

**2025 Northwest Texas Council  
Merit Badge College  
March 22, 2025**



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**2025 NWTB MERIT BADGE COLLEGE – March 22, 2025**  
**MIDWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY– WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS**  
**EVENT INFORMATION**

You are invited to attend the Midwestern State University (MSU) Merit Badge College (MBC), hosted by MSU and sponsored by the Northwest Texas Council, Boy Scouts of America. This will be a unique opportunity for your Scouts to work on a variety of merit badges! Registration is **LIMITED** to the **FIRST 250 SCOUTS**!

**Cost:** The fees for Merit Badge College are as follows:

**Scouts BSA Youth** - \$35 per Scout and includes: grab-and-go breakfast, lunch in the MSU Mustang Cafeteria, MSU t-shirt, and event patch are provided. The regular registration fee is \$50 per Scout beginning March 1, 2025, and those who register from March 8<sup>th</sup> through March 16<sup>th</sup> will pay the late fee of \$60. No registrations will be accepted after March 16, 2025.

**Adult Participant** - \$7 per Adult Participant and includes: participation in the adult training sessions AND lunch in the MSU Mustang Cafeteria (**NO BREAKFAST**). The fee increases to \$10 per Adult Participant beginning March 1, 2025, and those who register from March 8<sup>th</sup> through March 16<sup>th</sup> will pay the late fee of \$15.

**Adult Staff** - \$7 per Adult Staff and includes the event patch AND lunch (**NO BREAKFAST**). Adult Staff **WILL NOT** be able to participate in adult training offered at the event, and those who register from March 8<sup>th</sup> through March 16<sup>th</sup> will pay the late fee of \$10.

Lunch for any adult attending MBC **MUST BE PURCHASED AHEAD OF TIME** using the Adult Participant/Staff ticket. Lunch tickets **CANNOT** be purchased at the event.

**Registration Deadline:** You **MUST REGISTER** at <https://scoutingevent.com/587-96364> **BEFORE** close of business Sunday March 16, 2025. **NO REGISTRATIONS** will be accepted after this date, **NO EXCEPTIONS**.

**Merit Badges:** A Scout may work on up to two (2) different merit badges from a list of approximately 20+ merit badges offered. st classes meet for three hours on Saturday, however, select classes will meet during both the morning/afternoon sessions. There are select merit badges that will require two sessions. Periodic breaks may be given at the discretion of the merit badge instructor.

**Merit Badge Offerings:** Classes will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. It is imperative to register at your earliest convenience to ensure the best possible opportunity to secure the merit badge class(es) he/she wishes to participate in.

- Uniform:** All Scouts and Scout Leaders must wear a **COMPLETE BSA Uniform** for merit badge classes and during lunch. Please **DO NOT** bring/wear merit badge or OA sashes.
- Activity Waiver:** MSU Texas requires all youth participants attending this event to complete an Activity Waiver (attached as the last page of this Leader's Guide). All participants must submit a completed, signed copy of the Activity Waiver (one (1) per Scout) at check-in before they are allowed to participate. Scouts without a signed waiver will be asked to leave the campus and **WILL NOT** be allowed to participate. Scouts without a signed waiver **WILL NOT** be eligible for a refund.
- Behavior:** Midwestern State University has welcomed the NWTC onto their campus for this year's event. It is imperative that all Scouts be on their best behavior. Those Scouts disrupting instruction or failing to act appropriately will be removed from the event and the Scoutmaster and parent(s) will be notified.
- Volunteers:** This event would not be possible without the selfless service of adult volunteers. Every adult who registers to volunteer ("Adult Staff" ticket - \$7) will receive a 2025 NWTC Merit Badge College event patch **AND** lunch! Volunteers **WILL NOT** be able to participate in adult training offered at the event.
- Camping:** Overnight and weekend camping accommodations for 2025 NWTC Merit Badge College Participants will be available at no cost to units at Perkins Scout Reservation located at 9970 Perkins Road, Wichita Falls, TX 76305.
- Individuals interested in overnight and/or weekend camping accommodations will need to select the option for overnight/weekend camping when registering for the event. Approximately two (2) weeks before the event, you will be contacted with information about your campsite (based on the number of participants electing to camp) and accommodation information (e.g. use of facilities, burn ban information (if applicable), vehicles in camp, etc).
- Check Out:** Merit Badge College ends promptly at 4:00PM. You will be able to pick up your Scout at the Clark Student Center – Comanche Suites. Your Scout **MUST CHECK OUT** with a Merit Badge College Staff member **BEFORE** he or she can leave the campus. **Scouts will receive their event patch when they check out.**
- MB Reports:** Merit Badge College documentation (i.e. Blue cards) will be available no later than two (2) weeks after the event. NOTE – Your scout **WILL NOT RECEIVE Blue Cards at the conclusion of the event.** Bear with staff as they sort out and finalize the appropriate advancement documents (Blue Cards) your Scout must submit to your Unit's Advancement Coordinator.
- Adult Training:** Please look for training announcements as we get closer to the event.

