

# Merit Badge Campout

Barbarossa District  
19-21 September 2025  
Sembach Kaserne, Germany  
Leader's Guide



## Overview

Barbarossa District's 2025 Merit Badge University will be held from Friday, 19 September, until Sunday, 21 September. Base camp will be on the Sembach Fields on Sembach Kaserne. Check-in will begin at 17:00 on the 19th. The event will conclude at approximately 12:00 on the 21th. All scouts registered in the Transatlantic Council are invited to attend. The registration fee is \$5 per scout and includes all merit badge activities and two nights of camping. Registration is available online at:

<https://scoutingevent.com/802-BR2025MBU>

Registration will close on Wednesday, 10 September 2025.

## 1. General Information & Planning

### 1.1 Registration & Payment

Registration and payment can be completed at <https://scoutingevent.com/802-BR2025MBU>. All scouts in the Transatlantic Council are welcome to attend and participate to include Scouts BSA, Venturers, and Sea Scouts.

**Parent Portal** - Parent Portal is an **optional** feature that allows the registration contact to provide parents with access to just their Scout's part of the registration, to make payments, and to complete data entry. Instead of one person having to pay for every attendee all at once during the initial online registration, it allows the registration contact to enter the number of Scouts and leaders expected to participate, pay for just one of them, and then be able to send a link & login credentials out to the parents to have them pay for their Scouts themselves. There is also the option to pay for everyone at one time.

### 1.2 Getting to the Site & Parking

The Merit Badge Campout will be held on the lower Sembach field area. The address for the Sembach Kaserne main gate is 67681 Wartenberg-Rohrbach. Signs will direct you to the location once you enter the gate. Vehicles will be able to unload gear in the camping area but will then be required to return to the upper parking lot.



### 1.3 Installation Access

Installation access is required for Sembach Kaserne. All individuals needing installation access will be added to an access roster. Please indicate during registration that you need to be added to the roster. You must bring your passport as a form of ID upon arrival; no other forms of ID will be accepted at the gate.

### 1.4 Arrival Procedures & Campsites

Units should plan to arrive between 17:00 and 22:00 on Friday, 19 September. All campsites will be assigned prior to arrival. Site assignment will be based on the number of individuals associated with the unit registration. Female troops and male troops will camp separately. Early setup may not be possible due to staff availability. Sites will be issued upon check-in. Units should proceed to the check-in table upon arrival to complete the check-in procedure and be escorted to the unit campsite.

### 1.5 Trash & Recycling

Units should plan to pack out all trash and recycling as dumpsters and/or recycling bins may not be available.

### **1.6 Checking Out**

Units should anticipate a 12:30-13:30 departure on Sunday, 21 September, after the morning merit badge session and cleanup are complete.

## **2. Camporee Organization & Safety**

### **2.1 Emergency Contact**

It is recommended that all units have access to a mobile phone in case of emergency. This number and the POC should be made available to camp staff in the event staff need to reach the unit. The Camporee emergency POC is Leah Gililand, 01759972479.

### **2.2 First Aid**

A First Aid station will be set up and prominently marked. At least one camp medic will be onsite at all times. If assistance is needed, please contact one of the camp staff. If an injury occurs and IF the injury permits, bring the injured individual to the First Aid station for medical attention.

### **2.3 Medical Forms**

In case of severe injury or illness requiring emergency medical services or hospital treatment, a health history record and permission of a parent/guardian are required. The Medical Forms must be accessible to unit leaders at all times. Parts A and B are required for all youth and adults attending the camporee. Please maintain all health forms in a binder and bring to camp in case of emergencies.

### **2.4 Fire & Ambulance**

In the unlikely event that fire and/or ambulance services are needed, immediately send a runner to the Staff tent so an emergency call can be placed and the camp director can be notified. If the call is placed from your current location, a runner must still be sent so the camp director can be notified and emergency services can be properly directed upon arrival.

## **3. Camp Planning & Programming**

### **3.1 Meals**

Units are responsible for their own meals. Units should bring all required food and the means to prepare it. Cooking can be done with a raised fire pit and/or on camp stoves. Units have the option of eating prior to arrival on Friday evening or preparing food at their sites after setup. Saturday's lunch should be a quick lunch requiring little prep and cleanup (i.e., sandwiches and fruit).

### **3.2 Merit Badges**

All participants should register for their desired merit badges during online registration. The merit badges offered are subject to the availability of merit badge counselors. The merit badges will be taught in a variety of locations, primarily on Sembach Kaserne. However, some merit badges may be taught at off-site locations. Transportation will not

be provided to off-site locations. Please ensure that any scouts who register for an off-site merit badge have transportation coordinated ahead of time.

### **3.3 Campfire**

There will be an informal campfire Saturday evening for fun and fellowship.

## **4. Merit Badge Requirements**

### **4.1 Prerequisites**

Some of the merit badges may have prerequisites listed. Please ensure your scouts review any prerequisite requirements and have them completed prior to camp.

### **4.2 Gear**

Several of the merit badges may require scouts to bring specific gear (i.e., a bicycle and helmet for the Cycling Merit Badge). Please ensure your scouts bring any required gear to the campout as there may not be backup gear available.

### **4.3 Merit Badge Completion**

While many of the merit badges being offered will be completed during the weekend, several will require additional work by the scouts. All completed requirements will be entered into BlackPug, and an export file will be made available to unit leaders within a few days following the campout.

# Merit Badge Campout Schedule

Friday, 19 September	
17:00-22:00	Unit Arrival, Setup, Dinner, Patrol Time
22:00	Quiet Time
23:00	Lights Out
Saturday, 20 September	
07:00	Reveille
07:00-08:15	Breakfast @ Campsites
08:15-08:30	Flags & Announcements
08:30-12:30	Merit Badge Session 1
12:30-14:00	Lunch
14:00-18:00	Merit Badge Session 2
18:00-20:00	Return to Campsite, Dinner, Patrol Time
20:00-21:00	Optional Campfire
21:00-23:00	Patrol Time
23:00	Lights Out
Sunday, 21 September	
07:00	Reveille
07:00-08:15	Breakfast @ Campsite / Tear Down
08:15-08:30	Flags & Announcements
08:30-12:30	Merit Badge Session 3
12:30-13:30	Packout & Departure