



BSA TROOP 197 – FELLOWSHIP UMC MERIT BADGE UNIVERSITY 2012 GENERAL INFORMATION

Dear Scout Leader / Scout Parent:

Thank you for your interest in the **MERIT BADGE UNIVERSITY** program hosted by Boy Scout Troop 197 & Fellowship United Methodist Church **on Feb 4th, 2012 from 7:30(registration) AM to 5:30 PM**. This event is held annually on the first Saturday in February. The location this year will be Fellowship United Methodist Church, 2511 New Salem Highway / Highway 99, Murfreesboro, Tennessee. We hope to have close to 100 **scouts** from many different troops attended. Our program will be even bigger and better this year. MBU 2012 will feature 20 Counselor instructed merit badges; including at least 10 Eagle required badges. Counselors will also be available to talk with scouts about 6 other merit badges that do not lend themselves to classroom instruction; making a total of **27 different merit badges being offered!**

The learning environment at MBU is very much like a regular school day divided into two 4-hour teaching periods. Most courses require 1 period (4 hours of class time), making it possible for the typical scout to work on (and possibly complete) at least two different merit badges during the day. Lunch is served on-site and the cost is included in the registration fee. For the safety and security of participants, scouts are not permitted to leave campus except for class related field trips in the company of their counselor and at least one other adult. (All activities are conducted in accordance with BSA Youth Protection Guidelines).

Completion of merit badges is NOT GUARANTEED. Many merit badges require some degree of advance preparation and paperwork by the scouts (pre-requisites will be clearly indicated on the Course List). Scouts who come unprepared probably will not complete the badge, but will receive partial credit for whatever work toward the badge is completed at MBU. It is our intent to create an environment where scouts have an opportunity to continue their advancement program during the winter months and earn merit badges that may not be readily available elsewhere. It is not our intention to create a so-called "merit badge factory" that passes out merit badges with minimal effort from the scouts. Boys who come with that expectation will almost certainly be disappointed at the end of the day. MBU features an outstanding staff of qualified counselors who are both able and willing to share their knowledge with interested, motivated scouts. Boys who are not interested, motivated, and prepared to work will be wasting both their time and ours. Participation in MBU is open to ANY registered Boy Scout, regardless of troop, in the Trail of Tears District. Classes are limited in size according to the subject being covered and the facilities available. These limits are imposed to insure quality instruction and afford scouts maximum opportunity to complete as many requirements for the badge as possible. Overloaded classes are not in anyone's best interest and we simply don't do it. Some courses also have age and/or rank restrictions that are strictly enforced.

ADVANCE REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

All registrations are processed in the order received. All seats in all classes are "first come, first served" based upon when a properly completed Registration Form and the required payment are received by Troop 197. In fairness to others, we do not "hold" or "reserve" spaces without Registration Forms and payment in hand. We do not accept reservations by fax or email. We do not accept payments by credit card. There is an obvious advantage for those who act quickly and register early, because some of the more popular classes often do fill up before the cutoff date. We do not overload classes, even for 17-year old Life scouts who only need that one merit badge! Registration forms must be properly completed and LEGIBLE. Forms with missing or unreadable information will be set aside until we can contact the unit to determine the needed information. These problems can be easily avoided if an adult carefully reviews the forms before submitting them.

PARTICIPATION FEE

While we do accept scouts on an individual basis, we really want to encourage troops to attend as a whole unit, and we set our participation fees to encourage this. The fee for an individual scout at MBU 2012 will be \$25.00. If a Troop registers 5 or more together and meets the following criteria we will provide a \$5.00 discount per Scout:

- Registration forms for at least 5 scouts from the same unit are submitted together
- A Unit Registration Form with all requested information is completed and enclosed
- The name and contact information (phone #, email) for AT LEAST ONE LEADER from the unit who will be remaining on-site all day and be willing to assist with the program are provided
- Payment is made with a single check.

"Walk-in" registrations at MBU will NOT be accepted. Sorry. Walk-in registrations the morning of MBU impairs our ability to finalize class rosters in advance and get the program started off on time.

