

MERIT BADGE UNIVERSITY 2009

TO: PIEDMONT COUNCIL SCOUTMASTERS

FROM: COUNCIL TRAINING TEAM

SUBJECT: 2009 MERIT BADGE UNIVERSITY

The Council Training Team and the Eswau Huppeday Lodge would like to cordially invite your troop to participate in the 2009 Merit Badge University held on **Saturday, February 28th**. **This highly anticipated event will be located at Draughn High School in Valdese, N.C.** Check-in will begin at 8:00 a.m. and classes will begin at 9:00 a.m. and will end at 4:00 p.m. The cost for the one-day event is \$13.00 for Scouts and those adults taking classes. The fee includes lunch, teaching materials for the day and a patch. **The Boy Scout Field Uniform is the uniform of the day.**

MBU is an opportunity to learn from professionals and experts in a variety of fields. It is not meant to be an easy way to be given a merit badge but a well-earned experience. Scout advancement works when a scout learns, is tested, is reviewed and then recognized. To earn a badge at MBU will require scouts to participate fully. Each scout must meet each requirement to earn a merit badge. Scouts who do not complete requirements at MBU will still have another chance to learn skills and be on the way to completion with a counselor in your home area.

As leaders, you can help your Scouts be successful by registering them for appropriate badges. In the past we have seen many boys registered in classes they were not ready to take. Younger boys should not be signed up for advanced badges. They will not be able to complete. Instructors will have a harder time and so will the other Scouts in the class. Leaders, you know your Scouts and their abilities. The other key is preparation. Make sure the scouts are prepared for the classes. Most badges have some prerequisites that can't be accomplished on MBU day. Make sure the boys do their homework, stress to your scouts the importance of working hard in class and cooperating with counselors and classmates.

Once again this year registration for individual classes for scouts and scouters will be done online. Troops, not individual scouts or parents should do registration. Please designate one person from your troop to operate the registration process.

Registration begins online January 12th 2009 at 6:00 p.m. and sign-ups end on January 30th unless otherwise posted. This will allow adequate time to prepare for classes. Register by logging on the Council website at www.piedmontcouncilbsa.org and follow the instructions listed. Payments can be made online by check or credit card. Be aware there will be a convenience fee. Credit cards use a percentage off the total, but by using an Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT or PayPal) you can save on your convenience fee. Payments can also be made by printing off your confirmation and mailing in a check or credit card number. If you are sending your check by mail, payment must be received within five business days of the date you registered online to ensure your spot.

We look forward to seeing you on February 28th for Merit Badge University.

Yours in Scouting,
The Council Training Team

List of Merit Badge Classes

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| AVIATION | INDIAN LORE |
| CITIZENSHIP IN THE COMMUNITY | LAW |
| CITIZENSHIP IN THE NATION | MEDICINE |
| CITIZENSHIP IN THE WORLD | METAL WORK |
| COIN COLLECTING | PERSONAL MANAGEMENT |
| COMPUTERS | PHOTOGRAPHY |
| CRIME PREVENTION | PLUMBING |
| FINGERPRINTING | PUBLIC SPEAKING |
| DENTISTRY | PULP AND PAPER |
| ELECTRONICS | SPACE EXPLORATION |
| ENERGY | SURVEYING |
| ENGINEERING | TEXTILES |
| FAMILY LIFE | TRAFFIC SAFETY |
| FIRE SAFETY | TRUCK TRANSPORTATION |
| FIRST AID | WEATHER |
| GOLF | WOODCARVING |
| | SCUBA |

ADULT LEADER CLASSES

AM Classes 9:00 – 12:00

ROAD TO EAGLE
BACK PACK COOKING
DECORATIVE KNOTS
USEFUL KNOTS

PM Classes 1:00 – 4:00

DUTCH OVEN COOKING
HIGH ADVENTURE OPPORTUNITIES

ALL DAY CLASSES

FIRST AID/ CPR CERTIFICATION (\$10.00 ADDITIONAL FEE)
MENTOR CLASS
MAPS AND COMPASS

ORIGINAL REGISTRATION FORM WILL BE ACCEPTED BETWEEN JANUARY 12 AND
JANUARY 30TH.

