

Edelweiss District

Edelweiss District 2026 MERIT BADGE University

EVENT GUIDE

28 Feb – 02 MARCH 2025
CAMP FREEDOM, ANSBACH
Aka... Frankenkaserne



Welcome to the 2026 Edelweiss District Merit Badge University,

Our wonderful staff, cook team, and Merit Badge Counselors (MBC) have worked hard to create a weekend full of fun, merit badges and Scouting! Thanks to our volunteers, we are able to offer 12 merit badges at this event!

While the Merit Badge Fair portion is only held on Saturday 7 March 2026, Troops are more than welcome to camp from Friday night and Saturday and depart by 11am on Sunday. Bring your own camping gear and patrol equipment for cooking meals. Only Saturday lunch is provided by the event.

MEALS

Lunch on Saturday will be provided to ALL participants thanks to a volunteer staff cook team!

This is to facilitate Scouts being able to concentrate on their Merit Badge Classes and to allow Counselors to easily have a stress-free lunch.

Troops and attendees are responsible for all other meals and meal planning. Bring your own materials and patrol cooking equipment and you will be able to cook in your assigned camping area.

All MBCs and event staff may choose to eat at no cost, with meals provided for the entire weekend Friday evening through Sunday breakfast.

Thanks to all the volunteers we could not do this without you!!!

We are looking forward to seeing all of you at Camp Freedom for our Merit Badge Fair, where you will take home not only merit badges, but lots of great memories!

Yours in Scouting,

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LOCATION:

Camp Freedom, (also know as Frankenkaserne)

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91613 Marktbergel (near Ansbach)

It is a military installation, however we hold the keys and you can contact +49(0)1726672716 upon arrival if no one is at the gate.

REGISTRATION:

Registration cost for the MBU (\$15.00) includes Saturday lunch, a custom patch, and program fees.

Registrations will be accepted until classes are full or the Wednesday prior to the event (1 March 2026).

Registration can be accomplished on this webpage: <https://scoutingevent.com/802-EdelweissMBU2026>

Due to popularity, lack of volunteers and availability of counselors, some classes will fill up quickly. Scouts who register early have the best chance of getting the classes they want. Class sizes are limited and the limits vary by class. **Classes will be assigned in order of receipt of PAID registration!**

Each participating unit must have at least one adult leader in attendance during the MBU. Please provide a cell phone number on your registration form in case you are needed. For units that are camping, you must have a BSA-required two deep leadership, and a female adult for any youth females attending with your unit.

All Merit Badge Counselors (MBC) and event staff will register, lodge, and eat for free (thank you for volunteering your time and expertise!)! Please make sure you select MBC when registering. For Lodging, you will need to bring your own sleeping bag/linen for the beds, as well as towels and toiletries. Showers are available.

Friday 6 March schedule

1700–2300 arrival/check-in and campsite set up

Saturday 7 March Schedule:

0700-0745 Breakfast (and arrival for offsite 'day only' attendees)

0745-0800 Opening at Flagpole (Scout law, Oath, Pledge of Allegiance*)

** If there are any Scout/troop that likes/needs to do this please email the event contacts to coordinate*

0800-1200 1st MB Session

1200-1300 LUNCH

1300-1700 2nd MB Session

1715-1730 Closing and clean-up of classrooms

1730-1830 Dinner

1900-2000 Campfire with dessert

If there are scouts that are willing to organize a camp fire program for the evening (because they need that for their communication merit badge) please email event contacts to coordinate

Sunday 8 March Schedule

0700-0800 Staff breakfast in dining hall

0800-1100 campsite breakdown, clean up and departure/check out

Camping/Meals:

For Troops choosing to camp from 6 March to 8 March, they are responsible for bringing all camping and kitchen gear and food. Potable water is available onsite. Units are responsible for planning and cooking and cleaning all meals **with the exception of lunch on Saturday**. Troops have the option of camping for the weekend, or only attending on the day of the MBU. Merit Badge Counselors are free to eat with their troops during the weekend or eat with the staff.

What to Bring:

- Copy of the BSA Annual Health and Medical Record (Forms A, B1, and B2)
- Merit Badge Worksheet (completed as necessary = see pre-req guide)
- Proof of any pre-requisites and any items MBC's noted to bring for class
- Note taking material & writing utensils
- Merit Badge Pamphlet (if available but not required)
- Filled water bottle and snacks
- Field uniform

Pre-requisites, Partial, and Requirements Not Covered

- Attending a merit badge class does not guarantee that a Scout will complete the merit badge.
- Pre-requisites are listed in the MBU Catalog and should be completed and approved prior to attending class.
- All Scouts are to read the merit badge book prior to the MBU. If a unit does not have a book, they are available to read online. After reading the book, Scouts should be prepared to answer the questions to each of the requirements.
- Scouts should print, and are highly encouraged to complete, the merit badge worksheets available at <https://usscouts.org/mb/worksheets/list.asp> to help them prepare. Scouts should bring the worksheets with them to class.
- Some requirements, particularly for the Eagle required Merit Badges, cannot be completed during the class. The Scout should bring documentation of any requirements not covered in class, or they will receive a partial and have to complete the Merit Badge at a later time.
- If a Scout receives partial credit, it is their responsibility to coordinate with a MBC to complete the merit badge. MBC's are not always available to service as a counselor after the Merit Badge Fair ends. The Scout is responsible for making arrangements, or coordinating with another MBC to finish the MB.

Attendance:

Scouts will sign an attendance sheet at the beginning of every class. It is the Scout's responsibility to affirm their presence in class.

Merit Badge Class Expectations:

- Each Scout is responsible to bring paper, pencils and merit badge pamphlets and worksheets to class.
- Each scout is expected to read the Merit badge pamphlet and become familiar with the requirements. Having all the pre-requisite requirements completed before that day is a MUST to complete the Merit Badge the day of the event.
- Use of electronic devices while in the Merit Badge Class is prohibited to ensure a learning environment unless the counselor allows it for requirements of the class (online research, photos, gps etc.)

For Merit Badges Classes on offer and contacts for the event please see the main registration page and review the Pre-req guide