Welcome to The Merit Badge Academy at St. Mary’s is especially focused for Scouts to earn Merit Badges on their path to Eagle. This format for counseling Boy Scouts and Venturers in learning, exploring, demonstrating, and committing themselves to the skills and values of merit badges is open to Scouts who are Second Class or above.

The Merit Badge Academy courses consist of teams of no more than 12 Scouts per Counselor. Counselors are highly qualified, including not only college and graduate students within the field of the merit badge, but also professors and leaders of the badge’s professions. There will be several counselors working assisting Scouts with each merit badge, and some counselors may move from group to group to facilitate particular requirements.

The Merit Badge Academy at St. Mary’s is designed to create a small-group environment –
- So each counselor can learn about each scout.
- So each scout can demonstrate and discuss each merit badge requirement.
- So each participant builds the knowledge, values, and friendships that are essential not only to a successful mentoring relationship, but also to the core of the scouting mission.

Your course will last much longer than is often the case with a Merit Badge University, and your class of Scouts will have no more than 12-15 scouts. This format, and your imagination, will help you provide a great experience that ensures your signature promising that each scout has truly completed a requirement will have meaning for you, the scout, and the BSA.

This brief introduction –
- Gives a summary overview of the location, timing, and activities of the MBA.
- Presents the requirements for your Merit Badge, with designations of the requirements we plan for you to cover during the program on March 11 and the plan for Scout completion of requirements not scheduled for sign-off that day.
Location

St. Mary’s University was founded by Brothers of the Society of Mary in 1852, only years after Texas became a state of the United States. Originally located on the banks of the San Antonio River, a new campus west of the San Antonio was purchased in 1891. St. Louis Hall, its oldest building, was completed in 1894 in a French revival style best seen from Cincinnati Avenue. The School of Law, founded in 1928, moved to the campus in 1969, and is housed in five buildings, four on the west side of campus. The Greehey School of Business, opened in 1923, and named in 2005 in thanks for a generous endowment from Bill Greehey; it is housed in the Albert B. Alkek Business Building.

Driving, Parking, Dropping & Collecting Passengers

To reach the Law School and Business School, drivers should plan to enter from 36th Street, due north of Culebra Street.

Going north on 36th Street, turn east onto Bangor Dr. and enter campus via the archway. From the archway, proceed forward toward the campus buildings. Please see the map, following.

Parking

Leaders and Scouts: Please turn right into the parking area. This is Lot D. You may park personal vehicles and vans in any open spaces other than the rows designated for handicapped parking or reserved for the faculty and staff. Busses should please travel at least three rows north from the entrance and not park too close to the entrance to the sports facilities.

Counselors: You are free to park in faculty parking in the first row, or you may do the following: As the drive dead-ends at the end of the parking area, turn left and proceed past the Classroom Building. Park in a parking space marked “Guest of the Dean” or similar spaces adjoining them.

Drop Off and Collection Flow

If you are dropping persons or later collecting them, please turn left as you enter Lot D and travel past three lanes of parking, then turn right and go toward the university buildings. As you reach the curb near the statue of St. Joseph, turn right again and discharge or collect your personnel near the bus stop. Then, observing cross walk safety, turn right and proceed to the 36th Street exit.
Program Locations

Registration will be in the west foyer of the Law School Classroom Building, which is visible from Lot D. Please enter from the west side, which is the side facing the sports fields. (Please register before 7:45). Scouts may wait inside, in the classrooms on the west side of the building. The Opening Ceremony will be in the Courtroom, in the Classroom Building rooms 103, 104 & 105. Please sit in 104 until it is filled. This is the middle section of the Courtroom. Classes will be held in the Law School buildings and the Business School Alkek Building. Lunch may be purchased by individuals in the Rattler Cafeteria. (See Map, above).

Activities Schedule

7:00 a.m. Registration Check-in (Law Classroom West Foyer)
7:30 a.m. Counselor Orientation and Youth Protection Training (Law Admin. Bldg. Atrium)
7:45 a.m. Opening Ceremony and Introductions (Courtroom)
8:00 a.m. Merit Badge classes begins (Law Buildings and Alkek Building)
12:00 p.m. Lunch (Rattler Cafeteria)
1:00 p.m. Merit Badge classes resume for longer courses
3:00 p.m. Troops travel home

Food Drive

We asked each scout to bring 5 cans of dry goods or food. The Scouting Slogan is "Do a good turn daily". This is an opportunity for us to make a difference in the lives of citizens in our community.
Partial Merit Badge Completion
Scouts who do not complete all requirements for a merit badge are encouraged to complete the requirements and then to contact Hugh Stevens or Jeremy Barnes to demonstrate the completed requirements.

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Mr. Jeremy Barnes. Phone: 210-436-3309 Email: jbarnes8@stmarytx.edu

Personal Management Completion – August 10, 2017
A program to demonstrate the completion of Personal Management long-running requirements will be held at Alkek Hall on August 10, 2017.