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**MERIT BADGE OFFERINGS / REQUIREMENTS**

Scouts can choose from the following merit badges while attending MBC. It is highly recommended Scouts review the requirements for any merit badge they select to both familiarize and help prepare for MBC. While most merit badges have no pre-requisites, all Scouts should “**BE PREPARED**” and come to MBC ready to complete all requirements. Scouts who do not complete all merit badge requirements (e.g. work is not turned in, Scout does not participate, Scout leaves early, Scout sleeps, etc.) may not complete the merit badge. While it is our goal to complete all merit badge requirements at MBC (with the exception of the prerequisite(s) listed below), unforeseen circumstances may prevent this from being accomplished. NWTC MBC reserves the right to cancel any merit badge offering due to low registration numbers.

**AMERICAN BUSINESS**

Requirements: <https://www.scouting.org/merit-badges/american-business/>  
[https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/Merit\\_Badge\\_ReqandRes/AmericanBusiness.pdf](https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/Merit_Badge_ReqandRes/AmericanBusiness.pdf)

Prerequisites: None

Session Info: Offered in AM Session **ONLY**.

Age/Rank: None

**ART**

Requirements: <https://www.scouting.org/merit-badges/art/>

Prerequisites: Requirement 7 (come prepared to discuss; any research must be completed ahead of time)

Session Info: Offered in AM Session **ONLY**.

Age/Rank: None

**CHEMISTRY**

Requirements: <https://www.scouting.org/merit-badges/chemistry/>

Prerequisites: Scouts must have close-toed shoes and the ability to pull long hair back and out of the way

Session Info: Offered in AM Session **ONLY**.

Age/Rank: None

**CHESS**

Requirements: <https://www.scouting.org/merit-badges/chess/>

Prerequisites: None

Session Info: Offered during lunch

Age/Rank: None

**CITIZENSHIP IN THE NATION**

Requirements: <https://www.scouting.org/merit-badges/citizenship-in-the-nation/>

Prerequisites: Please be prepared with the following requirements. 5. Watch the national evening news for five days in a row or read the main stories in a national media organization (e.g., a newspaper or news website) for five days in a row. Be prepared to discuss the national issues that you learned about with your counselor. Choose one issue and be prepared to explain how it affects you, your family, and community.

6. Choose a speech of national historical importance. Be prepared to explain:

- a. Who the author was
- b. What the historical context was
- c. What difficulties the nation faced that the author wished to discuss
- d. What the author said

## CITIZENSHIP IN THE NATION (Prerequisites cont.)

6e. Why the speech is important to the nation's history.

Choose a sentence or two from the speech that has significant meaning to you, and tell your counselor why.

7d. Choose a national monument that interests you. Using books, brochures, the internet (with your parent's permission), and other resources, find out more about the monument. Be prepared to tell your counselor what you learned, and explain why the monument is important to this country's citizens.

8. Write a letter to your representative in Congress explaining your views on a national issue. Bring a copy of your letter along with any response you may have received to Merit Badge College.

Session Info: Offered in both AM/PM Sessions; requires participation in one session to complete requirements offered.

Age/Rank: None

## CITIZENSHIP IN THE WORLD

Requirements: <https://www.scouting.org/merit-badges/citizenship-in-the-world/>

Prerequisites: None

Session Info: Offered in both AM/PM Sessions; requires participation in one session to complete requirements offered.

Age/Rank: None

## COMMUNICATION

Requirements: <https://www.scouting.org/merit-badges/communication/>

Prerequisites: Requirement 8 cannot be completed during the event

Session Info: Offered in both AM/PM Sessions; requires participation in one session to complete requirements offered.

Age/Rank: Must be at least Tenderfoot; no age restriction

## DENTISTRY

Requirements: <https://www.scouting.org/merit-badges/dentistry/>

Prerequisites: None

Session Info: Offered in AM Session **ONLY**.

Age/Rank: None

## ELECTRONICS

Requirements: <https://www.scouting.org/merit-badges/electronics/>

Prerequisites: None

Session Info: Offered in the AM Session **ONLY**.

