



MERIT BADGE COLLEGE

Marshall University

March 9, 2024

- WHAT:** Merit Badge College
- WHERE:** Don Morris Room, Memorial Student Center, Marshall University
Saturday, March 9, 2024
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- DEADLINE:** Pre-registration is due at the Buckskin Council office by March 6, 2024.
No registrations accepted after the deadline!
- WHY:** To provide Scouts with an opportunity to complete two merit badges of their choice and to provide Adult Leaders with training opportunities.
- WHO:** All Scouts from any Council that would like to experience learning a merit badge subject from a Marshall University Professor or Council approved Merit Badge Counselor. All adult leaders and parents have the opportunity for training, **See Adult Training Catalog.**

CATALOG INFORMATION

Registration/Cost:

Registration cost is \$15.00 per Scout (includes lunch) and \$10.00 per Adult lunch ticket. **There will be no registration accepted after 4:30pm, March 6, 2024. All registrations will be done by unit only (pack, troop or crew). No individual registrations will be accepted.** Class Go-No-Go decisions will be made on February 1st! No refunds will be given, but substitution into an open Merit Badge / session will be allowed. Be aware that there will be a limit of Scouts placed on every class this year due to classroom logistics. Therefore, register early to avoid being turned away from your first choices. **Register with your unit, as an individual registration will not be taken.** ADDITIONAL MERIT BADGES may be added to the event. Please check the website for up to date information.

A provisional program will be in place for those scouts who wish to attend but whose units will not be participating. Provisional registration must be done through the unit so that unit leaders will be aware that the unit has a scout attending provisionally. Provisional scouts will be assigned to a provisional unit for the day and will check-in through the provisional unit leader. No more than 3 scouts from a unit may attend provisionally; if more than 3 attend, units will need to provide two-deep leadership.

Registration will be through the Buckskin Council website – www.buckskin.org . Units are encouraged to have a responsible person enter all

registrations for the youth and adults attending the MUMBC. The website will allow a person to enter each participant, assign their sessions (merit badge, STEM or adult classes), and pay the associated registration fee while on-line. Units may also register by completing the registration form in this course catalog and either mailing or dropping off the form and registration fees at either the Charleston or Huntington Scout Shops.

Important Notices:

- ❖ You must work on the most recent merit badge pre-requisites and work should begin **NOW!**
- ❖ **Merit Badge College will operate from the BSA 2024 Requirements book.** Make sure that you are using an up to date Merit Badge Pamphlet. On-line workbooks should be checked against the 2024 Requirements book because some of these services do not regularly update.
- ❖ **Registration deadline for the unit is March 6, 2024,** however, units may require an earlier registration deadline.
- ❖ **Blue merit badge cards are preferred!**

Participation:

Headquarters for the event will be the **Don Morris Room**, The Don Morris Room is on the second floor of the Memorial Student Center, located on the Fifth Avenue side of the campus. Parking is available in the lots along Third Avenue. Parking is also available in the Fifth Avenue lots across from Twin Towers. One (1) morning class and one (1) afternoon class will be offered for participants. Scouts may choose to attend either session, or both. Sessions will be held in different classrooms throughout the campus, with many being in Smith Hall. **When not in a merit badge session, all scouts should be in the Don Morris Room.**

What to Bring:

- ❖ **Notebook paper and pencil/pen**
- ❖ **Any prerequisite items for each class completed.** If pre-requisites are not done you may not be able to complete the Merit Badge at the college.
- ❖ **The current Merit Badge pamphlet for each Merit Badge course you are taking.** *Read the CURRENT Pamphlet thoroughly before attending Merit Badge College!* Again, web site workbooks are a good resource, but they do not replace the pamphlet! Check both Pamphlets and web workbooks against the 2024 Requirements book for accuracy.
- ❖ **Wear your Class “A” uniform.**

Study carefully the merit badge pamphlet(s) prior to coming to Merit Badge College. You should know the information required of you before attending. **Any requirements that instruct you to “BRING,” “COLLECT,” “WRITE,” or “DISCUSS” should be brought with you neatly prepared, typewritten and proofread for accuracy.** Please be certain that your name, Council name and Troop number also appears on your work. Some requirements that state, “DO,” or “COLLECT” may be certified by a note from your parents or unit

leader, unless noted otherwise in this catalog. In that way, you may be credited for your work.

Lunch:

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING CHANGE

Lunch for scouts is included in the registration fee. Adults may purchase a lunch ticket. Lunch will be in the Student Center Food Court. Limited menus will be offered at Chick-Fil-A, Steak n Shake, and La Familia for our group. **Packets handed out to unit leaders will contain lunch tickets. There will be two separate lunch periods. Blue Tickets Eat at 11:30 and Red Tickets eat at 12:15!**

Uniform:

All Scouts MUST be in Class “A” Uniform.