MATERIALS REQUIRED FOR CLASS

In addition to the **Merit Badge worksheets** that will be required for each class they plan to take, scouts should bring pen/pencil and paper/notebook in order to take notes and/or complete in-class assignments. They also need to bring any materials specific to the badges they plan to work on (for example, boys taking Collections MB need to bring their collection; Scouts need to bring appropriate proof of prior completion for any listed pre-requisites. Scout Handbooks and MB pamphlets are generally not required. All other materials required to complete assigned class work will be provided in class at no additional charge. Scouts will not need any "spending money" at MBU since there is nothing on-site for them to buy.

LUNCH FOR SCOUTS AND ADULT LEADERS

Lunch will be provided for all scouts and is included in the participation fee. Food and beverages, including chewing gum, snack foods, and similar items are not permitted in the classrooms and should not be brought on campus.

Lunch for adults will be \$5 and cash will be collected as lunch is served. Adults who assist with the program by transporting scouts on class field trips or by performing assigned duties in other areas will be provided with a voucher to eat for free. While we cannot prohibit adults from leaving campus, we strongly discourage that practice for reasons of both time and safety. We serve an appealing lunch using multiple serving lines so that waiting time in line will be minimal. We also strongly discourage the practice of troops bringing in a "private lunch" just for their unit. We try very hard to serve a healthy lunch with "boy appeal" and would like to avoid the problem of having scouts ask, "Why are those guys getting something different?" We are well aware that some people may have severe allergies to peanuts or peanut oil. We will have food that is totally peanut-free and safe for such folks. All they need to do is look or ask for it. Peanut allergies are not all that rare. We will have a special serving line for such folks so there will be no possibility of cross-contamination.

FACULTY LUNCH

One of the ways we show our appreciation to the counselors who devote hours of time and effort in preparing and teaching all the different merit badge classes is by providing them with a really nice, sit down lunch in another area of the building. Admission to the faculty lunch is reserved for counselors only and controlled by an admission ticket. We mention this perk in advance so that troop leaders and other adults will understand what's being done and won't be offended that all adults are not included. Those who would like to eat with the faculty are invited to volunteer to be a merit badge counselor.

SOME IMPORTANT ADVICE FOR SCOUTMASTERS & PARENTS

Scouts (particularly younger scouts) have a tendency to rush toward the Eagle-required merit badges. This is a HUGE MISTAKE. New scouts do not fully understand the whole merit badge process; nor do they possess the maturity or underlying skills needed to successfully complete the Eagle-required badges. As a result, they are discouraged and disappointed at the end of the day when they carry home a partial after sitting through a class they don't fully comprehend and can't complete. This is also disappointing to the Counselors of those badges who are caught between their desire to see boys succeed in completing the task at hand and their responsibility to uphold high standards of subject mastery for Eagle-required badges. Our program features a wide range of MBs, Many of the "elective" badges are quite interesting and scouts would really enjoy and learn something by taking these courses. Subjects such as Textiles, Fingerprinting, Crime Prevention that younger scouts can and do complete at MBU. Also be aware that certain courses require a higher level of analytical skills or significant advance preparation. For older scouts, MBs such as Aviation, Computers, may appeal.

We are very serious about quality instruction and scouts completing all the published requirements in order to earn merit badges at MBU. Our counselors tell us the maximum number of students they are willing to accept and any age or rank restrictions for admission to their particular courses. We do enforce our published guidelines and we reserve the right to remove a scout from any course who doesn't meet those guidelines. It is unfair to other scouts for us to allow an unprepared scout to hold up the rest of the group. It is YOUR JOB as

Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster, or Advancement Chair to advise, review, and approve the badges a scout in your unit wishes to take ... that's why we require each scout to bring their own WORKSHEET for each class. Please take this part of your job seriously and help us insure that your scouts follow the rules.

WEBELOS

MBU is strictly for Boy Scouts and male members of Venture Crews or Explorer Posts. Webelos and female Venturers / Explorers are not permitted to earn Boy Scout ranks or merit badges. Brand new scouts are welcome, but **please do not bring Webelos who have not yet officially crossed over into Boy Scouting.**

EAGLE REQUIRED MERIT BADGES FOR YOUNGER SCOUTS

Based on feedback from our counselors, age/rank restrictions have been put into place for all Eagle required merit badges offered at MBU. All Eagle required badges are tough and we don't believe brand new, inexperienced younger scouts possess the maturity to fully comprehend and appreciate the material that must be mastered.

