MERIT BADGE Extravaganza – December 28-30, 2015

Location: Palo Alto College
Date: December 28, 29 and 30

MBU Agenda/Schedule
7:00 AM  Administration / Registration opens.
7:45 AM  Opening Ceremony
8:00 AM  First Period Starts
11:30 AM First Period Ends, Start Lunch
12:25 PM Lunch Ends
12:30 PM Second Period Starts
4:00 PM  Second Period Ends
4:00 PM  MBE Clean-up Activities
4:15 PM  Troops travel home

Registration: Troop Contact (Nov. 20)
- Troop Contacts (TC) must register online
- Only TC can register scouts for MBU
- TC responsible for troop payment during online registration process.

Registration: Scout (Dec. 9)
- Cost - $65
- Registration – Dec. 7 – Dec 21 with A&B Health Form Submitted
- Includes lunch, t-shirt and support materials.
- You will be required to enter t-shirt size for each scout during registration process.
- Registration will close at 450 scouts
- Only TC can register scouts for MBU
- Classes chosen after scout is registered
- Classes are on a first come basis

Registration Closes: (Dec 21 or until full)

Schedule Changes:
- TCs can make necessary.
- No Schedule Changes after Dec. 21
- No Schedule Changes at Event

Helping Feed Our Community Food Drive
We will be asking each scout attending MBU to bring 5 cans or dry goods of food.

The Scouting Slogan is “Do a good turn daily”. This is an opportunity for the scouting community to make a difference in the lives of citizens in our community.

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# Merit Badge List

## Eagle Merit Badges (half day)
*(Note: Scouts may only sign up for 2 Eagle MB)*
- Citizenship in the World (E)
- Family Life (E)

## Eagle Merit Badges (full day)
*(Note: Scouts may only sign up for 2 eagle MB)*
- Citizenship in the Community (E)
- Citizenship in the Nation (E)
- Communications* (E)
- Emergency Preparedness* (E)
- Environmental Science* (E)

## Merit Badges (half day)
- American Heritage
- Astronomy
- Bird Study
- Chemistry
- Crime Prevention
- Fire Safety
- Home Repairs
- Music* (bring proof of band, choir, etc..)
- Photography*
- Plant Science
- Public Speaking
- Pulp & Paper
- Robotics (F $20)
- Scouting Heritage
- Traffic Safety

## Merit Badges (full day)
- Auto Maintenance
- Aviation
- Climbing (F $20) (limit 2 per troop)
- Geocaching (must bring GPS)
- Golf (F $15)
- Horsemanship (F $20)
- Search and Rescue (F $5)
- Wood Carving (F $10)

## Disclaimers
- **F** = Activity Fee
- **E** = Eagle required *(Only 2 per Scout)*
- **$** = Additional Fee (to be paid in class)
- *** = Extensive pre-requisites required

**Note:** Merit Badge enrollment is on a first come basis. Merit Badges offered may be changed or cancelled without notice due to availability issues.

## Scout Leader Activities
- Dutch Oven Cooking
- High Adventure Planning

**WANT TO PARTICIPATE**
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## Counselors / Staff Needed!
- **John Haines** – MBU Chair
  - Email: [alamo.mbu@gmail.com](mailto:alamo.mbu@gmail.com)
- **Myles Siegel** – Staff Liaison
  - Email: [Myles.Siegel@scouting.org](mailto:Myles.Siegel@scouting.org)
FAQ:

- **Program Changes**
  - Scouts may only register for a total of 2 eagle merit badges.
  - The goal is to provide opportunities for all scouts to earn eagle merit badges.
- **Exceeding 2 Eagle Merit Badge sign up limitation**
  - If a troop contact registers a scout for more than 2 eagle merit badges for this event then a merit badge will be removed.
  - The merit badge that is removed will randomly picked.
  - No notification will be provided.

- **Information Resources**
  - **Pre-Requisites** - Click Activities
  - **Class Availability** - Click Activities
  - **Registration Guide** – Click Resources - [http://storage.alamoareabsa.org/event/docs/2558/mbu_registration_guide.pdf](http://storage.alamoareabsa.org/event/docs/2558/mbu_registration_guide.pdf)
  - **Class Availability**
    - You may check for availability by looking under the **Activities** tab on the event.
    - Please check availability of classes before signing up.
  - **Schedule Changes**
    - No schedule changes will be performed at the event.
  - **Health Forms**
    - Must be turned in within a week of registering.
    - Health Forms must be physically submitted to council office.
      - Drop them off at the front desk or mail them
        - Alamo Area Council Service Center
        - 2226 N.W. Military Hwy
        - San Antonio, Texas 78213-1894
        - Attention: Winter MBE 2015 – Troop XXXX
    - Registration requires forms to be submitted by Dec. 18
  - **Uniforms**
    - All Scouts must wear tan field uniform or venturing green shirt.
    - Depending upon class, scout may need change of clothes (auto mechanics)
  - **Scouts**
    - Your registration fee includes lunch, t-shirt and support materials.
    - Scouts **must** bring a current merit badge book, pen or pencil and notebook.
Troops
  - At least one adult for each troop should be attendance to help manage and monitor their units.
  - 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.

Camping
  - There will be no overnight camping.

Weather
  - 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.

Expulsion from MBE
  - Scouts leaving without signing out is grounds for expulsion from MBE with no credit given for any classes.

Troop Contact Responsibilities
  - Provide Scout Schedules to Scouts
  - Provide Campus Maps to Scouts
  - Ensure A&B Health Form are turned by deadlines (lose discounts)
  - Inform Scouts of Expulsion for Leaving without Checking out
  - Inform Scouts of No Schedule Changes
  - Remind Scouts to bring 5 cans of food for Food Drive

Scout Schedules
  - MBE will not be providing schedules at the event.

Food Drive
  - We will be conducting a food drive to help families in need. Since the Boys Scout slogan is Do a Good Turn Daily, we would like to request that each boy bring 5 dry good items such as cans of food. This will allow our Scouts to “Do a Good Turn” to our fellow citizens of San Antonio! The food will be donated to San Antonio Foodbank as our way of saying “Thank You” and to help assist with their outreach program.
• Class Information
  o Automotive Maintenance – Mays Family Ranch
  o Aviation - Stinson Airport
  o Bird Study - Mays Scout Ranch
  o Climbing – McGimsey Scout Park
  o Golf - San Pedro Golf Course
  o Horsemanship – R.O.P.E.R, 4991 Higdon Road
  o Search and Rescue – McGimsey Scout Park