

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 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/4577/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.

LOCATION MAPS:

Location 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.

Palo Alto College - http://storage.alamoareabsa.org/event/docs/4577/palo_alto_college_map.pdf

McGimsey Scout Park - http://storage.alamoareabsa.org/event/docs/4577/mcgimsey_scout_park.pdf

Mays Family Ranch - http://storage.alamoareabsa.org/event/docs/4577/mays_family_ranch_map.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. 23. 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 at Palo Alto College – Ozuna Building. You can contact MBE administration at 210-399-7039.

LUNCH:

Lunch will be provided in the Palo Alto College – Ozuna Building 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 Ozuna Building with an authorized Scout Leader, parent or guardian.
- No Scout may leave from Palo Alto College without checking out.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Leaving without signing out is grounds for expulsion from MBE with no credit given for any classes. We are responsible for scouts while they are at the event, please help us.

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 Palo Alto College – Ozuna Building.
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 PALO ALTO COLLEGE 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. Palo Alto College, Mays Family Ranch and McGimsey Scout Park are smoke-free zones.

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/4577/mbe_troop_evaluation.pdf

Astronomy Merit Badge Star Party

Date: December 28, Wednesday

Time: 6:30pm

Location: Mays Family Ranch – 3445 Fest Road

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:

Auto Maintenance – A3 (Wednesday)

Date: December 28, Wednesday

Time: 8:00 AM

Location: Mays Family Ranch – 3445 Fest Rd, San Antonio, TX 78264

Scouts need to arrive and be picked up at Mays Family Ranch.

Scouts should wear clothes that can get dirty and grease on them. Hopefully, scouts won't get too dirty but no guarantee.

Bring a water bottle.

Lunch will be provided

Aviation – A3 (Tuesday)

Date: December 29, Tuesday

Time: 8:00 AM

Location: Stinson Municipal Airport

8535 Mission Rd.

San Antonio, Texas 78214

Scouts need to arrive and be picked up at Stinson Airport.

Scouts should bring a lunch, no lunch will be provided

Airport Café will be open, so you may bring \$10 for lunch.

Bird Study – A1, A3, A5 (Each Afternoon)

Date: December 27, 27, and 29

Time: 12:30

Location: Mays Family Ranch – 3445 Fest Rd, San Antonio, TX 78264

Scouts are to meet at Mays Family Ranch for class.

Scouts will be provided transportation back to Palo Alto College

Bring a water bottle.

Lunch will be provided

Climbing – A3 (Wednesday)

Date: December 28, Wednesday

Time: 8:00 AM

Location: McGimsey Scout Park – Climbing Tower

Scouts need to arrive and be picked up at McGimsey Scout Park.

Scouts should wear clothes that can get dirty. Hopefully, scouts won't get too dirty but no guarantee.

Bring a water bottle.

Scouts should bring a lunch with them. No lunch is being provided.

Geocaching – A1 (Tuesday)

Date: December 27 (Tuesday)

Time: 8:00 AM

Location: Mays Family Ranch – 3445 Fest Rd, San Antonio, TX 78264

Scouts need to arrive and be picked up at Mays Family Ranch.

Scouts should wear clothes that can get dirty. Hopefully, scouts won't get too dirty but no guarantee.

Bring a water bottle.

Lunch will be provided

Golf – A1 (Tuesday)

Date: December 27, Tuesday

Time: 7:45 AM

Location: Palo Alto College

We will meet at Palo Alto College and have instructional lessons and practice.

After lunch we will be going to the Riverside Golf course.

Scouts can be picked up from Riverside Golf Par 3

- 203 McDonald
- Please let us know if you plan to pick up at the golf course
- Remaining scouts will be brought back to Palo Alto College

Search and Rescue – A1 (Tuesday)

Date: December 27, Tuesday

Time: 8:00 AM

Location: Mays Family Ranch – 3445 Fest Rd, San Antonio, TX 78264

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Scouts should wear clothes that can get dirty. Hopefully, scouts won't get too dirty but no guarantee.

Bring a water bottle.

Lunch will be provided