A SPECIFIC CAUTION ABOUT COMPUTERS MB

You should particularly caution your scouts about the Computers MB. This class is intended for scouts who are already proficient in using the required "office application" software programs; there is no time at MBU to teach these skills and develop sufficient mastery to pass the requirements. A significant part of this badge is about history, terminology, and applications; only a small part is actually about using computers and there will be ZERO TIME to play any computer games. Scouts who are not proficient using word processing, database, spreadsheet, and presentation graphics software CANNOT complete this MB at MBU. All project work must be done in class under counselor supervision, so there is no reason for a scout to bring any files or software from home. USB memory devices, CDs, and diskettes are all prohibited due to the risk of virus infection. This is an excellent course for the older, well-prepared scout, but a disappointing disaster for the not yet in high school, under age 14 crowd.

SCOUT ATTIRE / SCOUT BEHAVIOR

It seems silly that this topic even needs to be mentioned, but the reality is that not all scouts possess common sense, so we must address these issues.

This is a **SCOUTING EVENT** and participants are required to be in **SCOUT UNIFORM**. This includes the general neatness expectations of wearing a belt and keeping shirttails tucked into trousers. We don't care how they dress other places; at MBU, neatness counts! Scouts who are unwilling to meet our dress code are invited to stay home. Counselors are giving up their day to share their knowledge and teach classes for scouts who sincerely want to learn and advance. Most counselors will spend hours of advance preparation in an effort to make the subject interesting. The bringing and use of gum, snacks, toys, playing cards, personal electronics, cell phones and similar items is rude, disrespectful, and disruptive. Just like in school, any such items will be confiscated and scouts should not expect to get them back at the end of the day. **Our policy on confiscated items is that the scout and his parent may claim the item at our regular Monday night troop meeting following MBU.** That's going to mean the boy and a parent gets to make a drive back to Fellowship Church if he wants his stuff back. We strongly advise scouts not to bring any contraband items into the school building. All participants must sign up and attend classes each period they are on campus; and they must attend the classes

for which they are properly registered. Scouts may not simply change classes without permission from the registrar, nor may they wander the halls. Scouts must be — and will be — under adult supervision at all times. We work very hard to create a serious educational environment at MBU. Scouts who want to regard this program as a “play day” should not bother to come. Please explain these expectations to your scouts and make sure they understand them.

REGISTRATION FORMS

The intended handout for scouts consists of 2 pages --- a Course List and a Scout Registration Form. The **Unit Registration Form** is to be completed by whatever adult will be acting as your unit's contact person for MBU -- typically the Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster, or Advancement Chair. If an email address is provided, we will contact this person (via email) to alert them that we have received the unit's registration forms and advise them of the classes for which their scouts have been scheduled. Units should keep a copy of each scout's registration form and scouts should immediately begin working on the pre-requisites for the classes they list. The amount of advance notice we can provide is directly dependent upon how soon we receive the scout's Registration Form. We typically process all registrations with 24 hours of receiving them. Individual class schedules for each scout will be distributed following a brief orientation meeting at MBU on Saturday morning.

BLUE CARDS/WORKSHEETS

Please take time to consider appropriate MBs for each of your scouts and advise them accordingly. Included in this packet is a brief description of each class that will be offered. Specific pre-requisites are clearly listed on the course list. **You will need to provide each scout from your troop with a WORKSHEET for each of their MB classes.** Allowing scouts to take merit badges for which they are not prepared is neither in their best interest nor fair to the counselors. Out of necessity, some classes at MBU have additional age or rank requirements beyond those normally imposed at the local troop level. Please take seriously your responsibility to advise and pre-screen your scouts. ***BLUE CARDS will not be used at this conference.***

ANYTHING WE HAVEN'T ALREADY COVERED

99% of the questions we get are already answered above or on the subsequent pages included in this packet. The first thing you might want to do before calling or emailing is read (or re-read) the information already in your hands.

If you have a question that hasn't already been addressed, please contact me either via email at MBU@bsatrop197.com or by phone at (615) 330-3441. For the sake of efficiency, email is strongly preferred.

