



Merit Badge College

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January 11, 2025

Leader's Registration Guide

Leon Valley District

1st Annual Merit Badge College

Saturday, January 11, 2025

Schedule	
Time	Saturday
6:00 AM	Check-in
7:00 AM	Opening Ceremony
7:30 AM - 9:30 AM	Course A
9:45 AM-11:45 AM	Course B
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Lunch
1:15 PM - 3:15 PM	Course C
3:30 PM - 5:30 PM	Course D
5:30 PM - 5:45 PM	Departure

Leader Hospitality: TBD

For medical/police emergencies call 911 and identify yourself as a participant in the Scouting Merit Badge College at Texas A&M -Central Texas University.

For non-medical situations and questions related to the Merit Badge College, please call Sandy Landes at 706-984-9166.

LVD Merit Badge College - January 11, 2025

Leon Valley Merit Badge College REGISTRATION DEADLINE: December 20, 2024

**Event is open to both male and female troops from Leon Valley and Chisolm Trail Districts
Adult leaders: YPT verification**

Time & Place: The Merit Badge College will be conducted on the TAMUCT campus on Saturday, January 11. A schedule for the event is included in this packet. **Check-in 6 am at Texas A&M Central Texas University, Killeen, Texas**

Cost: The Scout fee for the Merit Badge Seminar is \$40.00 (lunch included). This fee also covers an event patch, supplies, and facility rentals. Adult fees \$20 (including lunch and badge).

Classes will be filled on a first-come, first-paid basis—so register as soon as possible!

Merit Badges: A Scout may work on up to four (4) different merit badges from a list of approximately 22 merit badges offered. We have several sessions for some of the required Eagle merit badges to keep the classes smaller. All classes meet for two hours each on Saturday.

Leadership: Each Troop must have at least TWO (2) REGISTERED ADULTS, one of whom must be over 21 years of age. All leaders are required to have current BSA Youth Protection Training to be on campus with your troop at all times and supervising your troop while traveling.

Adult: Onsite training will be available. A computer lab/access to Wi-Fi may be available for all adult on-line training (bring a device if a computer lab is not available).

Uniform: All Scouts and leaders must wear their full Class A uniform for classes, meals, and chapel. A Scout-related t- shirt is adequate for off-times and activities.

District Contact:

Sandy Landes
LVD
Phone: (706) 984-9166

leonvalleyadvancements@gmail.com

Where to Register:

Longhorn Council Events

Online: <https://www.scoutingevent.com/662>

Event Information:

Step 1. Review this packet in total. All merit badges will be taught by the following schedule:

Course A – Saturday at 7:30 a.m.

Course B – Saturday at 9:45 a.m.

Course C – Saturday at 1:15 p.m.

Course D – Saturday at 3:30 p.m.

When registering, please list the merit badge class choices in order of priority, 1st choice being the most needed or desired, and 6th to 8th choices the least needed or preferred.

Step 2. Leaders must review merit badge requirements to determine if a Scout is mature enough to register for the class. Consider the needs of the Scout and the work, some of which may be necessary before class.

Step 3. Scouts will be registered for up to 4 merit badges. Most merit badge classes take 2 hours of total class time.

Step 4. Have the Scouts study the merit badge pamphlets prior to attending the Seminar. Some work will need to be completed before or after class and/or may have “time requirements”. We will provide worksheets for the classes. It is recommended Scouts bring a notebook or folder for notes and class materials.

Step 5. Register the Scouts and adults who are attending and submit registration form(s) and fee payment online to the Longhorn Council **no later than December 1, 2024.**

Step 6. The Merit Badge College Staff will assign classes to all scouts and will try to register each scout with his or her first choice in each time slot. Due to the number of merit badge classes, we must schedule, and in trying to keep class size reasonable, some flexibility is expected. We do our best. Class assignments will be emailed to your **designated Troop Leader by Monday, December 30, 2024. BE SURE THE EMAIL ADDRESS IS CORRECT FOR THE MAIN CONTACT PERSON.**

Step 7. Individual class lists and maps will be included in your registration packet to be picked up by a leader during registration. We will do check-in on Saturday morning so that leaders will have materials to review and distribute to Scouts and Leaders.

Step 8. Attend the Merit Badge Seminar. The instructor for each session will have a roster to check attendance and requirement completion. After the event, the troop contact person will receive a list of Scouts and badges earned/requirements completed. *The Merit Badge College Staff retains the attendance sheet by classes.* **NOTE: Remember, simply attending class does not guarantee a Scout will complete the Merit Badge.**

Review partials and completions received after the event and help your Scouts complete any remaining requirements. Recognize your Scouts for their achievements! Completion reports will be sent to each troop within 4 weeks after the MBC.

MEALS..... WHAT’S FOR LUNCH?

Pizza will be provided for lunch on Saturday along with bottled water and fruit.

2025 Leon Valley District Merit Badge College Service Project

As an inaugural event, Texas A&M-Central Texas is sponsoring the Merit Badge College by hosting us on their beautiful campus. By doing so, they are allowing Leon Valley District to offer the opportunity for Scouts to earn merit badges and advance in knowledge, skill and rank.

To show our appreciation, the 2025 Leon Valley District MBC will include a service project to support students and assist with food insecurity. Many college students struggle to get through each semester, often forgoing meals to pay for their college and living expenses.

Our service project will help the campus food bank. Each Scout is asked to bring one item on the list below to help stock the shelves of the food bank for the Spring semester. Each troop will bring their items to our event opening assembly so that we can offer service to Texas A&M University Central Texas and to the campus community for being so generous over the years and welcoming to Scouts!



- Cereal
- Trail Mix/packaged Nuts
- Granola Bars
- Vegetable oil/canola/oil/olive oil
- Pasta Meals (mac n' cheese, ravioli, hamburger helper, etc.) ● Pasta Sauce
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Muffin, pancake, or mashed potato mixes

As leaders we need your assistance in the following areas, and we are providing training opportunities.

1. Merit Badge Aides - Adults willing to assist counselors in the classroom. Morning or Afternoon.
2. Hall Monitors - Adults willing to help observe and help around Campus. Morning or Afternoon.
3. All adults bringing scouts are encouraged to serve as a classroom aide, hall monitor, or attend one of the training courses.
4. Fee pays for a patch, printed materials, mailings, facility rental, and meals.
6. A hospitality area will be provided for leaders.

Adult Training:

On-Line Training Position Specific Training (bring your laptop or device)

“Life to Eagle” Orientation

Eagle Mentor Training

The classes offered for scouts is on the next page. Please use the form found on the registration site to have your scouts choose their top 8 merit badges to add to the site or email directly to leonvalleyadvancements@gmail.com.

Courses will be filled on a first come, first serve and some classes may be cancelled if not enough participation. Final scout schedules will be emailed to registered leaders at least a week prior to the event.

2025 LVD Merit Badge College Classes Offered

Eagle Required MB

Citizenship in Community

Citizenship in Nation

Citizenship in Society

Citizenship in World

Communication

Emergency Prep

First Aid

Personal Fitness

Sustainability

Non-Eagle MB

Archeology

Astronomy

Auto Maintenance

Aviation

Crime Prevention/Fingerprinting

Dentistry

Digital Technology

Disabilities Awareness

Movie Making

Public Speaking

Theater

Veterinary Medicine

Weather

***Classes with not enough participation may be cancelled and leaders will be contacted if a change needs to be made.

