

Merit Badge University

Barbarossa District
Fall Camporee
18th-20th September 2026
Sembach Kaserne, Germany
Leader's Guide



Overview

Barbarossa District's 2026 Fall Merit Badge University, will be held from Friday, 18th-20th September, 2026. The camporee will be held on the Sembach Fields on Sembach Kaserne. Check-in will begin at 17:00 on the 18th. The event will conclude at approximately 12:00 on the 20th. All scouts registered in the Transatlantic Council are invited to attend. The registration fee is \$25 per scout, \$10 per adult leader and includes all program activities, two nights of camping, and a patch. Registration is available online at <https://scoutingevent.com/802-BR2026MBU>

Adult staff registration is also available, please contact Bryce Williams barbarossachair@gmail.com or Leah Gililand at barbarossascoutseventchair@gmail.com to help with staffing this and other great Barbarossa Events.

Registration will close on Friday 11th September 2026.

1. General Information & Planning

1.1 Registration & Payment

Registration and payment can be completed at <https://scoutingevent.com/802-BR2026MBU>. All Scouts in the Transatlantic Council are welcome to attend and participate to include Scouts BSA, Venturers, and Sea Scouts.

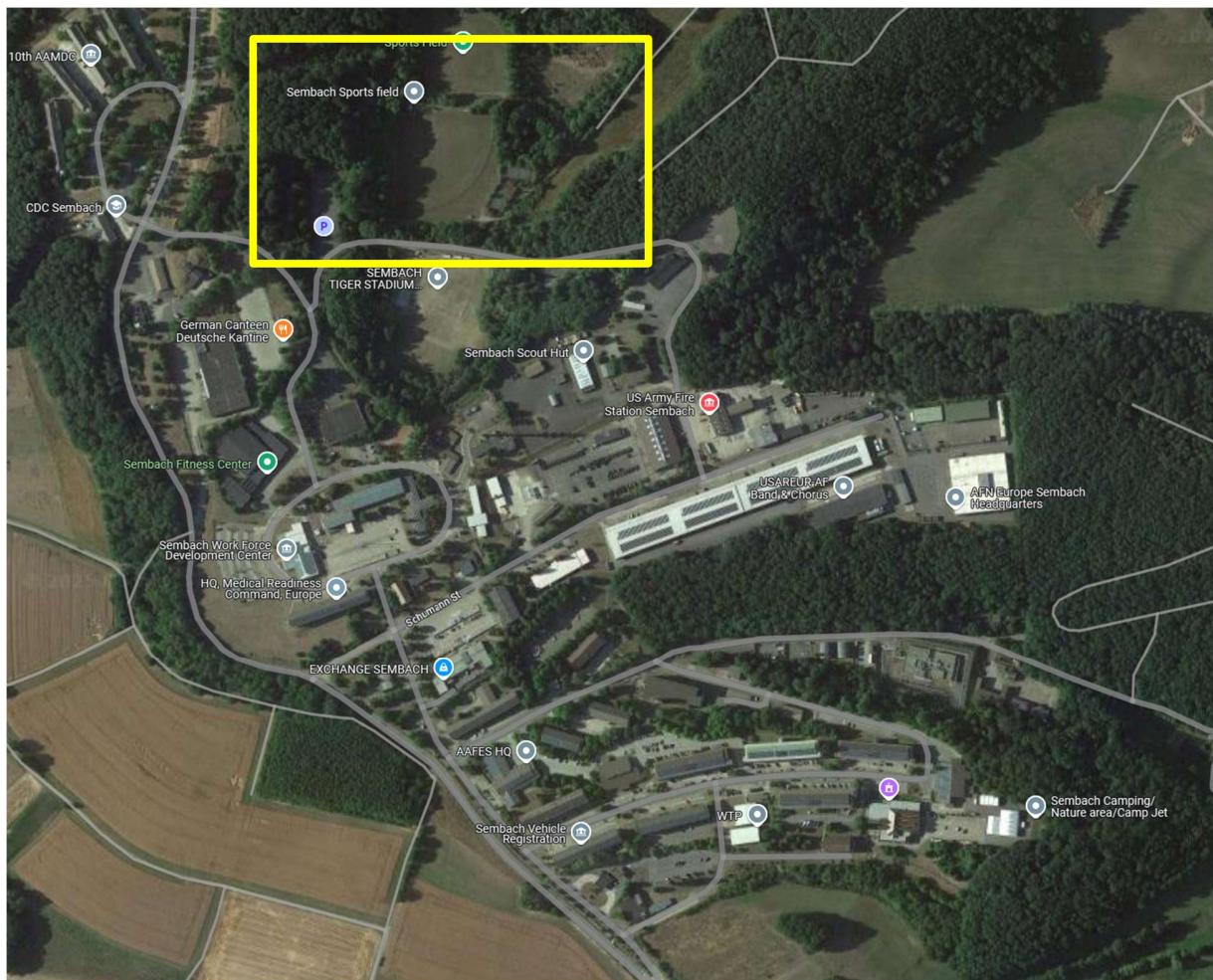
Parent Portal- Parent Portal is an **optional** feature that allows you, the registration contact, to provide your parents with access to just their Scout's part of the registration, to make payments, and complete data entry. What this feature does is instead of one person having to pay for every attendee all at once at the initial online registration, it allows you to enter the number of Scouts and leaders you expect to have 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. You can, as always, pay for everyone at one time.

1.2 Adults & Older Scouts

Both adults and older scouts are needed to help run the Merit Badge University to include checking in, checking out, program activity stations, campfire, and administrative duties. Scouts aged 16 or older and at least Life Rank are welcome to assist. There are opportunities for older scouts to serve as camp staff and still participate in program activities with their units. If you are interested in assisting, please email barbarossascoutseventchair@gmail.com. If you are a scout, please ensure your unit leader is included in the email.

1.3 Getting to the Site & Parking

The Merit Badge University 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.



1.4 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.

1.5 Arrival Procedures & Campsites

Units should plan to arrive between 17:00 and 20:00 (if arriving later than 20:00 notify camp director to make arrangements) on Friday, 18th 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's campsite.

1.6 Trash & Recycling

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

1.7 Checking Out

Units should anticipate an 12:30 departure on Sunday, 20th September, after the morning activities 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 camporee staff in the event staff need to reach the unit. The Camporee emergency POC is **Bryce Williams; 015231940779**.

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 camporee 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. Medical Forms are required at check-in.

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 camporee director can be notified. If the call is placed from your current location, a runner must still be sent so the camporee director can be notified, and emergency services can be properly directed upon arrival.

3. Camporee 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 may be an informal campfire Saturday evening for fun and fellowship. Camp Director will make final decision at the camp. Units that would like to host their own fires must bring their own fire supplies including all appropriate safety equipment.

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 University Schedule

Friday, 18 September	
17:00-22:00	Unit Arrival, Setup, Dinner, Patrol Time
22:00	Quiet Time
23:00	Lights Out
Saturday, 19 September	
07:00	Reveille
07:00-8:15	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 / Possible Evening Merit Badge
23:00	Lights Out
Sunday, 20 September	
07:00	Reveille
07:00-08:15	Breakfast @ Campsite / Tear Down
08:15-08:30	Flags & Announcements
08:30-12:30	Merit Badges Session 3
12:30-13:30	Packout & Departure