PLEASE HELP US SPREAD THE WORD

Please feel free to share information about MBU with other Scouts and Scout Leaders. Your assistance in spreading the word and helping to get the news out is sincerely appreciated. Both a single page informational flyer (suitable for distribution at Roundtable meetings) and this comprehensive information packet can be downloaded in PDF format from our web site, mbu.bsatroop197.com.

Any registered scout from any troop in any district or council is welcome to come and participate in MBU.

Very Respectfully

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Troop Committee Chairman

Fellowship United Methodist Church Troop 197



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A number of the badges on the **COURSE LIST** have specific age/rank guidelines as prerequisites. These are based on the experience of counselors in prior years and will be enforced. A scout who takes merit badges for which he is not prepared or that require skills beyond his current ability is not likely to enjoy his day or fully benefit from the opportunities that MBU offers. We reserve the right to remove from class any scout who does not meet our guidelines or shows up unprepared.

Each year, many Scoutmasters ask our recommendations about which merit badges we feel are most appropriate for scouts at various stages of their Scouting careers. We gladly share these general guidelines, but caution Scoutmasters to also consider the specific talents, skill level, maturity, and interests of each individual scout.

Appropriate for scouts who have never been to Boy Scout summer resident camp and for whom MBU will be their first experience earning any merit badge (note that some may have age restrictions):

Personal Fitness	Fire Safety
Fingerprinting	Crime Prevention
Public Speaking	Textiles
Leatherwork	Scouting Heritage

For scouts who have already earned several merit badges and understand how the merit badge program works, these badges are also appropriate:

Aviation	Environmental Science
Family Life	Emergency Preparedness

The following badges are only appropriate for scouts who possess the maturity to tackle more difficult subjects that require critical thinking and analysis. Many have age/rank restrictions. Some of these subjects are rarely offered in other settings, so MBU provides an excellent opportunity to earn them.

Citizenship in the Community	Communications
Citizenship in the Nation	Personal Management
Computers	First Aid
Cinematography	Inventing
Veterinarian Medicine	Automotive Maintenance



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Automotive Maintenance (Course #197-13-A)

Modern automobiles are important to many aspects of American life. Those who service automobiles must understand each principle, and how these principles interact to provide smooth, efficient performance. Owners of cars also benefit by understanding how their vehicles operate. This enables them to understand why certain periodic maintenance is required to keep their vehicles in tip-top shape.

AVIATION (Course #197-1-A) OR (Course #197-1-P)

For most of history, people have dreamed of flying, imagining how it would feel to soar through the sky like an eagle or hover in midair like a hummingbird, to float on unseen currents, free of Earth's constant tug, able to travel great distances and to rise above any obstacle. Today, through aviation, we can not only join the birds but also fly farther, faster, and higher than they ever could. This class fills quickly and involves a visit to an airport which is generally 1 week after MBU.

BUGLING (Course #197-1-IS)

This is an independent study Merit Badge. No class is offered. This is not a formal class and no instruction will be provided. The counselor will meet with scouts who already know how to play either the bugle or the trumpet to listen to them play the required bugle calls from memory. Scouts must bring their own instrument.

CAMPING (Course #197-2-IS)

This is an independent study Merit Badge. No class is offered. An Eagle required badge. Counseled by an experienced scoutmaster, complete the attached packet & bring a letter from your Troop Scoutmaster or Advancement Chair that indicates you have completed requirement #9. The class has a rank restriction.

CINEMATOGRAPHY (Course #197-12-P)

Cinematography includes the fundamentals of producing motion pictures, including the use of effective light, accurate focus, careful composition (or arrangement), and appropriate camera movement to tell stories. In earning the badge, Scouts will also learn to develop a story and describe other pre- and postproduction processes necessary for making a quality motion picture.

CITIZENSHIP IN THE COMMUNITY (Course #197-2-A)

An Eagle required badge. Because scouts come from so many different communities, advance completion of the listed pre-requisite requirements is essential for boys to complete the badge at MBU. This is not an easy badge and definitely NOT a badge for younger scouts. The class has an age restriction.

CITIZENSHIP IN THE NATION (Course #197-2-P)

An Eagle required badge. Scouts must bring proof of prior completion of the listed prerequisites in order to complete the badge at MBU. The class will focus on the workings of our federal government and the provisions of the U.S. Constitution. Most schools cover U.S. history in 8th grade and again in 11th grade. This is a difficult merit badge and nearly impossible for boys in 7th grade or below to understand. For these reasons, the class has an age restriction.

