



Mini
Merit Badge
University
Series

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Schedule

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Check-In
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Morning Sessions
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Afternoon Sessions
4:00 p.m.	Departure

Registration

Due to demand and planning more accurately for the numbers of units wishing to participate, registration will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

Registration is open until 11:59 pm March 19, 2025. No late registrations will be accepted at the office or at the event. We will make no exceptions to this policy!

Late registrations or walk-ins are not accepted in order to accommodate scouts and arrange merit badge classes. Adults, be sure to check out the opportunities to register for the adult leader trainings available.

Check-In Procedure for Scouts

One adult leader will check-in for the whole troop.

The adult leader will receive a package for the whole troop containing an attendance sheet, name tags and scout's schedules, as well as a list of any leaders in that troop registered for a course.

Every scout must check in for attendance with the adult leader from their troop. If a scout is absent at the start of the sessions, registration packages must be returned to the check-in desk for availability to that scout.

Please remember, no one will be allowed to register the day of, or switch merit badge classes on site. PLAN ACCORDINGLY! Adult leaders are responsible to make sure their scouts are attending their classes.

What Is Being Offered at the Merit Badge University Mini Sessions

Below are confirmed merit badge courses that are available to register for. Remember they are first-come, first-serve and have limited spaces.

- Citizenship in the Community (This badge will only be **partially completed** at the end of each session)
- Citizenship in the Nation (This badge will only be **partially completed** at the end of each session)
- Citizenship in the World (This badge will only be **partially completed** at the end of each session)

Each merit badge will be taught twice (once during the morning session, and once during the afternoon session) on its scheduled day. Scouts may register for a full day and do two merit badges on that day, or they can register for one merit badge during the session that is convenient for them.

Merit Badge Requirements

Attention! Merit badge requirements used, will be the most current, accurate, and official. Your best resource for finding the most up-to-date requirements will be found on the BSA National Website: <https://www.scouting.org/skills/merit-badges/>.

It is encouraged that the youth should follow the procedures in the *Guide to Advancement* and to look at the requirements for the merit badge they wish to take, prior to arriving on site.

We have done our best to advise all of which merit badges can be completed in one session prior to registration, however we **CANNOT** 100% guarantee that all requirements will be completed.

For merit badges that absolutely cannot be completed in one session, a merit badge counselor may ask for each scout to do a list of requirements as a prerequisite. If logs or journals are a part of the prerequisite, the scout will need to bring them with in order for the requirement to be signed off as complete after the session they attend. Photo documentation may work if prerequisite items are too valuable or too large to bring. The key is to look at the requirements **PRIOR** to arriving at the event. If a scout doesn't or isn't able to complete the prerequisites before the MBU, they can still complete them afterward.

Merit badge counselors will do their best to get through as many requirements as possible at MBU. After the MBU, the Scoutmaster of each unit in attendance will receive an email with a list of all requirements that were covered by the merit badge counselors in each session.

Adult leaders and parents should realize and understand that participation and preparation by each scout is of the utmost importance. It is up to the discretion of the counselor to determine if scouts are prepared and participating in the class. There have been, on occasion, scouts that have skipped their class, or slept through most of the class, and requirements were not signed off.

Merit Badge Completion Assistance (After MBU)

After the MBU, if you and scouts are in need of more information and assistance with completing merit badges, here is a list of merit badge counselors available to help. Remember when contacting merit badge counselors, always include a parent/guardian or Scoutmaster to your conversation in accordance with youth protection standards.

A Scout Is Prepared: What to 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 the scout uniforms.
- Youth inducted into the Order of the Arrow may wear their sashes.
- Bring your Merit Badge pamphlets, or booklet, to aid in discussions and researching information. You can purchase and download a PDF copy of the Merit Badge books at [Scouting.org](https://www.scouting.org) (recommended) by clicking on the merit badge, or at the Scout Shop (limited supply available).
- 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 possibly writing a short report. 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 merit badge counselor 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. To download and print a merit badge workbook, visit usscout.org.
- Sunscreen is advised during lunch, as well as for classes that will be held outdoors. Horsemanship will have a component of class outside.
- A labeled water bottle. Water bottles will be provided for lunch, but you may want your own for the rest of the day.

Lunch

Lunch will be provided for all scouts that are registered. At this MBU, scouts will have a choice to register and receive the following:

- 2 slices of cheese pizza
- 2 slices of pepperoni pizza
- 2 slices of 3 meat pizza.

