



MARCH 9TH, 2019
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MERIT BADGE UNIVERSITY

INDIAN WATERS COUNCIL

Leader's Guide

Important Changes and Information for 2019

After 25 years, the location for MBU has changed, it will **NOT** be held at the University of South Carolina.

The event will be held at **Westwood High School, Blythewood SC.**

For the first time this year we will welcome female scouts, the program will not change but please keep the following in mind:

- Male and female scouts will be in classes together.
- 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.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

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January 8, 2019

Dear Scouter,

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

MBU is scheduled for Saturday, March 9, 2019

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 Engineering or Digital Technology.

The \$15.00 cost per Scout helps cover 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, refreshments, lunch and registration for the **University of Scouting** that will be held the same day at Westwood HS.

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's 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.

Yours in Scouting,

Ed Helms

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MERIT BADGE UNIVERSITY 2019

Indian Waters Council

Saturday March 9th 2019

8:30 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

Westwood 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 are signed up and make sure they know what will be 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 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. **Adult registration is required to attend adult training classes, eat lunch and receive an event patch.**

To register online please go to the council website, 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 option for this event.

Council Service Center CAN NOT accept payments for this event.

MERIT BADGES OFFERED

(Eagle Required in *Italics*, *Denotes first time badge has been offered at MBU.)

<i>Cit in the Community</i>	<i>Emergency Preparedness</i>	Crime Prevention
<i>Citizenship in the Nation</i>	<i>First Aid</i>	Digital Technology*
<i>Citizenship in the World</i>	<i>Personal Management</i>	Engineering
<i>Communication</i>	<i>Sustainability</i>	Game Design*
<i>Cooking</i>	Art	

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

MBU School Grade and Scout Rank Requirements

	Special Notes
<i>Citizenship in the Community</i>	-
<i>Citizenship in the Nation</i>	Note #3
<i>Citizenship in the World</i>	-
<i>Communication</i>	-
<i>Cooking</i>	-
<i>Emergency Preparedness</i>	Note #1
<i>First Aid</i>	Note #2
<i>Personal Management</i>	-
<i>Sustainability</i>	-
Art	-
Crime Prevention	-
Digital Technology	-
Engineering	-
Game Design	-

Notes:

1. Scout should have earned **First Aid MB** before taking **Emergency Prep MB**.
2. Scout should have completed First Aid Requirements through First Class.
3. Scout should complete Requirements #6 and #8 before coming to MBU.

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.

WORKSHEET FOR ONLINE REGISTRATION

PLEASE REGISTER BY: Thursday, FEBRUARY 28th, 2019

(Absolute deadline - if classes are still available)

TO REGISTER, GO TO: 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 \$15.00 = \$ _____

TOTAL ADULTS _____ x \$10.00 = \$ _____ 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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