



MERIT BADGE UNIVERSITY

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Attn Boy Scouts,

Merit Badge University is a unique opportunity for Scouts to earn Merit Badges. This one-day event, sponsored by the Ouachita Area Council, will be held on the campus of Ouachita Technical College in Malvern MBU 2010 is scheduled for Saturday, September 25, 2010.

Once in a Lifetime! Experience the History of Scouting, earn the historic Merit Badges at MBU! Four vintage merit badges that will count toward rank advancement are being released for the 2010 centennial year only, giving Boy Scouts a hands-on opportunity to experience the exciting past of the BSA

The \$10.00 cost per Scout helps cover insurance, lunch, teaching aids and supplies. A \$5 fee is required for adults wishing to eat lunch.

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 in which classes your Scouts have been placed. 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.

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. We look forward to seeing you at MBU this year.

Thanks,

Blake Robertson

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Saturday September 25 2010
8:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.

Please review the list of Merit Badge classes being offered at this year's MBU. 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.

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 suggestions.

It also important to remember, attending a MBU class **does not a guarantee** a badge completion. Scouts must **participate** in the classroom experience; our Counselors will only sign off on requirements if they feel the scout has completed that requirement. Also, most badges will have outstanding requirements that will have to be completed by the scout after the MBU event. Scouts must complete those outstanding requirements and review them with their Troop Leadership before the badge can be awarded. Our Counselors will do the very best to teach the parts of the curriculum they can in the allotted time, but in the end, the respective Troop Leaderships are the final authority with respect to the completed badge requirements.

*Please remember that a Scout must be 11 years old by September 1, 2010 to attend

***All Scouts are required to wear Class A uniform shirt.**

You may email a copy of the registration form to awright@bsamail.org.

Please return the enclosed registration form by Thursday, **SEPTEMBER 16, 2010**.

It is important that you get your registration in as soon as possible.

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.

We strongly urge leaders to email their registration forms in to ensure that your scouts get the classes they desire. Fill out the registration form completely, including school grade and Scout rank. Send in the fee for each Scout to the Council office with a copy of your Troop's registration form.

MERIT BADGE OFFERED (*Eagle Required in BOLD*)

MBU School Grade and Scout Rank Requirements			
	Grade in School	Suggested Scout Rank	Special Notes
1. Citizenship in the Community	6	Second Class	
2. Personal Management	8	First Class	
3. American Heritage			
4. First Aid	6	Second Class	
5. Cinematography			
6. Fire Safety	6	None	
7. Photography			
2010 Historic Merit Badges:			
8. Tracking			
9. Pathfinding			
10. Carpentry			
11. Signaling			