****If you have a Scout with a dietary restriction, please contact the event coordinator or staff advisor.****

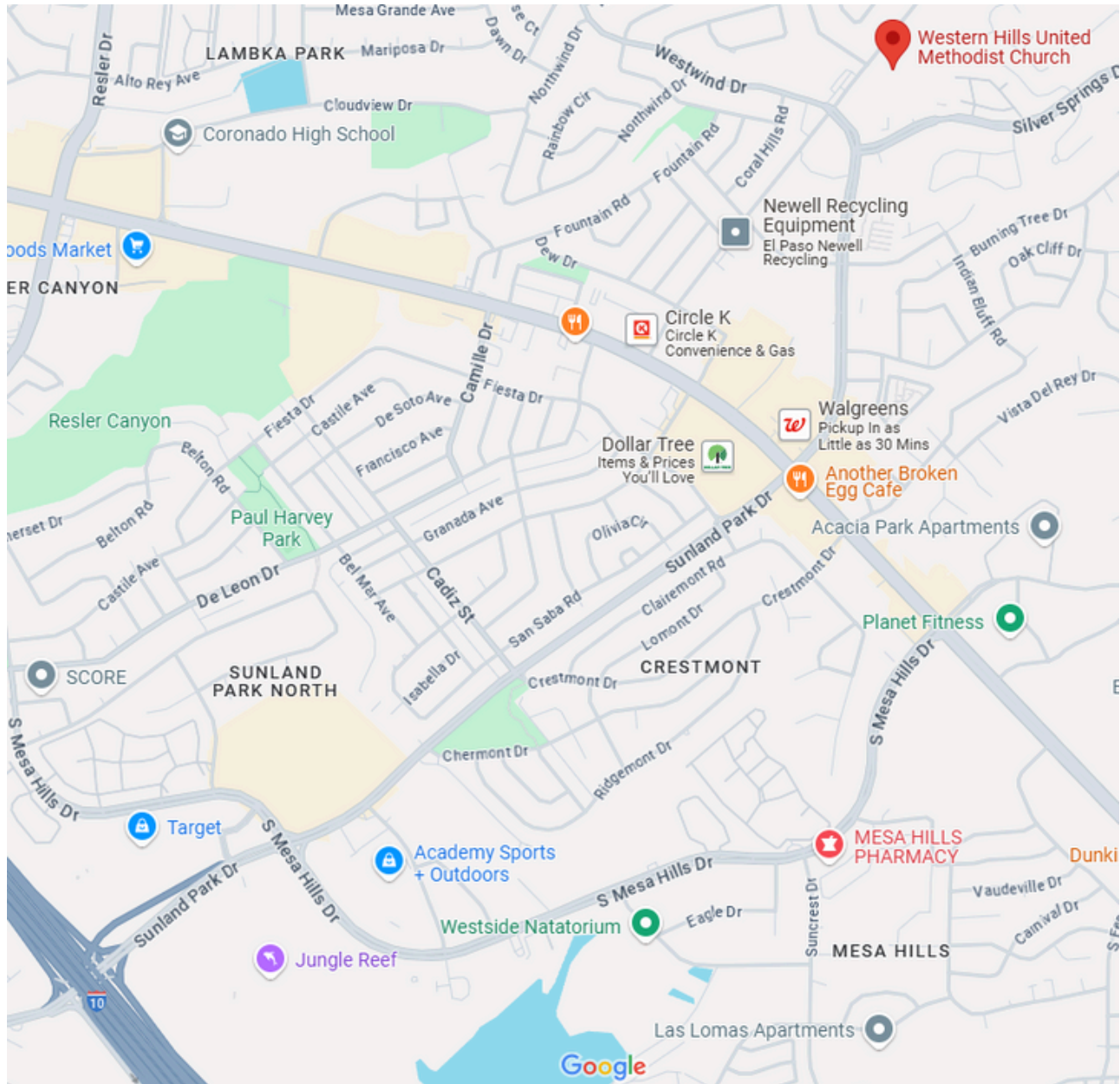
A water bottle and bag of chips will be provided as well.

You may bring your own meal if preferred. No coolers will be available for storage, so be prepared.

Location & Map

Western Hills United Methodist is located off Thunderbird Dr. near Westwind Dr./Shadow Mountain Dr./Sunland Park Dr.

The address is 524 Thunderbird Dr, El Paso, Texas, 79912.



Parking

When parking at Western Hills United Methodist, please reverse park into your spot for safety precautions.

Directions

From I-10 E:

- Follow I-10 E
- Take exit 11 toward TX-20/Mesa St
- Merge onto S Desert Blvd/Service Dr
- Use the left 2 lanes to turn left onto N Mesa St
- Turn left onto Thunderbird Dr
- Keep right to stay on Thunderbird Dr
 - Destination will be on the right

From I-10 W:

- Follow I-10 W
- Use the 2nd from the right lane to take exit 13 toward Sunland Park Dr
- Use the middle lane to take the Sunland Park Dr ramp
- Keep right at the fork and merge onto Sunland Park Dr
- Continue going straight as Sunland Park Dr. becomes Shadow Mountain Dr
- Turn right onto Thunderbird Dr
 - Destination will be on the right.