

2022 Merit Badge University



Presented by:
South Georgia Council
Scouts, BSA

B. Administration

1. Registration fee

The fee for attending classes at MBU for the weekend is \$20 per Scout. All Leaders attending MBU will have a fee of \$7. This cost covers all materials and camp usage unless the Scout is taking a class listed below. Meals are not included in this fee (see section 9 below for details). Registration fees are as listed for the following classes:

CPR Certification - \$7	Shooting Sports	- Rifle	\$18
Woodcarving - \$16		- Shotgun	\$22
Basketry - \$10	Electronics	-	\$15

These fees must be paid prior to the event.

2. Cancellation/Refund Policy

Cancellation before March 4th will be considered for a full refund less \$5 to cover supplies that have already been purchased. However, in lieu of a refund, the fees can be transferred to another Scout. The Scout may choose any remaining classes still available. All refunds/transfers **must** be requested in writing. Phone requests will **not** be acceptable. No refunds will be processed after March 4, 2022.

3. Visitors

All visitors must check in and out at the Headquarters building upon arrival/departure.

4. Uniforms

Scouts are encouraged to wear the official field uniform for this event.

5. Event Printables

MBU will not provide printed schedules, merit badge workbooks, or maps at the event. If you need these items printed for your unit there will be a \$10 fee.

6. Health, Safety and First Aid

The MBU Health and Safety staff will be available at the Headquarters building if the need arises. Please have a BSA Health form on hand for each Scout attending the event. There is a COVID-19 Pre-Event screening checklist at the end of this packet. This form must be filled out and turned in by all participants, youth and adult, on the weekend at arrival.

7. **Lost and Found**

The MBU Lost and Found will be in the Headquarters building.

8. **Where to Submit Application**

Registration fees will be accepted online, in person at the South Georgia Council Service Center in Valdosta or via mail to the address listed below. Checks should be made payable to **BSA** with a comment in the memo indicating that the check is for **MBU**.

South Georgia Council, BSA
ATTN: SGC Merit Badge University
PO Box 3741
Valdosta, GA 31604
229.242.2331

9. **Meals**

Meals will not be provided by MBU. We have scheduled 2-hour mealtimes throughout the weekend to give the Troops time to prepare and eat meals. This also gives the Scout a chance to work on their Cooking merit badge.

C. Program

1. **Badges Available**

The merit badges being offered are listed on page 11 of this guide. There will be three class sessions over the weekend. Due to popularity and availability of counselors, some classes will fill up quickly. Scouts who register early have the best chance of getting into the classes that they want. Merit badge workbooks are very helpful and can be downloaded and printed from usscouts.org for each merit badge. Please remember that the usscouts.org website can be inaccurate or outdated so refer to the official Scout requirements merit badge pamphlet for the most up to date requirements.

2. **Pre-requisites**

Scoutmasters should be aware of any pre-requisites required by the instructors (pre-requisites are listed on page 10). If the listed pre-requisites are not completed prior to the event, the Scout **will not** earn the merit badge during the weekend. You, the Scoutmaster, may send a signed statement to the instructor informing them that your Scout has completed the requirements for them to receive credit for completion.

3. **Classwork**

The Scout is responsible for completing their requirements for the merit badge. Merit badge workbooks should be filled out during class time. The counselor may request that the Scout turn in their workbook at the end of the session to be looked over for completeness.

4. **Bring to Class**

All Scouts should bring the following items to each merit badge class to avoid missing any of the class time by going back to the campsite:

Paper and Pen/Pencil

Merit Badge Workbook

Statement of completed pre-requisites

Water bottle

Face mask are not required but recommended

5. **Partial Completions**

If a Scout is unable to complete the merit badge in class, the PARTIAL completion will be noted in our records. The MBU counselors are seldom available to serve as counselors after MBU ends. The Scoutmaster may decide to have the Scout meet with the counselor later to complete the merit badge, but this must be done using two deep leadership. The arrangements must be acceptable to the Scout, their parents, the Scoutmaster, and the counselor.

6. **Trailblazer Program**

The Trailblazer program will focus on your new Scouts. This program is designed for first year Scouts to participate in rank advancement. The Scout will be placed in a group of other first year Scouts beginning on Saturday morning after breakfast. They will continue with the program throughout the day on Saturday and on Sunday morning. They will be released back to their Units on Saturday for meals and after classes are over for the day.

7. **MBU Results**

Results from MBU will be available online after the event. It will take time to get all the results entered in the system so please be patient. We are not a merit badge factory and would like to ensure that we have included everything recorded correctly before we create reports. The results will all be entered as soon as possible but could take up to a week after the event ends. At that time, you may go to <https://www.sgcbasa.org/mbu> to print a report of the event

record. Please check there or with your Scoutmaster before calling or emailing. Thank you in advance for your understanding.

