BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®
ALAMO AREA COUNCIL

MERIT BADGE UNIVERSITY – November 7th, 2026



Location: St. Philip's College
Date: Saturday, November 7, 2026

MBU Agenda/Schedule

7:00 AM	Registration Check-in Follow distinctive MBU signs to parking.
7:55 AM	Check-in ends
8:00 AM	Opening Ceremony and Announcements
8:15 AM	First Period Starts
9:45 AM	First Period Ends, Travel to Second Period
10:00 AM	Second Period Starts
11:30 AM	Second Period Ends, Start Lunch
12:15 PM	Lunch Ends
12:30 PM	Third Period Starts
2:00 PM	Third Period Ends, Travel to Fourth Period
2:15 PM	Fourth Period Starts
3:45 PM	Fourth Period Ends, MBU Clean-up Activities
4:00 PM	MBU Clean-up ends, Troops travel home

Helping Feed Our Community Food Drive

We will be asking each scout attending MBU to bring 5 cans of dry goods or food.

The Scouting Slogan is "Do a good turn daily". This is an opportunity for the scouting community to make a difference in the lives of citizens in our community.

Registration: Troop Contact (now)

- Troop Contacts (TC) must register online
- Only TC can register scouts for MBU
- TC responsible for troop payment

Registration: Scout Sept 29)

- Cost is $40 per Scout
- Troop Contacts must register Scouts
- Classes chosen after scout is registered
- Classes are on a first come basis
- Only 2 Eagle MB allowed per scout

Registration Closes: (Nov 3)

Schedule Changes:

- Only Troop Contacts can make necessary changes.
- No Schedule Changes after Nov 3rd
- No Schedule Changes at Event
- No Scouts can register at event

Refunds:

- No refunds after Nov. 3rd.

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Eagle Merit Badges

Citizenship in the Community (E)
Citizenship in the Nation (E)
Citizenship in the World (E)
Communications* (3) (E)
Emergency Preparedness (3) (E)
Environmental Science (3) (E)
Family Life
Personal Management (3) (E)
Personal Fitness (3) (E)

Adult Classes

Eagle Board
Life to Eagle Advancement
MB Counselor
CPR / AED Training

Merit Badges

Animal Science (3)
Artificial Intelligence (3) $5
Aviation (3)
Chemistry (3) $5
Chess
Climbing (AD) $20
Crime Prevention
Cyber Security (3) $5
Digital Technology (3) $5
Electronics (3) $5
Fingerprinting
Fishing (3) $5 MSP
Geology (3)
Mammal Study
Oceanography (3)
Photography
Radio (3)
Railroading (3)
Reptile and Amphibian
Robotics (3) $20
Search & Rescue (AD) $5
Truck Transportation (3)
Veterinary Medicine (3)
Wood Carving (3) $10

MSP=McGimsey Scout Park

Note: Merit Badge enrollment is on a first come basis. Merit Badges offered may be changed without notice due to availability issues.

Scout Activities

- Pioneering Class & Demo

High Adventure Planning

- Philmont, Seabase, Northern Tier

American Heart Assoc. Training

- CPR / AED Training ($70)

WANT TO PARTICIPATE

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3 = 2 period class lasting 3 hours
AD = All day / All periods
E = Eagle required
* = Extensive pre-requisites required
$ = Additional Fee

DISCLAMERS: SCOUTMASTER APPROVAL IS REQUIRED. NO BLUE CARDS WILL BE ACCEPTED OR ISSUED. MERIT BADGES MAY HAVE PRE-REQUISITES. PRE-REQUISITES CAN BE FOUND UNDER THE EVENT UNDER ACTIVITIES. SOME MERIT BADGES MAY NOT BE COMPLETED AT MBU AND PARTIAL CREDIT WILL BE EARNED.

Counselors / Staff Needed!

John Haines – MBU Chair
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Andrew Zimmermann – Staff Liaison
Email: andrew.zimmermann@scouting.org

- **Troop Contacts**
  - Troop contacts perform registrations / payments
  - Coordination point for the Troop and to event coordinators
  - Parents just register through a troop contact

- **Program Changes**
  - **Scouts may only register for a total of 2 eagle merit badges.**
  - The goal is to provide opportunities for all scouts to earn eagle merit badges
  - Exceeding 2 Eagle Merit Badge sign up limitation
    - If a troop contact or parent registers a scout for more than 2 eagle merit badges for this event then a merit badge will be removed.
    - The merit badge that is removed will randomly picked.
    - No notification will be provided.
  - **No more than 4 scouts from the same troop can be enrolled in the same class session.**
    - There have been too many behavior issues
    - Exceeding 4 scout limitation will result in scouts being dropped from the class until the proper limit is reached.
    - The scouts removed will be at our discretion.
    - No notification will be provided for dropped scouts.
  - **Artificial Intelligence and Cyber Security**
    - Only 1 scout per troop can be registered for these classes
    - A scout can only register for one of the classes.
    - If a scout registers for both they will be dropped from one by our choosing
    - If more than one scout per troop registers for a class we will drop scouts until only one scout remains by our choosing

