Welcome to Merit Badge Extravaganza!

TROOP CONTACT RESPONSIBILITIES BEFORE MBE  (print or email to scouts)
- Provide Scout Schedules to Scouts
- Provide Campus Maps to Scouts
- Ensure A&B Health Form are turned in prior to the event
- Inform Scouts of Expulsion for leaving without Checking out
- Inform Scouts of Expulsion for being in vehicles during MBE
- Inform Scouts of No Schedule Changes
- Remind Scouts to bring 5 cans of food for Food Drive

SCOUT’S SCHEDULES:
No Troop packets will be provided. Everything has been provided online that you will need.

As Troop Contact, you are responsible for printing out / emailing your Scout’s Schedules and providing them to the Scouts. Please ensure your scouts have their schedules prior to the event. Chapter 3 in the registration guide can assist you in printing them.

http://storage.alamoareabsa.org/event/docs/2660/mbu_registration_guide.pdf

NOTE: MBE will not be providing packets or schedules at the event. A Printing Fee will be assessed if you need us to print your troop ($10) or scout ($3) schedules for you at the event.

CAMPUS MAPS:
Campus Maps have been provided on the website so that they can be printed by your troop and scouts. Copies will not be available at MBE.

http://storage.alamoareabsa.org/event/docs/2660/mcgimsey_scout_park.pdf

SCHEDULE CHANGES:
There will be no schedule changes. Each troop has been in charge of their scout’s schedules and has had the ability to adjust scout schedules until Dec. 15. Classes are packed, so if you ask you already know the answer.

EMERGENCIES / CONCERNS:
In case of emergencies or concerns, please contact John Haines @ 913-6022. This number is for adult use, and is not to be shared with the Scouts. You can find John Haines and other MBE Staff in the McGimsey White House. You can contact MBE administration at 210-399-7039.

LUNCH:
Lunch will be provided in the McGimsey dining hall. Scouts are discouraged from leaving the camp to eat lunch.
- If a scout chooses to leave for lunch then he must check out at the McGimsey White House with an authorized Scout Leader, parent or guardian.
- No Scout may leave from McGimsey Park without checking out.
- Scouts are not allowed to be in a vehicle once arriving at McGimsey.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Leaving without signing out is grounds for expulsion from MBE with no credit given for any classes. Any Scout caught in a vehicle during MBE without an approved medical waiver will be expelled and receive with no credit given for any classes. These are important SAFETY issues, so please help us.
VEHICLES:
These are used to drop off and pick up scouts. McGimsey Park is a camp with over 400+ scouts. During MBE any scout found in a vehicle will be expelled with no credit given for classes. There are exceptions, but you must get a waiver at MBE Administration.

CLEAN UP:
When classes end at 4 p.m., each class will be responsible for helping with the cleanup. Each classroom will need to be cleaned up as it was found prior to MBE. Thank you for your help!

MBE Agenda/Schedule

7:00 am Administration / Registration Opens.
7:45 am Opening ceremony at McGimsey White House.
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 Fourth period ends, start MBE clean-up activities
4:15 pm Troops travel home.

REGISTRATION / Administration

During registration, Troop Contact (TC) will:
1. Validate the Troop’s on-site adult leadership
2. Provide adult leader contact information (must have a cell phone)
3. Receive T-Shirts / Patches for Troop
4. Additional Information
   a. Adult leader troop schedule and campus map

BSA MBE AND CASTLE HILLS BAPTIST POLICY

Scouts must wear the proper field uniform with appropriate badges of rank, unit identification, and neckerchief. Anything else is not acceptable.

Scouts are under the direct supervision of the Troop adult leaders. MBE staff will depend on the Troop on-site adult leadership to deal with any inappropriate behavior. McGimsey is a smoke-free zone.

If any immediate problems occur and require adult intervention, notify the MBE staff immediately. MBE staff members will patrol the buildings and areas where the scouts are attending classes. If no MBE staff member is readily visible, contact the MBE staff office via phone at 913-6022 or 399-7039.

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 Castle Hills Baptist Church as our way of saying “Thank You” and to help assist with their outreach program.

EVALUATION FORM:

Here is an evaluation form that you may complete to provide feedback about the event. These will be available at the event.
http://storage.alamoareabsa.org/event/docs/2660/mbе_тroop_evaluation.pdf
Astronomy Merit Badge Star Party
Date: December 29, Monday
Time: 7:00pm
Location: McGimsey Scout Park – White House

Anyone and everyone is welcome to attend the Astronomy MB Star Party.
We will be helping Scouts meet some of the Astronomy Merit Badge requirements.
We will be looking at the Moon, Mars, Venus, Jupiter, Saturn, Milky Way and much more.

We will have Hot Chocolate and will have snacks to help make the even fun!
We might even play a few games such as find your favorite space alien!

Merit Badge Field Trips:

Horsemanship – A1 (Monday)
Date: December 29, Monday
Time: 8:00 AM
Location: Tejas Rodeo - 401 Obst Road, Bulverde, TX 78163

Scouts are to meet at Tejas Rodeo for class.
You must wear jeans / long pants. Closed toe shoes appropriate for riding a horse.
Bring a water bottle.
Lunch will be provided

Horsemanship – A3 (Tuesday)
Date: December 30, Tuesday
Time: 8:00 AM
Location: R.O.P.E.R. - 4991 Higdon Road San Antonio, Texas 78223

Scouts are to meet at R.O.P.E.R Facility for class.
You must wear jeans / long pants. Closed toe shoes appropriate for riding a horse.
Bring a water bottle.
Lunch will be provided

Aviation – A3 (Tuesday)
Date: December 30, Tuesday
Time: 8:00 AM
Location: Stinson Municipal Airport
8535 Mission Rd.
San Antonio, Texas 78214

Scouts are to meet at Stinson Airport.
Lunch will be provided

Golf – A3 (Tuesday)
Date: December 30, Tuesday
Time: 7:45 AM
Location: McGimsey Scout Park

We will meet at McGimsey Park and have instructional lessons and practice.
After lunch we will be going to the Golf course.