To:
MBU – Piedmont Council
PO Box 1059
Gastonia, NC 28053

PLEASE COMPLETELY FILL
OUT THE FOLLOWING
INFORMATION:

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| Council Use Only | |
| Date | _____ |
| Amount | _____ |
| Check # | _____ |

(REGISTER AS A TROOP)

TROOP# _____ DISTRICT/COUNCIL _____

CONTACT PERSON _____ EVENING PHONE _____

DAY PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

EMAIL _____

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| Total Scouts | _____ x \$13.00 | = \$ _____ | Adult Mentor Class Fee \$7.00 |
| Total Adults | _____ x \$13.00 | = \$ _____ | Total Enclosed: \$ _____ |
| Extra Patches | _____ x \$3.00 | = \$ _____ | Credit Card # Exp. _____ |
| CPR Fees | _____ x \$10.00 | = \$ _____ | |

**MERIT BADGE CLASS REGISTRATION & YOUTH WORKSHOPS
(PLEASE WRITE IN WORKSHOP NAME)**

| BOY SCOUT NAME | AGE | CHOICE 1 | CHOICE 2 | CHOICE 3 | CHOICE 4 |
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ADULT REGISTRATION

| ADULT LEADER NAME | AGE | MORNING SESSION | | AFTERNOON SESSION | |
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| | | CHOICE 1 | CHOICE 2 | CHOICE 1 | CHOICE 2 |
| 1. | | | | | |
| 2. | | | | | |
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| 4. | | | | | |
| 5. | | | | | |

DUPLICATE THIS FORM AS NECESSARY FOR INITIAL REGISTRATION

Youth Class Descriptions

For all badges:

Each Scout should obtain and study the latest edition of the merit badge pamphlet ahead of time. They are not provided in class. Bring writing utensils and paper with you. Many of the badges are only possible in one day if you are prepared. Lack of preparation not only hurts your chances of completing the badge on MBU day, but also takes time away from your fellow Scouts. **DO YOUR HOMEWORK.**

Aviation: This will be an on-ground class. Scouts must be trusted around very expensive equipment.
Best for older boys.

Citizenship in the Community: Must do #s 3,7 and 8 outside of class.

Citizenship in the Nation: #2 must be done outside of class. #3 (5 days news) must be done ahead to discuss in class.

Citizenship in the World: A difficult badge best done by experienced Scouts. Few finish this in one day. #7 must be done outside of class.

Coin Collecting: Bring your collections for #7,8,9.

Computers: Scouts must be able to use a computer for more gaming and messaging. Those who have not taken an applications class in school will probably not be able to complete this badge.

Crime Prevention: Parts of #s 2,4,5,6 should be done ahead. Time permitting, Fingerprinting may also be worked on.

Dentistry: #4c must be done ahead to discuss in class.

Electronics: A difficult badge in a day. Suggested for older Scouts with experience in science and math.

Energy: #s 1a and 4 should be done ahead.

Engineering: Science class experience class is necessary.

Family Life: This class will introduce the material and start the badge. At least 90 days will be required to complete the badge.

Fire Safety: The home survey, fire plan and drill must be done ahead.

First Aid: Scouts must complete the first aid requirements through First Class (bring your signed Handbook) and bring along the home first aid kit.

Golf: Playing the required rounds must be done outside of class. Bring your own clubs.

Indian Lore: Much craft work will need to be done in class to complete the badge.

Law: Part of #4 (interview 5 people) should be done ahead.

Medicine: Involves much written work and descriptions of medical professions and terms.

Metalwork: This requires a good bit of manual dexterity and may be best for older Scouts. Much work is involved.
Come prepared to be outside most of the day.

Personal Management: This class will introduce the material and start the badge. At least 90 days will be required to complete the badge.

Photography: Bring your camera and the pictures you have taken for #4.

Plumbing: Some manual dexterity is needed to handle the torches and tools. Bring old work clothes since this can get messy.

Public Speaking: Speeches for #s 2 and 4 should be prepared before to be given in class.

Pulp and Paper: #6 should be brought to class.

Space Exploration: #s 5 and 7 should be worked on ahead of class.

Surveying: Recommended for older Scouts with geometry and algebra knowledge. #6 should be brought to class.
Come prepared to spend a good part of the day outside.

Textiles: Studying the pamphlet will greatly help.

Traffic Safety: Some of the work will be done outside; come prepared for the weather.

Truck Transportation: Come prepared to be outside part of the time.

Weather: #8 must be done ahead. Prepare the talk for #9 ahead, to be given in class.

Wood Carving: Bring your Totin' Chip and an appropriate carving knife or tools you will use (small carving knives, BSA whittling knife, etc.).

Scuba: Not a merit badge but an exciting program for older Scouts. Classroom and pool work included. Scouts must be at least 15 years old and have already passed the BSA Swimmers Test.