



## Boy Scout Winter Merit Badge Extravaganza

### December 27-29, 2012

### McGimsey Scout Park

Mark your calendars for the Boy Scout Winter Merit Badge Extravaganza (MBE)! Scouts will have an opportunity to earn from one to six merit badges over this three-day period.

**Troop Contact Registration (REQUIRED) online beginning October 3. Scout registration: ONLINE beginning October 10 at [www.alamoareabsa.org](http://www.alamoareabsa.org). Some of the merit badges are offered only once and the class sizes are limited. All pre-requisites must be completed before arriving at MBE. You will be required to enter t-shirt size for each scout during registration process.**

- The cost for this event depends upon when you register.
  - \$55 - Early Registration with A&B Health Form Submitted Oct 12 – Nov 14
  - \$65 - Registration with A&B Health Form Submitted Nov 15 – Dec 14
  - Registration closes December 14, 2012. **(no exceptions)**
  - Registration will close at 350 scouts.
- New Registration Process
  - Troop Contacts (TC) must register online (similar to November MBU)
  - Only TC can register scouts for MBE
  - TC responsible for troop payment and submission of Health Forms as a packet
  - Online Payment **may** be in place for this event. TC will be given more information as registration date nears. (Credit Card, Debit, Electronic Check)
- Your registration fee includes lunch, t-shirt and support materials.
- Scouts **must** bring a current merit badge book, pen or pencil and notebook.
- Classes will start at 8:00 a.m. and conclude at 4:00 p.m. daily.  
(Class schedule-8:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m.)
- All Scouts must wear tan field uniform or venturing green shirt
- There will be **no** overnight camping.
- **Each troop must provide**
  - **At least one adult for each day the troop has a scout in attendance**
  - **A driver, if a scout has field trip then an adult will be asked to assist in providing transportation for the merit badge field trips**
- Refunds will be given for medical reasons only and must be submitted within 2 weeks after the event. There will be a \$10.00 readiness assessed on any refund granted.
- If the local weather forecast 24 hours prior to the event is for rain of 1" per hour or more, the event will be cancelled.

For additional information, please contact:

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## **MERIT BADGES OFFERED**

### **ALL DAY-(FT) - Field Trip**

Environmental Science	Communications	Geocaching
Citizenship in the Nation	Art (FT)	First Aid
Citizenship in the Community	Graphic Arts	Home Repair
Auto Mechanics	Aviation (FT)	Indian Lore
Emergency Preparedness	Golf (FT)	Orienteering
Wood Carving	Cinematography	Radio
Nuclear Science		

### **HALF DAY**

Collections	Music	Coin Collecting
Crime Prevention (FT)	Energy	Scouting Heritage
Dentistry	Fingerprinting	Law
Safety	Fire Safety (FT)	Public Speaking
Photography	Genealogy	Traffic Safety
	Citizenship in the World	Pulp & Paper
		Family Life

***Notice:** MBE does its best to ensure availability of merit badge classes. However, due to circumstances beyond our control, classes may be cancelled or changed without notice. Examples include instructors becoming sick or cancelling at the last moment due to unforeseen circumstances such as a family loss.*

## **Troop Activities**

### ***Dutch Oven Challenge***

- Who can cook the best meal, breakfast, side dish, dessert, etc...

### ***Food Drive (5 cans per Scout)***

- Last year delivered a 6' trailer of food to the citizens in our community.
- Let's see if we can beat last year's goal and help feed more of our friends.
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## **Adult Activities**

### ***Scoutmaster specifics***

### ***Youth Protection***

### **Additional Fees:**

- *Golf: \$10 - USGA rule book and bring clubs*
- *Wood Carving \$10 - Whittling Chip, knife, any carving tools you may have*
- *Indian Lore: \$10 - Supplies*

### **Additional Material Needed:**

- Orienteering: Bring Compass, and Camelback
- Geocaching: GPS (don't sign up for MB if you don't have one! → borrow one!)
- Cinematography: bring materials for story board and digital video camera if you have one
- Music: Documentation of membership in band, choir, etc

### **Health Forms:**

- Health Forms A&B must be completed for each Scout (tetanus shot required)
- Must be turn in as a packet by TC to Council.