



MERIT BADGE UNIVERSITY

INDIAN WATERS COUNCIL

Leader's Guide

MARCH 12TH, 2016
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January 10, 2016

Dear Scouter,

Merit Badge University is a unique opportunity for Scouts to earn a Merit Badge. This one-day event is held on the Columbia campus of the University of South Carolina. It is sponsored by the Indian Waters Council and is held annually in the spring.

MBU is scheduled for Saturday, March 12, 2016

The Merit Badge system is designed to help Scouts explore career fields and areas of interest. We offer several sessions of the more popular Eagle-required Merit Badges, but please encourage your Scouts to use MBU as an opportunity to explore other exciting opportunities, such as Law, Engineering or Chemistry

The \$15.00 cost per Scout helps cover insurance, lunch, a special MBU patch, teaching aids and supplies. Adult registration is also required. For their \$10.00 fee, adults will receive a MBU patch, refreshments, lunch and the adult training classes held throughout the day.

Online registration is required for this event and the Scout Office cannot register units for this event. When you are registering your Scouts for classes, the website will only show open classes. After your troop's completes the on-line registration, a confirmation e-mail will be sent **to the email address on your registration form**. Please make sure the email address submitted is valid and can receive attachments. ***If you do not receive a confirmation e-mail within 24 hours after completing your online registration, please contact me.***

Space is limited; this event is on a first come first served basis, so prompt registration is important. Thank you for your consideration and attention and we look forward to seeing you at MBU this year.

Yours in Scouting,

Ed Helms

MBU Chairman

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MERIT BADGE UNIVERSITY 2016

Indian Waters Council

Saturday March 12th 2016
9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

University of South Carolina at Columbia

Please review the list of Merit Badge classes offered at this year's MBU and help your Scouts determine what classes they would be interested in and best suited to take.

It is very important that leaders help their Scouts choose a badge that is appropriate to their age, rank and maturity level. Please go over the requirements with your Scouts before they are signed up and make sure they know what will be expected of them. Enclosed is a sheet showing grade level and Scout rank requirements, as well as any prerequisites that need to be met before coming to MBU. Please remember that a Scout must be 11 years old by September 1, 2015 to attend MBU.

Only online registration is accepted.

When registering your Scouts, the program will tell you if a class is full and another choice must be made. Please make sure you have your scouts fill out all four choices on the attached worksheet, before you go online to register for MBU. Adult registration is required to attend adult training classes, eat lunch and receive an event patch.

To register online please go to the council website, www.indianwaters.org and look for the Merit Badge University link on the front page.

In order to expedite your troop's registration and ensure that your Scouts get the classes they desire, fill out all information requested including school, grade, and rank. You will need a credit card to complete registration of your Scouts. Unfortunately, checks cannot be accepted option for this event.

Council Service Center CAN NOT accept payments for this event.

MERIT BADGES OFFERED (*Eagle Required in Italics*)

<i>Citizenship in the Nation</i>	<i>First Aid</i>	Engineering
<i>Citizenship in the World</i>	<i>Sustainability</i>	Fire Safety
<i>Communications</i>	Art	Law
<i>Cooking</i>	Chemistry	Photography
<i>Emergency Prep</i>	Crime Prevention	Weather

**Every year MBU fills up before the registration deadline.
Registration will be closed once classes are filled.**

MBU School Grade and Scout Rank Requirements

	Grade in School (11 years old by Sept.1, 2015)	Scout Rank	Special Notes
<i>Citizenship in the Nation</i>	7 TH	Second Class	Note #3
<i>Citizenship in the World</i>	8 TH	First Class	-
<i>Communications</i>	7 TH	Second Class	-
<i>Cooking</i>	7 TH	Second Class	
<i>Emergency Preparedness</i>	7 TH	Second Class	Note #1
<i>First Aid</i>	6 TH	Second Class	Note #2
<i>Sustainability</i>	7 TH	Second Class	
Art	6 TH	None	
Chemistry	8 TH	None	
Crime Prevention	6 TH	None	
Engineering	7 TH	None	
Fire Safety	6 TH	None	
Law	7 TH	None	
Photography	6 TH	None	
Weather	6 TH	None	

Notes:

1. Scout should have earned First Aid MB before taking Emergency Prep.
2. Scout should have completed First Aid Requirements through First Class.
3. Scout should complete Requirement #1 before coming to MBU.

WORKSHEET FOR ONLINE REGISTRATION

PLEASE REGISTER BY: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19th, 2016

(Absolute deadline - if classes are still available)

TO REGISTER, GO TO: www.indianwaters.org

FILL OUT ALL INFORMATION

TROOP # _____ COUNCIL _____

CONTACT PERSON _____ PHONE _____

EMAIL (Class confirmations will be sent to this email) _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

TOTAL SCOUTS _____ x \$15.00 = \$ _____

TOTAL ADULTS _____ x \$ 10.00 = \$ _____ TOTAL SUBMITTED = \$ _____

All fees are required at time of registration.

MERIT BADGE CLASS REGISTRATION

Scout's Name	Grade in School	Scout Rank	First Choice	Second Choice	Third Choice	Fourth Choice
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Adult Registrations

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