

**2026 Northwest Texas Council
Merit Badge College
March 28, 2026**



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2026 NWTC MERIT BADGE COLLEGE – March 28, 2026
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 - \$40 per Scout and includes: grab-and-go breakfast, lunch in the MSU Mustang Cafeteria, MSU t-shirt, and event patch are provided. The fee increases to \$55 per Scout beginning March 8, 2026. Late registration fees are \$65 and run from March 15 – 20, 2026.

Adult Participant - \$10 per Adult Participant and includes: participation in the adult training sessions AND lunch in the MSU Mustang Cafeteria (**NO BREAKFAST**). The fee increases to \$13 per Adult Participant beginning March 8, 2026. Late registration fees are \$18 and run from March 15 – 20, 2026.

Adult Staff - \$7 per Adult Staff and includes: event patch AND lunch (**NO BREAKFAST**). Adult Staff **WILL NOT** be able to participate in adult training offered at the event. Late registration fees are \$10 and run from March 15 – 20, 2026.

Lunch for any adult attending MBC **MUST BE PURCHASED AHEAD OF TIME** using the Adult Participant ticket for \$10. Lunch tickets **CANNOT** be purchased at the event.

Registration Deadline: You **MUST REGISTER** at <https://scoutingevent.com/587-96364> **BEFORE** close of business Friday, March 20, 2026. **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. The classes meet for three hours on Saturday. 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 found at [Mustangs Link - MINOR Summer Camp/Event - Participant Waiver](#). 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.
- Adults on Campus:** All adults who stay on campus during the event, including parents and guardians, staff, and volunteers must provide their **Safeguarding Youth Training expiration date** and submit a background check through the university no later than **two weeks prior to the start of MBC, March 14, 2026**. [Summer Camp Background Check | signNow](#). All adults must also sign the Adult Participant Waiver at [Mustangs Link - Form: ADULT Summer Camp/Event - Participant Waiver](#).
- 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 2026 NWTC Merit Badge College event patch **AND** lunch! Volunteers **WILL NOT** be able to participate in adult training offered at the event.
- 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:** Scoutmaster Specifics will be offered this year. Part of the course we will have a special Life to Eagle presentation on all the steps required to complete your Eagle Proposal to the Eagle Application. This section is open to all parents and leaders.

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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.

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AMERICAN BUSINESS

Requirements: <https://www.scouting.org/merit-badges/american-business/>
https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/Merit_Badge_ReqandRes/AmericanBusiness.pdf

Prerequisites: None

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

Age/Rank: None

AMERICAN LABOR

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

Prerequisites: None

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

Age/Rank: None

CITIZENSHIP IN SOCIETY

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

Prerequisites: None

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

Age/Rank: Must be at least 14 years old.

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

CRIME PREVENTION

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

Prerequisites: None

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

Age/Rank: None

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: TBA

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

Age/Rank: None

GEOLOGY

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

Prerequisites: None

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

Age/Rank: None

PHOTOGRAPHY

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

Prerequisites: Scouts will not be able to complete #7 in class.

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)
Session Info: Offered in PM Session **ONLY**.
Age/Rank: None

SCOUTING HERITAGE & COLLECTIONS

Requirements: <https://www.scouting.org/merit-badges/scouting-heritage/>
<https://www.scouting.org/merit-badges/collections/>
Prerequisites: Scouts must come prepared with their collection or provide pictures of their collection for both badges. Scouts should be prepared to talk about requirements #4 & #5 in the Collections Merit Badge. Failure to do so will result in an incomplete for the class.
Session Info: Offered in AM Session **ONLY**.
Age/Rank: None

WEATHER

Requirements: <https://www.scouting.org/merit-badges/weather/>
Prerequisites: None
Session Info: Offered in PM Session **ONLY. PLEASE NOTE:** Meteorologist, John Cameron, will be leading this class along with the MSU professor, Dr. Hood. The local news station, KFDX, will be in the classroom documenting the class.
Age/Rank: None

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SATURDAY, March 28, 2026

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