Schedule:

8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Check-in at the Don Morris Room
8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Orientation at the Don Morris Room
9:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	First Session
11:30 – 12:15 p.m.	Lunch –Student Center Food Court BLUE TICKETS
12:15 – 1:00 pm	Lunch –Student Center Food Court RED TICKETS
1:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.	Second Session
3:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Check-out at the Don Morris Room, PRIOR to leaving!

Your Responsibilities:

Scouts will travel about the campus as a group. It is absolutely necessary that Scouts remain together in their assigned areas. Scouts must remember that they are representing ALL BSA MEMBERS, their sponsoring institution and the Buckskin Council.

Please see that all Scouts are picked up from the Don Morris Room by 4:15 pm. Since instructors will be leaving at 4:00 pm, we do not want to have any unsupervised Scouts.



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YOUTH (Merit Badge) CATALOG

(Make Certain You Are Working From A CURRENT Merit Badge Book)
All Scouts MUST read the Merit Badge Pamphlet prior to the Session
 Evidence or certification of completion of a requirement is a brief note from a parent or Scoutmaster giving details about the completion of the requirement

Eagle Required Merit Badges

Citizenship in Society (Limit 25 Scouts per class) AM & PM

1. Bring written reports for requirements 1, 2, 5, 7, 9, and 11
2. Be prepared to discuss 3, 4, 6, 8, and 10.

Citizenship in the Community (Limit 25 Scouts per class) AM & PM

1. Be prepared to discuss requirement 1
2. Complete requirement 2
3. Bring certification of completion of requirement 3a and be prepared to discuss 3b.
4. Bring the necessary documents for requirement 4.
5. Complete and be prepared to discuss requirement 5.
6. Be prepared to discuss requirement 6
7. Complete and bring documentation of Requirement 7.
8. Complete requirement 8
9. Study the merit badge pamphlet prior to attending class.

Citizenship in the Nation (Limit 25 Scouts per class) AM & PM

1. Bring written reports for requirements 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 & 7.
2. Be prepared to discuss requirement 4.
3. Bring a copy of the letter you've written to your Senator.
4. Study the merit badge pamphlet prior to attending class.

Citizenship in the World (Limit 25 Scout per class) AM & PM

1. Bring written reports for requirements 1
2. Be prepared to discuss requirements 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
3. Bring certification of completion of requirement 7
4. Study the merit badge pamphlet prior to attending class

Communication (Limit 20 Scouts per class) AM & PM

1. Complete requirements 1, 2, and 6.
2. Bring written reports to show evidence of completion for requirements 7, 8
3. Be prepared to give your speech for requirement 3 in class
4. Be able to deliver requirement 4 in class.
5. Bring a written report for requirement 5 – any public municipal meeting is okay
6. Bring detailed evidence of completion for requirement 6 or be able to demonstrate it to the class.

Family Life (Limit 20 Scouts per class) AM & PM

1. Bring your written outline for requirement 1.
2. Bring your written list for requirement 2.
3. Prepare and bring your chart for requirement 3.
4. Bring your written report for requirement 4.
5. Bring written objectives, participation records and project results for requirement 5.
6. For requirement 6 bring a written outline/plan for a family meeting, and the notes of what you learned from your family meeting regarding the topics listed in the merit badge book.
7. Be prepared to discuss requirement 7

First Aid (Limit 20 scouts) All Day

1. Be prepared to demonstrate your knowledge of all first aid requirements for Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class.
2. Be prepared to discuss requirement 2 and bring your prepared first aid kit for requirement 5.
3. This merit badge is for scouts who have a good handle on basic first aid skills, a thorough understanding of all requirements is expected before class. Be prepared to discuss all requirements.

Personal Fitness (Limit 20 Scouts per class) AM Only

1. Complete the examination requirements and written assignments for 1a & 1b.
2. Complete the written assignments and be prepared to discuss requirements 2, 3, 4, and 5.
3. Complete the aerobic fitness test, flexibility test, muscular strength test and body composition tests 12 weeks before the college and complete requirement 6.
4. Complete requirement 7 with a written comprehensive fitness program and bring it with you.
5. Carry out the fitness program as described in requirement 8.
6. Write out your long-term fitness plans and be ready to discuss.

Personal Management (Limit 20 Scouts per class) PM Only

1. Complete and bring all paperwork required for Requirement 1.
2. Complete and bring all paperwork required for Requirement 2.
3. Be prepared to thoroughly discuss requirements 3, 4, 5, 10.
4. Bring written reports for each of these requirements 6, 7,
5. Complete and bring evidence of completing Requirements 8 and 9.

