

2026 Gulf Coast Council's Merit Badge University (MBU) Prerequisites

MBU will be held in the Niceville City Complex area and various professional sites within 5 minutes of the complex. Please watch email and website for final class locations and check in points. As registrations come in, enrollment may require changes. Niceville City Complex area (206 N Partin Dr, Niceville, FL), Emergency Operations Center (EOC) (90 College Blvd, Niceville, FL) on the west side of Northwest Florida State College campus in Niceville, and Northrup Grumman Niceville office at 912 South Palm Blvd.

Additional documents & permission slips will be available on the registration page.

To prepare for all merit badges, read the pamphlet before class. Be sure to do the pre-requisites for your class, email/bring any permission slips needed, and other items listed. Failure to complete the prerequisites will interfere with completion of the merit badge. Participants will need to bring their own lunch (if not ordered), medical form, and water bottle.

Architecture - Ncv City Complex - Before class: Read MB pamphlet. The prerequisites and resource video links needed can be found online here; please watch. 1(a) Tour your community and list the different types of buildings you see. Try to identify buildings that can be associated with a specific period of history or style of architecture. Make a sketch of the building you most admire; 1(b) Select a historical architectural achievement that has had a major impact on society. Using resources such as the internet (with your parent or guardian's permission), books, and magazines, find out how this achievement has influenced the world today. Tell your counselor what you learned; 5 Watch videos on careers to be prepared to discuss requirements. Ian Wright

Aviation – Northrup Grumman Office Niceville – Please read the Aviation Merit Badge Pamphlet/Book. Return field trip form to visit Rocky Air Strip in Niceville. Robert Pacheco

Citizenship in the Community – Ncv City Complex - Read the Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge Pamphlet/Book, PLUS complete requirements #2a, #3ab, #4ab, #7abc, and #8. Come prepared with presentation. Guy Wills

Citizenship in the Nation – Ncv City Complex – Read the Citizenship in the Nation Merit Badge Pamphlet/Book, PLUS, accomplish requirements #5 (Watch the nightly news for 5 days/nights in a row), #7 (Complete one of the two posted requirements and come prepared to share/discuss, ideally with a photo or 2), and #8 (Write a letter to your Congressional Representative and bring copy of letter to the class). If these items are not completed before MBU, you can then finish the requirements with a Merit Badge Counselor assigned from your troop. Britt Warren

Communication – Ncv City Complex – Please read the Communication Merit Badge Pamphlet/Book. PLUS, come prepared to present the multiple speeches listed in the merit badge requirements. Scouts who show up prepared for the multiple speeches AND bring their 24-hour communication log with them will be able to complete the badge IF they have already accomplished requirement #8. If requirement #8 has not been completed prior to class, it will need to be done after MBU. Jenn Broxson

Cooking – EOC – Before class: Read MB pamphlet. Fill out and bring food menus (use sheets on registration page) for review and approval. After class: Cook home and camp meals. Maria Randolph

Crime Prevention - Ncv City Complex – Before class: Read MB pamphlet. Req #2 Prepare a journal from various sources addressing crime and crime prevention efforts in your community. #4b Conduct a security survey of your home and discuss the results with your family. #5 Teach your family or patrol members how to protect themselves from crime at home. #6a Create a poster to display; present it to a group. (If not done before, will need to be done after and sent to instructor.) Fill out Crime Prevention Survey. Taught by the Niceville Police Dept

Electronics & Electricity PM - Ncv City Complex - Two merit badges will be covered. Before class: Review MB pamphlets. Thomas Williams

Emergency Preparedness – EOC - Before class: Read MB pamphlet. Bring to class (easier) OR submit to counselor after class: #1, 2c, 7b, and 8b. 1) Completed 1st Aid MB -- THIS IS NOT REQUIRED TO BE COMPLETED BEFORE CLASS BUT IS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THE MB. 2c) Meet with and teach your family how to get or build a kit, make a plan, and be informed for the situations on the chart you create for requirement 2b. Complete a family plan. Then meet with your counselor and report on your family meeting, discuss their responses, and share your family plan. -- HAVE FAMILY PLAN COMPLETED TO TALK ABOUT IN CLASS, WHICH MEANS 2B SHOULD BE COMPLETED BEFORE CLASS. 7b) Prepare a written plan for mobilizing your troop when needed to do emergency service. If there is already a plan, explain it. Tell your part in making it work. -- MUST BE A WRITTEN PLAN! 8b) Prepare a personal emergency service pack for a mobilization call. Prepare a family emergency kit (suitcase or waterproof box) for use by your family in case an emergency evacuation is needed. Explain the needs and uses of the contents. -- PICTURES OF KIT ITEMS WILL WORK FOR THIS REQ. Mic Wehmeyer

Environment Science – Ncv City Complex – Before class: Read MB pamphlet. Complete requirement #3e (Do research on one endangered species found in your state. Find out what its natural habitat is, why it is endangered, what is being done to preserve it, and how many individual organisms are left in the wild. Prepare a 100-word report about the organism, including a drawing. Present your report to your patrol or troop.). Bring proof of prior merit badge requirement completion to class or come prepared to present your report. Sabina Pennington

Family Life PM - Ncv City Complex - Before class: Read MB pamphlet. More TBD. Michelle Wright

Graphic Arts AM - Ncv City Complex – Before class: Read MB pamphlet. More TBD. Matthew Lester

Journalism - EOC - Before class: Read MB pamphlet. Complete Internet and Field Trip Permission Slips. This class will visit the Niceville Community Market event in the morning to gather information for an article. Nick Tomeck

Law - Ncv City Complex - Before class: Read MB pamphlet. More TBD. Amy Slaman

Personal Fitness - Ncv City Complex – Read MB pamphlet. 90 fitness tracking will need to be done after class. Bring note from parent of last doctor and dental appointments. More TBD. Greg Babiak

Personal Management - EOC - Must be 13 years or older. It involves financial concepts the scout must understand. Before class: Read MB pamphlet. Requirements #1, #2 (Track expenses and incomes for 13 weeks), #8, #9, and #10 can be accomplished before or after class. If accomplished prior to class, bring proof of completion or the requirement materials to show instructor. Requirement #2 will be discussed in class and Scouts can show budget to instructor for approval before, during, or after class. Scout must participate in classwork to get credit.

Salesmanship AM - Ncv City Complex – Before class: Read MB pamphlet. More TBD. Michelle Wright

Skating (Roller) AM - Ncv City Complex - Before class: Review the merit badge pamphlet. Complete permission slip. Will be taught outside. Bring skates, protective gear, sunscreen, and water bottle. Megan Warren

Space Exploration PM- Ncv City Complex - Before class: Read MB pamphlet. 2. Design a collector's card, with a picture on the front and information on the back, about your favorite space pioneer. Share your card and discuss four other space pioneers with your counselor. Matt Berggren

Contact Bonnie Tierney (Bonnie4Scouts@gmail.com) to send permissions slips needed and reach counselors with questions before MBU. Be sure to check the website for news prior to the event.

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