<b><i>Communications</i></b>	<b>Heath Care Professions</b>	

**Every year, MBU fills up before the registration deadline.  
Registration will be closed once classes are filled.**

## MBU Prerequisites and Special Notes

(Look for additional prerequisites and notes through email closer to MBU)

	Special Notes
Art	-
Cit in the Community	-
Cit in the Nation	Note #3
Cit in the World	-
Communications	-
Cooking	-
Crime Prevention	
Emergency Prep	Note #1
Fire Safety	-
First Aid	Note #2
Heath Care Professions	-
Personal Management	Note #4
Safety	-
Sustainability	-
Traffic Safety	-

### Notes:

1. Scouts should have earned **First Aid MB** before taking **Emergency Prep MB**.
2. Scouts should have completed First Aid Requirements through First Class.
3. Scouts will not be able to complete requirement #2 at MBU.
4. It is **HIGHLY** recommended that Scouts be at least First Class and be in the seventh grade or higher.

### **IMPORTANT for ALL Badges:**

**Please make sure Scouts review and become familiar with the requirements of their badge and know what will be expected of them the day of MBU. Also, we will be sending out updates to leaders as we get closer to MBU, this will be impotent information that you will need to share with your scouts.**

# WORKSHEET FOR ONLINE REGISTRATION

**PLEASE REGISTER BY: February 18, 2023**

(Absolute deadline - if classes are still available)

**TO REGISTER, GO TO: [www.indianwaters.org](http://www.indianwaters.org)**

## FILL OUT ALL INFORMATION

TROOP # \_\_\_\_\_ COUNCIL \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PERSON \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL (Class confirmations will be sent to this email) \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL SCOUTS \_\_\_\_\_ x \$20.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL ADULTS \_\_\_\_\_ x \$15.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL SUBMITTED = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

All fees are required at time of registration.

## MERIT BADGE CLASS REGISTRATION

Scout's Name	Grade in School	Scout Rank	First Choice	Second Choice	Third Choice	Fourth Choice
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## Adult Registrations

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