8. Attendance

It is the responsibility of the Scout to attend the merit badge classes that they registered in. If the Scout is late getting to class, after attendance has been taken, it is their responsibility to let the instructor know that they were there before they leave. If they do not inform the instructor, they will be considered absent from that class and will not receive credit for any of the requirements covered during that time.

9. Class Locations

Class location maps will be posted throughout camp.

D. Camping

1. This is an overnight camping event. **COME PREPARED!**
2. Scouts are required to camp with a Troop. Any Lone Scouts will be assigned to a Unit for the weekend.
3. Troops must provide two-deep leadership.
4. Leave No Trace camping will be practiced.
5. Campsite set up is the responsibility of the Troop. We will not provide tents.
6. The Guide to Safe Scouting is strictly enforced as well as all other camp regulations.
7. Remember, a Scout is Clean; please treat camp as you would your home. Leave camp better than you found it.
8. We will follow protocols from the CDC. Social distancing will be practiced. Wash hands/use hand sanitizer throughout the event.
9. **All pavilions will be utilized for merit badge classes. NO TROOPS MAY CAMP OR USE THE PAVILIONS.**

E. Conduct and Discipline

As a participant of the Merit Badge University please remember that:

The Guide to Safe Scouting policies apply and are enforced on Camp Property

1. Observe the Scout Oath and the Scout Law.
2. **NO** drugs or alcohol.
3. **NO** firearms.
4. ***NO youth or adults are to ride in the back of pickup trucks, trailers or UTVs.***
5. Park in designated parking lots **only**, **DO NOT** park in the camp sites.
6. **NO** open toe shoes or flip flops.
7. **NO** walking around the camp barefoot.
8. **NO** running allowed in the camping area.
9. Always use the **BUDDY SYSTEM**, no exceptions.
10. ***NO flames in tents, open or otherwise.***
11. Stay on Camp Osborn property! **DO NOT** venture off.

12. **DO NOT** leave campfires unattended.
13. **Leave what you find or see on the ground, DO NOT throw rocks, pinecones, sticks, etc.**
14. When you get ready to leave, place trash in the dumpster behind the dining hall or by the road to be picked up.
15. Make sure bathrooms are clean and better than you found them.
16. Before you leave, pick up paper and other trash. **LEAVE NO TRACE!!**
17. **Speed limit is 5 MPH throughout camp.**
18. Remember this is a wooded area. Watch out for snakes and other wildlife.
19. Youth protection guidelines must be followed at all times.
20. You must be 18yrs of age and have a valid driver's license to operate any vehicle on camp.
21. **ALL VISITORS MUST CHECK-IN & OUT AT THE HEADQUARTERS BUILDING!!!**
22. Wear official uniform when requested.
23. Attend the classes assigned. Do not wander around or into class areas as this may distract others from their class.
24. Be personally responsible for breakage, damage, or loss of property.
25. Be courteous to other Scouts, leaders, counselors, and staff.
26. Clean up the classroom at the end of each session.
27. Clean up trash after eating all meals.
28. Absolutely NO ATV's (4-wheelers) permitted on property. Golf carts and UTV's permitted **only with prior approval** and ROHVA certification. If you would like to take the free ROHVA e-course, please go to <https://rohva.org>. A copy of this certification must be presented upon arrival.

F. Weekend Schedule

Friday 3-18-22	
4:00 – 7:00 PM	Check-in—Headquarters Bldg.
9:00 PM	Leader’s Meeting— Eagle Pavilion
11:30 PM	Lights Out
Saturday 3-19-22	
6:00 AM	Breakfast
8:00 AM	Classes – Session 1
12:00 PM	Lunch
2:00 PM	Classes – Session 2
6:00 PM	Dinner
8:00 PM	Firebowl at Keenan Lake
11:30 PM	Lights Out
Sunday 3-20-22	
6:00 AM	Breakfast
7:30 AM	Scout’s Own Service – You hold in your campsite
8:00 AM	Classes – Session 3
12:00 PM - 1:00	Check-out —Headquarters Bldg.

Please have **one (1)** leader attend the Leader’s meeting on Friday night.

Cleaning rosters will be handed out at the Leader’s meeting for each unit.

Unit Registration Form

(To be filled out by unit leader)

Council/District _____

Unit Number _____

Leader _____

Phone _____ - _____ - _____

Email _____ @ _____

Assistant _____

Email _____ @ _____

Scouts ___ x \$20 = \$ _____

Leaders ___ x \$7 = \$ _____

Total remittance: \$ _____

Signed _____

Date _____

Mail to: South Georgia Council, BSA

Attn. SGC Merit Badge University

1841 Norman Dr

Valdosta, Georgia 31601

1. Office use:

Received on date: __	By: ____
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This form must be completed & turned in to the Council Service Center with payment

Units **must** check in at the Headquarters building upon arrival.