COMMUNICATIONS (Course #197-3-A)

An Eagle required badge. This is a tough badge targeted toward scouts in high school. It involves researching, preparing, and giving several effective oral presentations. Class size is limited. An excellent class for the serious, well-prepared, older scout.

COMPUTERS (Course #197-4-A)

This badge is more about computer science than computer games. Much of the badge deals with the history and evolution of computers. Scouts must already be proficient in the use of “office application” software (word processing, spreadsheet, database, and presentation graphics) to be able to complete in-class projects; there is not enough time to “teach” boys how to use such software and there will be no opportunity to play any computer games. The well-prepared, software-savvy scout can easily complete this badge at MBU but novices will be frustrated and disappointed. Class size is limited. The bringing or use of USB memory devices is strictly prohibited. All project work will be done in class, so there is no need to bring any files or software from home.

CRIME PREVENTION & FINGERPRINTING (Course #197-5-P)

Both of these Merit Badges are taught by officers from the Murfreesboro Police Department, this is an interesting and relatively easy badge for scouts of any age. There are two easy pre-requisite projects that scouts must do at home and bring to class in order to complete the badge at MBU.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (Course #197-10-P)

An Eagle required badge. There are multiple pre-requisites including the FIRST AID merit badge. This class is designed for the older, experienced scout.

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE (Course #197-7-A) & (Course #197-7-P)

An Eagle required badge. There are multiple pre-requisites. This class is designed for the older, experienced scout.

FAMILY LIFE (Course #197-8-A) OR (Course #197-8-P)

An Eagle required badge. Most of the requirements for this badge must be done at home with the scout’s family, so the class at MBU will focus on preparing the scout to work on the merit badge rather than on actually completing it at MBU. However, scouts who come with appropriate written proof of having completed the listed pre-requisites (such as a note from a parent supported by notes, logs, photos, or other evidence of having completed the required family projects) will be able to complete the badge at MBU. The class has an age restriction.

FIRE SAFETY (Course #197-9-A)

This is another fun, interesting, and relatively easy merit badge that is appropriate for scouts of any age. The class will be taught by professional firefighters from the Murfreesboro Fire Department. To prepare and practice a home fire evacuation plan with their family is the only pre-requisite (they should bring a note from a parent along with a sketch of their home showing exit paths).

FIRST AID (Course #197-10-A)

An Eagle required badge. This is a fast-moving and very intense merit badge for boys who have read the FIRST AID MB pamphlet cover to cover in advance of class. Unprepared and/or immature scouts will NOT complete the badge. Age is less a factor than maturity and attention span, but this class is definitely NOT for brand new scouts. FIRST AID and LIFESAVING are probably the two most serious Eagle required badges, because people's lives can depend upon the scout's preparation and training. The passing standard for this class is very high. There are two pre-requisites.

INVENTING (Course #197-15-P)

Inventing involves finding technological solutions to real-world problems. Inventors understand the importance of inventing to society because they creatively think of ways to improve the lives of others. Explore the world of inventing through this new merit badge, and discover your inner inventiveness.

LEATHERWORK (Course #197-12-A)

Scouts who complete the requirements to earn the Leatherwork merit badge will explore leather's history and its endless uses. They will learn to make a useful leather item using the same types of raw materials that our ancestors used; be challenged to master skills like hand-stitching, lacing, and braiding.; and learn how to preserve and protect leather items so they will last a lifetime and beyond.

MUSIC (Course #197-3-IS)

This is an independent study Merit Badge. No class is offered. You will complete requirements 2, 3, & 4 and bring written proof of those to our MBU. During the lunch break you will play your short song on the instrument of your choosing to our counselor.

PERSONAL MANAGEMENT (Course #197-3-P)

One of the toughest Eagle required badges because of the record keeping involved. It's also one of the most useful for a scout's long-term financial security. It's all about wise money management, from loans and credit cards to saving and investing. Scouts really need to be 14 or older to understand the concepts and do the math. Everything but the required project work can be completed at MBU.

PERSONAL FITNESS (Course #197-9-P)

Prerequisites 1, 7 & 8. This is an Eagle Required Merit Badge that will focus on the basic principles of Personal Fitness. It is recommended for older Scouts 13 & above. A physical is required as well as a 12 week long fitness program after MBU to complete (requirements 7&8).

