



Merit Badge Selection & Contact Information Form for Scouts

Directions for Scouts:

Step 1: Complete the Contact Information section (at right).

Step 2: In the "Have" column, insert a check () to indicate that you have already earned the merit badge (otherwise leave blank).

Step 3: In the "Rate" column, rate the priority of 7 merit badge course selections with a priority number (from 1 to 7, with 1 being the most important to you and 7 being the least important to you. Set to 8 for no priority.

Step 4: Return this form to your scoutmaster as soon as possible. Your scoutmaster will submit your troop's online MBU registration through the Council website during the week of **December 4-9, 2011.**

Contact Information:

Scout Name: _____
first name last name

Address: _____

Town: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: _____

e-Mail: _____

Troop: _____ Rank: _____ Age: _____

<i>Merit Badge Name</i>	<i>Have</i>	<i>Rate</i>
American Labor		
Art		
Automotive Maintenance		
Aviation		
Bird Study		
Bugling		
Chess		
Cinematography		
Citizenship in the Community		
Citizenship in the Nation		
Citizenship in the World		
Climbing		
Collections		
Communications		
Computers		
Cooking		
Crime Prevention		
Dentistry		
Disabilities Awareness		
Dog Care		
Drafting		

<i>Merit Badge Name</i>	<i>Have</i>	<i>Rate</i>
Electricity		
Electronics		
Emergency Preparedness		
Energy		
Engineering		
Entrepreneurship		
Family Life		
Fingerprinting		
Fire Safety		
First Aid (2 hr. class)		
Genealogy		
Graphic Arts		
Home Repairs		
Horsemanship		
Inventing		
Journalism		
Law		
Medicine		
Model Design and Building		
Music		
Nuclear Science		

<i>Merit Badge Name</i>	<i>Have</i>	<i>Rate</i>
Personal Fitness		
Personal Management		
Pets		
Photography		
Plumbing		
Public Speaking		
Railroading		
Reading		
Salesmanship		
Sculpture		
Snow Sports		
Space Exploration		
Sports		
Theater		
Traffic Safety		
Truck Transportation		
Veterinary Medicine		
Weather		
Flight-to-Eagle		

FAQ for Scouts Regarding Merit Badge Selections

Why can't I sign-up for merit badges when I arrive at MBU?

To make sure that sufficient counselors, class space, and course materials are available, the MBU staff needs participants to register in advance. There will be NO on-site registration at MBU.

Why can't I change merit badge selections when I arrive at MBU?

To support classes and advancement tracking a great deal of pre-MBU planning and paperwork is prepared. The MBU staff needs to focus on providing the planned courses for the registered participants at MBU. It is just not possible to support dynamic course selections on-site. There will be NO merit badge selection changes allowed after MBU registration.

What are the deadlines for MBU registration?

Old Colony Council troops will receive their MBU registration packets at the November 2011 district round table meetings. At some point during the month of November your troop will hold a registration night, so you may complete and submit your merit badge selections to your scoutmaster. Your Scoutmaster will submit your troop's online MBU registration through the Council website during the week of December 4-9, 2011.

Why does the MBU sign-up form ask for 7 merit badge selections when I'm only taking 3 merit badge classes at MBU?

The MBU form asks for your 7 choices because scouts receive their classes based on a priority system (not a "first troop to register" system). **Each scout selections are prioritized by:** (1) Top 3 choices by scout (2) Class, counselor, & classroom space availability. Scouts have a better than 90% chance of getting their top 3 choices for badges, so choose well.

Why does the First Aid merit badge take 2 hours at each MBU session?

The First Aid merit badge requires a lot of "hands-on" practice and demonstration. This course is provided in a 2 hour format to give counselors and scouts sufficient time to cover the material and give scouts a better chance of completing the merit badge at MBU.

What is the Flight-to-Eagle program at MBU?

To make MBU more appealing to new, younger scouts (first year scouts who are registered with their troop as of the day of MBU registration), the MBU Flight-to-Eagle program teaches many of the Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class rank requirements. This program is coordinated with the Camp Squanto summer camp Flight-to-Eagle program. Typically, the MBU program focuses on requirements that are not covered at camp.

It's my first time at MBU. What merit badges should I select?

For your first time at MBU, you might want to select badges with less potential homework and a greater possibility of completion. The MBU staff recommends Art, Bird Study, Crime Prevention, Dog Care, Medicine, Reading, Space Exploration, and Sports as good possibilities for first time MBU attendees.