Sustainability – ALL DAY SESSION

You are required to write a short essay (2-3 paragraphs) in your own words describing what sustainability means to you. Be sure to include how stewardship and conservation of natural resources relate to sustainability, plus the thoughts and perspectives of family members on the topic. You will also need to research career opportunities within the sustainability field, and chose one to share with the class. Include: education, experience, and training required for that job.

Water- Please bring with you a copy of your household water bill for activity purposes. Please block out private information such as account numbers and addresses. If you are unable to bring one with you, one will be provided.

Food- Keep a food waste journal for one week. Please include meals/snack/other, estimated amounts, disposal methods (trash can, compost, kitchen sink), and reasons for disposal (too many leftovers, expired?) Review your results, find the pattern, recognize the reasons, and look for ways to reduce your waste. Develop a plan to reduce your household food waste in a sustainable manner. Establish a baseline and then track and record your results for two weeks. Bring this with you for in-class activities, and discussion.

Community- Bring a rough sketch of your ideal sustainable community. Be prepared to discuss your ideas with the class. Using old newspapers, magazines, and online research, students are asked to print/cut-out photos of ideas they would like to see in their community, such as: roof tops gardens, solar panels, rain barrels, and similar for group activity.

Energy – List five ways you and your family could reduce energy consumption in the home. Identify benefits and risks of each idea.

Stuff- Do Req 6-a. Your list of 15 personal items should excluding food items. Separated the list into two parts- essential needs and desirable wants. Identify any excess “stuff” you no longer need. Decide which items will be donated, re-purposed or recycled.

Req 7- Part b - A short summary (7-10 sentences), or produce a sketch describing the life support systems here on Earth and how they interact with one another. Part d – Be prepared to discuss 3 human activities that may contribute to putting Earth at risk.

Req 8 – Be prepared to discuss each part of this requirement.

Req 9 – Select a career opportunity in sustainability and be prepared to discuss and explain why you might be interested in the one you selected.

Elective Merit Badges

American Business AM Only

1. Prepare written reports for requirements 1, 2, and 5
2. Be prepared to discuss requirements 3, 4 and 6.

American Heritage AM Only

1. Prepare written reports for requirements 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
2. Any two (2) items may be selected for requirement 2.
3. For requirement 4 do item 'a' and either 'b' or 'c'.
4. Any one (1) item may be selected for requirement 5.

American Labor PM Only

1. Be prepared to discuss requirements 1, 3, 4 and 6
2. Bring your written report and diagram for Requirement 2.
3. Select one of the options for Requirement 5 and bring the appropriate diagram or report.
4. Bring the appropriate reports for requirements 7, 8 and 9.

Art - PM Only

1. Complete requirements 1, 2, 3 and 5
2. Bring evidence of completion for requirement 4
3. Be prepared to discuss requirements 6 and 7

Chemistry – AM & PM - NOTE – the requirements for this badge have changed so be sure to use the most current requirements.

1. Req 1 deals with safety. Have your two safety data sheets and be prepared to discuss the other parts of this requirement.
2. Be prepared to discuss the results of your experiment in Req 2, Req 3, and Req 4.
3. Be prepared to discuss your selections for Req 5, Req 6, and Req 7.

Crime Prevention (Limit 30 Scouts per class) AM ONLY

1. Bring written reports for requirements 1 and 3
2. Bring completed notebook for requirement 2.
3. Bring certification of completion of requirements 4, 5, and 7
4. Bring the poster for requirement 6
5. Be prepared to discuss requirements 8 and 9

Dentistry PM Only

1. Complete requirement 1 even if you must do so without the x-ray.
2. Bring written reports for requirements 2, 3, 6, and 7
3. Be prepared to discuss 4 and 5

Digital Technology AM & PM

1. View the Personal Safety Awareness “Digital Safety” video – www.scouting.org/training/youth/scouts-bsa/
2. Be prepared to discuss requirements 3, 4, and 7.
3. Prepare written reports or requested information for requirements 2, 5, 6a, 6b, 6d, 8a, 8c, and 9a.

Disabilities Awareness AM Only

1. Be able to discuss requirement 1
2. Bring certification of completion for requirement 2
3. Complete and be prepared to discuss at least two of activities for requirements 3
4. Have written reports for requirement 4, 5, 6, 7 and be ready to discuss

Energy PM Only

1. Bring written reports for requirements 1, 3, 5, 6, 7 and 8
2. Bring your chart for requirement 4
3. Be prepared to discuss requirement 2

Engineering AM Only

1. Bring written reports for requirements 2, 3, 6, 7 and 8
2. Be prepared to discuss requirements 1, 4, and 9
3. Bring drawings for requirement 5

Entrepreneurship PM Only

1. Be prepared to discuss requirements 1 and 2
2. Prepare written reports for requirements 3, 4, 5, and 6

Finger Printing (Limit 30 Scouts) AM & PM

1. Bring a brief written report for requirement 1, 2 and 3
2. Be prepared to demonstrate requirement 4
3. Be prepared to discuss requirement 5

Genealogy PM Only

1. Bring brief written reports for requirements 1, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9
2. Bring the time line and journal prepared for requirement 2
3. Bring the family tree prepared for requirement 6
4. Bring the family group record forms prepared for requirement 7
5. Be prepared to discuss all the requirements

Health Care Professions AM Only

1. Bring written reports for requirements 1, 2, 3, 4a, 5, 6a, 8a, and 9.
2. Be prepared to discuss requirements 4b, 6b, and 8b.
3. Bring certification of completion for requirements 7 and 10.