PETS (Course #197-4-IS)

This is an independent study Merit Badge. No class is offered. Scouts need to complete all the requirements on their own in advance then meet with the counselor to discuss their pet. Either having a parent bring the pet at the beginning of the day or bringing photographs will suffice.

PUBLIC SPEAKING (Course #197-11-A)

In this class you will work on the skills needed to talk in front groups of your peers and other people. You will both prepare a speech & do an impromptu speaking. It is recommended for older Scouts preparing to enter a Senior Troop Leadership position.

READING (Course #197-5-IS)

This is an independent study Merit Badge. No class is offered. You will complete requirements 1-4 and provide written reports on the items it indicates to discuss with your counselor as well as your reading log. Insure that you have your parents' permission to search the internet.

SCHOLARSHIP (Course #197-6-IS)

This is an independent study Merit Badge. No class is offered. Complete requirements 1-5. Bring proof from your school for requirements 1-4 and bring your report for requirement 5 for our counselor to review during our MBU.

SCOUTING HERITAGE (Course #197-14-A)

The new Scouting Heritage merit badge introduces boys to the history of the Boy Scouts of America. They'll learn it all—from Scouting's beginnings under Lord Baden-Powell to the history of their own troop.

TEXTILES (Course #197-14- P)

This class will be taught by a very experience instructor from Nashville. Scouts will learn the impact & importance of textiles in the community as well as get some hands on with them.

VETERINARIAN MEDICINE (Course #197-13- P)

The field of veterinary medicine in the 21st century is one of the most exciting medical professions in which to work. The skills of a veterinarian are practiced with cutting-edge technology and treatment options, and the profession offers a wide range of career choices. This class is taught by one of our local veterinarians and involves a visit to the clinic.



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Doors Open @ 7:30 AM; Classes Start @ 8:00 AM
Classes End @ 5:30 PM; Building Closes @ 6:00 PM

Type of Unit & Unit Number: _____
Chartering Organization: _____
Council (if not MTC): _____
District: _____
Unit Contact (Please PRINT): _____
Email Address: _____
Phone Number(s): _____
Mailing Address: _____

Please review all Scout Registration Forms to check for the following:

- Make sure we can READ the scout's writing.
- Make sure every scout has listed 4 choices.
- Make sure every scout meets the listed age, rank, and/or grade restrictions for all the merit badges he has selected.
- Make sure every form is signed by both the scout and his parent/guardian.

MBU is designed to be a COOPERATIVE EFFORT. To run a program of this magnitude, we NEED and actively seek the help of adults from all participating units to assist with a variety of tasks throughout the day. We particularly need parents to help with the preparation and serving of lunch. Please provide information (phone number and email address) for at least 2 adults from this unit who will be in attendance at MBU and willing to assist.

Adult Name (please PRINT) (min 2 adults) Phone Number Email Address

How did you learn about T-197's MBU? Email direct from Troop 197
 Information was distributed at District Roundtable
 Information was brought in by a scout or scout parent
 Heard about it from other scout leaders
 Just happened upon it while surfing the Internet
 Other (Please specify): _____

Has this unit recently participated in other MBU-like programs? No Yes, hosted by _____

Total number of scouts in this unit? _____

To qualify for the group rate, all scout registration forms MUST be collected by a troop adult and submitted in a bundle along with this form, a single check, and information on AT LEAST 1 ADULTS who are willing to help out at MBU.

Though we have counselors secured for this year, we're always interested identifying good resources. Please list on the back of this form information about any adults in your unit who might be a potential counselor in future years. (Name, phone #, email address, and the subject area(s) of interest.)



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PLEASE READ!!!

There are no course numbers for the five merit badges that are offered “by appointment.” Scouts simply circle those badges on the Registration Form then come to the Registration Desk sometime during their day at MBU and we will link them up with the appropriate counselor. They should try to do that early in the day or during the lunch break, as some counselors may not be with us the whole day. You **MUST** bring the documentation for these “by appointment” classes.

2 COURSES FOR ALL SCOUTS

It is important that ALL scouts list 2 course selections, even if they register early. There is a very simple reason why this is necessary ---

Classes are only offered during certain parts of the day. A class may only be available during the morning or afternoon session. The Scout must choose one (1) morning class **AND** one (1) afternoon class.