Age/Rank: None

## ENGINEERING

Requirements: <https://www.scouting.org/merit-badges/engineering/>

Prerequisites: Requirement 1 (come prepared to discuss; any research must be completed ahead of time)

Requirement 9 (come prepared to discuss; any research must be completed ahead of time)

Session Info: Offered in the PM Session **ONLY**.

Age/Rank: None

## ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Requirements: <https://www.scouting.org/merit-badges/entrepreneurship/>

Prerequisites: None

Session Info: Offered in the AM Session **ONLY**.

Age/Rank: None

### FIRST AID (ALL-DAY COURSE)

Requirements: <https://www.scouting.org/merit-badges/first-aid/>

Prerequisites: Requirement 5a and 5b

Session Info: Offered in one **ALL DAY SESSION ONLY**; Scout will not be able to participate in another MB class.

Age/Rank: None

### GEOLOGY

Requirements: <https://www.scouting.org/merit-badges/geology/>

Prerequisites: None

Session Info: Offered in PM Session **ONLY**.

Age/Rank: None

### PHOTOGRAPHY

Requirements: <https://www.scouting.org/merit-badges/photography/>

Prerequisites: None

Session Info: Offered in PM Session **ONLY**.

Age/Rank: None

### PLUMBING

Requirements: <https://www.scouting.org/merit-badges/plumbing/>

Prerequisites: None

Session Info: Offered in PM Session **ONLY**.

Age/Rank: None

### PROGRAMMING

Requirements: <https://www.scouting.org/merit-badges/programming/>

Prerequisites: Requirement 1a (more information at: [www.scouting.org/cyberchip](http://www.scouting.org/cyberchip))

Session Info: Offered in PM Session **ONLY**.

Age/Rank: None

### SKATING

Requirements: <https://www.scouting.org/merit-badges/skating/>

Prerequisites: Scouts can complete this badge if they have previous skating experience. This event will be held off-site at The Plex; transportation will be provided. **Entrance and skate rental is \$15; Scouts are responsible for paying at the rink** and are welcome to bring their own quads/rollerblades for a reduced cost.

Session Info: Offered in PM Session **ONLY**.

Age/Rank: None

### SUSTAINABILITY

Requirements: <https://www.scouting.org/merit-badges/sustainability/>

Prerequisites: None

Session Info: Offered in both AM/PM Sessions; requires participation in one session to complete requirements offered.

Age/Rank: None

### WEATHER

Requirements: <https://www.scouting.org/merit-badges/weather/>

Prerequisites: None

Session Info: Offered in PM Session **ONLY**.

Age/Rank: None

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### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 21, 2025

05:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Check-in for weekend/overnight camping (optional)

@ Camp Perkins – 9970 Perkins Road, Wichita Falls, TX 76305

11:00 p.m.

Lights out

@ Camp Perkins – 9970 Perkins Road, Wichita Falls, TX 76305

#### SATURDAY, March 22, 2025

07:30 a.m. – 08:00 a.m.

**Check-in, registration, and breakfast**

@ Clark Student Center – Comanche Suites

08:00 a.m. – 08:30 a.m.

**Opening flag ceremony and MSU Presentation**

@ Clark Student Center – Comanche Suites

08:30 a.m. – 08:45 a.m.

**Group Picture**

@ MSU Mustang Sculpture

08:45 a.m. – 09:00 a.m.

**Travel to Merit Badge Class 1**

@ Depart with Leader from Sculpture

09:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

**Midwestern State University Parent Tour**

@ Clark Student Center – Comanche Suites

09:00 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.

**Merit Badge Class 1**

@ Location varies – refer to check-in documents for class location

09:00 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.

**Adult Training**

@ Clark Student Center, Comanche Suites

11:50 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Travel to Lunch**

@ Depart with Leader from MB Class 1 to Clark Student Center Cafeteria

12:00 p.m. – 12:50 p.m.

**Lunch**

@ Clark Student Center Cafeteria

12:00 p.m. – 12:50 p.m.

**Chess Merit Badge**

@ Clark Student Center, Comanche Suites

12:50 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**Travel to Merit Badge Class 2**

@ Depart with Leader from Clark Student Center, Comanche Suites

12:50 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**Adult Training**

@ Clark Student Center, Comanche Suites

1:00 p.m. – 3:50 p.m.

**Merit Badge Class 2**

@ Location varies – refer to check-in documents for class location

3:50 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Travel to Check-out**

@ Depart with Leader from MB Class 2 to Clark Student Center

4:00 p.m.

**Merit Badge College concludes**

@ Clark Student Center – Comanche Suites