

INDIAN WATERS COUNCIL 553

Boy Scouts of America

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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. This year's MBU is scheduled for Saturday, **March 28, 2009**.

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 Aviation, Engineering, or Chemistry.

The \$10.00 cost per Scout helps cover insurance, lunch, a special MBU patch, teaching aids and supplies. Adult registration is also required. For their \$5.00 fee, adults will receive a MBU patch, refreshments, lunch and the adult training classes held throughout the day.

After your troop's registration form is received and processed, we will send back a confirmation letter **to the email address on your registration form** letting you know what classes your Scouts have been placed in. Please make sure the email address that you send us is valid and can receive attachments. If you or your troop does not have an email account, your confirmation can be sent to a mailing address. *(If you do not receive a confirmation letter by March 13th, please let us know.)*

The number of participants this year has been reduced from years past, this was done to ensure a quality program and to keep MBU in a more confined area at the University. 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 2009

Indian Waters Council

Saturday March 28th 2009
9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.
University of South Carolina at Columbia

Please review the list of Merit Badge classes being offered at this year's MBU and help your Scouts determine what classes they would be interested in and best suited to take. Complete the enclosed registration form, listing each Scout's TOP FOUR PREFERENCES.

For the first time we are offering online registration, please see the enclosed information with details on how to register your unit online.

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 sign up and make sure they know what will be expected. 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, 2008 to attend MBU.

Registration ends for MBU ends Friday, **MARCH 4th, 2009**. It is important that you get your registration in as soon as possible. Every year MBU fills up before the registration deadline. **Registration will be closed once classes are filled.**

A check or money order totaling \$10.00 for each scout registered and \$5.00 for each adult registered is required. Registration for classes is on a first come basis and fees are transferable but non-refundable. Your unit's registration is not complete until payment has been received.

In order to expedite your troop's registration and ensure that your Scouts get the classes they desire, fill out the registration form completely, including school grade and Scout rank, and send in the fee for each Scout, otherwise the registration form will not be processed.

MERIT BADGE OFFERED (*Eagle Required in Italics*)

<i>Citizenship in the Nation</i>	Automotive Maintenance	Fish and Wildlife
<i>Citizenship in the World</i>	Aviation	Law
<i>Communications</i>	Chemistry	Photography
<i>Emergency Preparedness</i>	Computers	Reptile and Amphibian
<i>First Aid</i>	Electricity	Space Exploration
Art	Engineering	

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NEW THIS YEAR - IMPORTANT PLEASE READ - CHANGES FOR 2009

This year we are pleased to announce that we will have online registration for Merit Badge University.

To register online, please go to:

www.meritbadgeuniversity.com/register

When registering online it is very important that you fill in all of the information needed including providing four choices for each scout.

Your unit can still fill out the traditional registration form and mail or fax it into the Council Service Center.

Please note that no registration is complete until full payment has been received at the Council Service Center.

If you have any questions or concerns about online registrations, please email us at IWCMBU@gmail.com.



MBU School Grade and Scout Rank Requirements

	Grade in School (11 years old by Sept.1, 2007)	Scout Rank	Special Notes
Citizenship in the Nation	7 TH	Second Class	Note #3
Citizenship in the World	8 TH	First Class	-
Communications	7 TH	Second Class	-
Emergency Preparedness	7 TH	Second Class	Note #1
First Aid	6 TH	Second Class	Note #2
Art	6 TH	None	
Automotive Maintenance	8 TH	First Class	
Aviation	6 TH	None	
Chemistry	7 TH	None	
Computers	6 TH	None	
Electricity	7 TH	Second Class	
Engineering	7 TH	None	
Fish and Wildlife	6 TH	None	
Law	6 TH	None	
Photography	7 TH	None	Note #4
Reptile and Amphibian	6 TH	None	
Space Exploration	6 TH	Second Class	

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.
4. Scout will need t bring a digital camera to MBU.

REGISTRATION FORM – PLEASE RETURN BY:

THURSDAY, MARCH 4th, 2009 (ABSOLUTE DEADLINE - IF CLASSES ARE STILL AVAILABLE)

MBU - Indian Waters Council
P.O. Box 144
Columbia, SC 29202

PLEASE COMPLETELY FILL OUT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

TROOP # _____
COUNCIL _____
CONTACT PERSON _____ Evening Phone # _____
Day Phone # _____

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

IMPORTANT! Check here (____) if your troop **has already** sent in a Registration Form for MBU 2009.

TOTAL SCOUTS _____ x \$10.00 = \$ _____

TOTAL ADULTS _____ x \$ 5.00 = \$ _____ TOTAL ENCLOSED = \$ _____

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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