We will work from the top down, so the scout will probably get the first class listed. BUT, if his second class conflicts with his first and both are only offered one time, AND he doesn't indicate any alternate courses that don't conflict, then he will only be pre-scheduled for one class and he will have to stand in the course change line at MBU and choose from whatever classes might still be open. Selections at that point may be limited.

This unfortunate situation can be avoided if he lists 2 different courses (as requested) at the time of initial registration. By doing this, he is much more likely to get into classes that he really wants.

We will do our very best to give scouts their 1st choice classes, but if this is not possible, the more alternates they give us to work with, the better able we'll be to get them the best schedule possible



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AVAILABLE COURSES

A.M. Merit Badge	Instructor	Session	Course Number	<u>PREREQUISITE REQUIREMENTS</u> <u>(Bring proof of completion to class)</u>
Aviation	J. Duke	AM	197-1-A & 197-1-P	#5 and #4a, 2ab-Will be completed on the morning of February 11- Airport visit.
First Aid*	B. Smith	AM	197-10-A	#1,#7, obtain and read MB booklet before coming to class
Citizenship in the Community*	B. Hill	AM	197-2-A	#3a, 3b, 4b,5,7c
Communications*	T. Riley	AM	197-3-A	#5,6,8
Computers	Moore/Dubois	AM	197-4-A	Read booklet, research items for #10, must be 1st class
Scouting Heritage	J. Langley	AM	197-14-A	Read booklet
Environmental Science*	C. Hazlett	AM	197-7-A & 197-7-P	#3f,4,5,6
Family Life*	A. Dubois	AM	197-8-A & 197-8-P	#4,5,6
Fire Safety	T. Swann	AM	197-9-A	#6a
Leatherwork	J. Reynolds	AM	197-12-A	Read booklet
Public Speaking	A. Waterson	AM	197-11-A	Bring a notebook, complete #2 & #4 and bring them to class
Automotive Maintenance	C. Langley	AM	197-13-A	Read booklet
Emergency Preparedness*	B. Smith	PM	197-10-P	#1
Citizenship in the Nation*	B. Hill	PM	197-2-P	#2,3,8
Personal Management*	T. Riley	PM	197-3-P	#1,2,8c,8d,10b
Crime Prevention/Fingerprinting	D. Miller	PM	197-5-P	Read booklet
Personal Fitness*	J. Reynolds	PM	197-9-P	#1, 7-8
Cinematography	A. Duke	PM	197-12-P	Read Booklet
Veterinary Medicine	K. Daniel	PM	197-13-P	Read booklet
Textile	P. McClain	PM	197-14-P	
Inventing	L. Hoermann	PM	197-15-P	Read booklet

**** ALL SCOUTS SHOULD OBTAIN AND READ THE PAMPHLET FOR EACH CLASS THEY PLAN TO TAKE****

<u>ADDITIONAL Merit Badge Offerings</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Course Number</u>	<u>Counselor</u>	<u>PREREQUISITE REQUIREMENTS (Bring proof of completion to class)</u>
PETS	By appointment only	197-4-IS	ASM	Must have proof that is ready to present to counselor in order to get signatures
MUSIC	By appointment only	197-3-IS	ASM	Must have proof that is ready to present to counselor in order to get signatures
CAMPING	By appointment only	197-2-IS	ASM	Must have proof that is ready to present to counselor in order to get signatures
SCHOLARSHIP	By appointment only	197-6-IS	ASM	Must have proof that is ready to present to counselor in order to get signatures
READING	By appointment only	197-5-IS	ASM	Must have proof that is ready to present to counselor in order to get signatures
BUGLING	By appointment only	197-1-IS	ASM	Must have proof that is ready to present to counselor in order to get signatures



BSA TROOP 197 – FELLOWSHIP UMC

MERIT BADGE UNIVERSITY 2012

SCOUT REGISTRATION

Doors Open @ 7:30 AM; Classes Start @ 8:00 AM
Classes End @ 5:30 PM; Building Closes @ 6:00 PM

CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

1. This is a Scouting event --- full "Class A" Scout field uniform is the expected attire for all participants.
2. Scouts must obtain and bring with them an official merit badge WORKSHEET for each MB class they wish to take at MBU.
3. Counselors have the right to refuse class admission to scouts who do not meet the published prerequisite age/rank/grade requirements, arrive without required materials, and/or arrive without a WORKSHEET for that Merit Badge. Worksheets WILL NOT be provided.
4. All classes will be limited to a size appropriate to the subject being discussed and the facilities available.
5. Advance registration and other conditions must be met by the unit in order for scouts to receive the "group rate."
6. Registrations will be processed first come, first served in the order that Registration Form and accompanying payment are received. In fairness to others, requests to "hold space" or "make reservations" before payment is received will be declined.
7. Any requests to change course selections must be cleared through and approved by the Registrar; scouts will not be permitted to attend classes for which they are not properly registered.
8. Lunch will be served on-site. Scouts may not leave the church except on class-related field trips in the company of their merit badge counselor. Transportation for all such trips will be provided by adult drivers at least 21 years of age.
9. Completion of merit badges taken at MBU is not guaranteed. Scouts must complete all BSA requirements to the satisfaction of the counselor(s). Many merit badges require advance preparation and/or paperwork. Partial awards will be given for work completed at MBU if the entire MB is not completed.
10. This Registration Form and payment must be received by Troop 197 by Monday, January 31, 2012.
11. In the unlikely event a course must be cancelled at the last minute, scouts will be rescheduled into another class that is able to accommodate them.
12. Scouts must attend the classes and sessions to which they are assigned. All schedule changes must be approved by the Registrar. Those who register nearer the deadline may not get their first choice classes.
13. Chewing gum, snacks, personal electronics, cell phones, playing cards and other items not required for merit badge classes are inappropriate and should not be brought to MBU. Items that cause a distraction or disruption in a class will be confiscated. USB memory devices are specifically prohibited.
14. Cancellations after Monday, January 31st and "no shows" are not eligible to receive a refund.
15. Scouts should make sure their name and troop number is on all items brought to MBU (coats/jackets, caps, MB books, notebooks, cameras, etc.). Lost & Found items not claimed by February 15 will be discarded.

Scout's Name (PRINT clearly) _____

Scout's Home Phone Number (_____) _____

Scout's Age (on February 5, 2012) _____

Scout's Current Grade in School _____

Scout's Current Rank _____

Scout's Troop Number _____

PARTICIPATION FEES

\$25 Individual Scout fee
\$35 Late fee after 1/31/11
\$20 Group discount fee (5 or more per Unit. Must register as a Unit to qualify for the discounted rate.)

Indicate class selections by entering course numbers on the lines below. List 4 different courses in order of preference -- we will do our best to honor your requests from the top down, but classes do fill up and other scheduling conflicts occur, so it is foolish not to list alternate selections.

	Course #	Course Title
FIRST CHOICE (Morning)	_____	_____
SECOND CHOICE (Morning)	_____	_____
FIRST CHOICE (Afternoon)	_____	_____
SECOND CHOICE (Afternoon)	_____	_____

APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE. I have read the CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION listed above and understand my responsibilities in being able to successfully earn one or more merit badges.

SCOUT SIGNATURE: _____

Counselors Available by Appt.

Circle one if you want to meet with a counselor. You must bring all paperwork.

PETS
MUSIC
CAMPING
SCHOLARSHIP
READING
BUGLING

PERMISSION TO PARTICIPATE. As parent / guardian of this scout, I hereby grant permission for him to participate in this event. Where necessary for the subjects he has chosen, I also grant permission for him to be transported offsite in an appropriate vehicle operated by a licensed driver at least 21 years of age. I fully understand there are certain risks of physical injury associated with some MBs and I agree to hold harmless Fellowship United Methodist Church, Boy Scout Troop 197 as hosts of this event, the volunteers who make the program possible and any businesses or organizations that allow classes to be held on their premises. In the event of serious injury, I authorize the Scout Leaders in charge of this event to secure immediate emergency medical treatment for this minor child with the understanding that I will be contacted as soon as possible.

Parent/Guardian: _____

Date: _____

Emergency Number(s): _____

Make Checks payable to **BSA Troop 197**.

Form and payment must be received by Troop 197 on or before Monday, January 31, 2012.