Merit Badge pre-requisites for 2022 Merit Badge University

ANY OF THESE REQUIREMENTS MAY BE MARKED AS COMPLETED BY THE SCOUT PRESENTING A SIGNED STATEMENT FROM YOU THAT THEY HAVE COMPLETED THE REQUIREMENTS. THE SCOUT MAY PRESENT THE SIGNED STATEMENT TO THE MERIT BADGE COUNSELOR AT THE MERIT BADGE WEEKEND.

<u>Merit Badge</u>	<u>Pre-reqs/post-reqs</u>	<u>Merit Badge</u>	<u>Pre-reqs/post-reqs</u>
Cit. in the Community	3a; 4a & b; 5; 7a – c; 8	Cit. in the Nation	2, 3, & 6
Cit. in the World	3a & b; 4b & c;7	Engineering	9
Emergency Preparedness	2b, 2c, 9	Personal Fitness	1, 7 & 8
First Aid	1, 2a – d; 3a, c, e, f; 5a – j	Woodcarving	Totin' Chit
Reptile & Amphibian Study	8 a or b		

MBU 2022 Schedule

Saturday AM	Saturday PM	Sunday
Archery	Archery	Art
Auto Maintenance*	Astronomy	Basketry
Basketry	Citizenship in the Nation	Cit. in the Community
Citizenship in the Nation	Citizenship in Society	CPR training
Citizenship in Society	Citizenship in the World	Engineering
Citizenship in the World	Citizenship in the World	Farm Mechanics
Citizenship in the World	Emergency Preparedness	Fingerprinting
CPR training	Farm Mechanics	Fish & Wildlife Mgmt.
Electronics	First Aid	Forestry
Enviro. Science	Fishing	Geocaching
Farm Mechanics	Geocaching	Home Repair
Fishing	Health Care Professionals	Insect Study
Genealogy	Mammal Study	Law
Mammal Study	Oceanography	Nuclear Science
Nuclear Science	Personal Fitness	Reptile & Amphibian Study
Personal Fitness	Personal Management	Woodcarving
Rifle Shooting*	Plant Science	
Shotgun Shooting*	Plumbing	
Trailblazer Program**	Signs, Signals, and Codes	
Woodcarving	Space Exploration	
	Veterinary Medicine	
SM/ASM Training		

*The Auto Maintenance, Oceanography, Rifle Shooting, and Shotgun Shooting classes are all 8-hour merit badge classes. They will last all day Saturday only.

**The Trailblazer Program will begin on Saturday morning at 8:00 AM and last throughout the weekend.

SM/ASM Training will be held at the Joe Abernathy Dining Hall from 8 am - 12 pm on Saturday morning.

All merit badges offered have been verified by an instructor at this time. However, all

merit badges are subject to change last minute due to unforeseen circumstances.

Model COVID-19 Pre-Event Medical Screening Checklist

Use this checklist to assist in identifying potential COVID-19 cases before event participation.

Review with each youth and adult participant their current health status, both before departure and upon arrival at the event. **Anyone entering a camp or event – including visitors, vendors, etc. – must be screened.**

Councils should customize with input from their council health supervisor and local health department.

- Yes No Have you or has anyone in your household been in close contact* in the past 14 days with anyone known or suspected to have COVID-19 or is otherwise sick?
- Yes No Have you or has anyone in your household been in close contact* with anyone who has been tested for COVID-19 and is waiting for results?
- Yes No Have you or has anyone in your household been sick in the past 14 days, or have you or they been tested for any illness and are waiting for results?
- Yes No Has anyone in your household been exposed to an individual known or suspected to have COVID-19 in the past 14 days?
- Yes No Have you or has anyone you have been in close contact* with traveled on a cruise ship or internationally or to an area with a known communicable disease outbreak in the past 14 days?

***According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), “close contact” means:**

- You were within 6 feet of someone who has COVID-19 for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period
- You had direct physical contact with an infected person (hugged or kissed them)
- You shared eating or drinking utensils
- An infected person sneezed, coughed, or otherwise got respiratory droplets on you

***If the answer is YES to any one of the five questions above, the participant must stay home.
If all answers above are NO, proceed to the symptoms list below.***

Symptoms of COVID-19

*If anyone in your household has **any one** of the following new or worsening signs or symptoms of possible COVID-19, **the entire household must stay home.***

- Shortness of breath**
- Cough**
- Fever of 100.0° or greater**
- Flu-like symptoms**
- Repeated shaking with chills**
- Fatigue**
- Muscle or body aches**
- Headache**
- Sore throat**
- Loss of taste or smell**
- Diarrhea**
- Nausea or vomiting**

****Potential Higher-Risk Individuals****

- Yes No Are you in a higher-risk category as defined by the CDC guidelines, including older adults, people with medical conditions, and those with other individual circumstances?

***If the answer is “yes,” we recommend that you stay home.
Should you choose to participate, you must have approval from your health care provider.***