- Class fees
  - A fee of $40 will be charged for each Scout attending MBU
  - A scout may attend either location but must be on time for class attendance.
  - Additional MB Fees may apply: Climbing $20; Robotics $20; Digital Technology $5; Electronics $5, Cyber Security $5, etc…
- American Heart Association Class Fees
  - CPR / AED - $70
  - No refunds will be provided after Oct 30th for CPR classes regardless of attendance or medical emergency. Materials will be ordered, and costs are incurred prior to class.

- Information Resources
  - **Pre-Requisites** - Click Activities - https://mycouncil.alamoareascouting.org/Event/15325
  - **Class Availability** - Click Activities - https://mycouncil.alamoareascouting.org/Event/15325
  - **Registration Guide** – Click Resources - http://storage.alamoareabsa.org/event/docs/15325/mbu_registration_guide.pdf
- Class Availability
  - You may check for availability by looking under the **"Activities"** tab on the event.
  - Merit Badge enrollment is on a first-come basis.
  - Merit Badges offered may be changed without notice due to availability issues.
  - **Please check the availability of classes before signing up. Refunds have a 50% readiness fee assessed**
- Schedule Changes
  - No schedule changes will be performed at the event
  - No Scouts will be able to register at event
- Payment
  - TC is responsible for troop payment.
  - Online Payment can be done by Credit Card, Debit, or Electronic Check.
  - MBU Results will be held if troop has outstanding balance for event.
- Refunds
  - No refunds will be provided after Nov. 3rd.
  - There will be a 50% readiness fee assessed on any refund granted.
  - For medical reasons, a request may be submitted within 1 week after the event, but a doctor's note will be required for a refund.
  - Refund requests need to be sent to Refunds@AlamoAreaBSA.org
- Uniforms
  - All Scouts must wear tan Class A field uniform.
  - Depending upon class, scout may need change of clothes (auto mechanics)
- Scouts
  - Scouts **must** bring a current merit badge book, pen or pencil and notebook.
- Troops
  - At least one adult for each 6 scouts attending should be in attendance to help manage and monitor their units.
- Weather
  - If there is severe weather forecast the day of the event of 1" per hour or more, the event will be cancelled.
- Troop Contact Responsibilities
  - Provide Scout Schedules to Scouts
  - Provide Campus Maps to Scouts
  - Inform Scouts of No Schedule Changes
  - Remind Scouts to bring 5 cans of food for Food Drive

- Scout Schedules
  - MBU will not provide 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.
- Transportation
  - Parents and Leaders are responsible for delivering scouts to their merit badge event locations.
  - Please be aware of the locations of merit badges.
  - If Scouts choice to take merit badges at different locations, they are responsible for arriving on time or may receive partial credit.
- 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 San Antonio Food Bank to help assist with their outreach program.

- Class Information
  - **Artificial Intelligence & Cyber Security**
    - Sponsored by Valero Energy
    - Only 2 scout per troop can be registered for these classes
    - If more than 2 scouts per troop registers for a class we will drop scouts until only 2 scout remains for the troop by our choosing

  - **Mammal Study**
    - Sponsored by SeaWorld
    - Class Location TBD
    - Class Location may be held at SeaWorld – TBD

  - **Personal Fitness**
    - Nov. 7th - MBU - St. Philips - Classroom
    - Nov 14th – McGimsey Scout Park - Baseline
    - Dec 12th – McGimsey Scout Park - Assessment #1
    - Jan 9th – McGimsey Scout Park - Assessment #2
    - Feb 6th – McGimsey Scout Park
    - Feb 13th – Final Meeting – McGimsey Scout Park - Make Up if necessary

  - **Personal Management**
    - Scout's shouldn't sign up for MB if they can make all the meetings
    - Nov 7th – First Session - MBU @ St. Philip's College
    - Dec 5th – Second Session - Zoom - 8:00am-12:00pm
    - Jan 9th – Third Session - Zoom - 8:00am-12:00pm

  - Truck Transportation
    - Sponsored by Armstrong
    - They provide full-service global moving company
    - Merit Badge Location - 6421 FM 3009, Suite 200, Schertz, TX 78154