Inventing AM Only

1. Be prepared to discuss and present your selections for Req 1, Req 3, Req 4, Req 8 and Req 9.
2. To fulfill Req 2, consider part "B" to complete this requirement.
3. Be prepared to discuss your product and show your sketch for Req 5
4. For Req 6 and Req 7, be prepared to explain the problem your invention is to resolve, and then present and demonstrate a scale model of a working prototype of your invention.

Journalism (Limit 20 Scouts) AM ONLY

1. Bring a written report for requirement 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5.

Music (Limit 20 Scouts per class) PM ONLY

1. Bring written reports on requirements 2 & 3
2. Bring certification of completion for requirement 4.
3. Be prepared to demonstrate requirements 1 and discuss requirement 5.

Pets AM Only

1. Prepare a log of the care you have provided for a pet per requirement 1
2. Bring the written report prepared for requirement 2
3. Prepare a brief report on the book or pamphlet used for requirement 3
4. Provide evidence of completing requirement 4

Photography (Limit 20 Scouts per class) PM Only

1. Be prepared to discuss requirements 1, 2, 3 and 8.
2. Bring prints of the photos in requirements 4, 5, 6 and 7.

Programming AM & PM

1. View the Personal Safety Awareness “Digital Safety” video at www.scouting.org/training/youth/scouts-bsa/
2. Be prepared to discuss requirements 1b, 2a, 2b, 4a, 4b, 4c, and 6.
3. Be prepared to do requirement 5.
4. Prepare written reports for requirements 3a and 3b.

Public Health AM Only

1. For Req 1a, define public health in your own words.
2. For Req 1b, using the first seven diseases in this requirement, explain how each is contracted.
3. For Req 1c, for each of the ten diseases listed explain the type or form of the disease, how its is transmitted, how it is prevented, available treatments, and, for Req 2c, which currently have no immunization available.
4. For Req 2a & 2b, define immunization and list 8 diseases for which children should be immunized, 2 diseases for which all should be immunized and 1 which has no immunization.
5. For Req 3, explain why safe drinking water is important, two ways to make water safe to drink, and explain how dishes and utensils should be washed, dried and kept at home and in camp.
6. For Req 4, explain what vectors are and how these can be used to help control insects and rodents.
7. Select your option for Req 5 and complete.
8. Be prepared to discuss Req 6, Req 7 and Req 8.

Radio (Limit 20 Scouts per class) PM ONLY

1. Be prepared to discuss in detail requirements 1 and 4
2. Prepare and bring diagrams and reports for requirements 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, and 9
3. Bring verification of requirement 7

Scholarship (Limit 30 Scouts) PM ONLY

1. Bring evidence of completion for requirements 1, 2, 3, 4.
2. Complete Requirement 5 and bring your written report to class.

Surveying – (Limited to 10 Scouts) PM Only

1. Provide evidence of earning the First Aid Merit Badge for requirement 1
2. Be prepared to do requirements 2, 3, 4 and 5
3. Bring a copy of a deed as indicated in requirement 6
4. Prepare written reports for requirements 7 & 8

Theater AM Only

1. Provide your three play reviews, and your manuscript for a one act play.
2. Provide documentation of the three cast or crew activities listed in Req 3.
3. Be prepared to perform one of the scenes in Req 4
4. Be prepared to define the terms in Req 5.

Traffic Safety (Limit 20 Scouts) PM ONLY

1. Complete and bring assignment # 1A, 4C
2. Read merit badge book and be prepared to discuss requirements

Veterinary Medicine – PM Only

1. Bring written reports for requirements 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
2. Select either option for requirement 6. Bring evidence of the visit and the related report.
3. Be prepared to discuss any of the requirements with the counselor.

Weather AM Only

1. Be prepared to discuss Req 1, Req 2, and Req 3. Provide the drawings required in Req 3.
2. Be prepared to discuss Req 4, Req 5, and Req 6. Provide the labeled water cycle diagram from Req 6.
3. Be prepared to discuss Req 7 and Req 8.
4. Select your option for Req 9 and complete. Provide the documentation for your choice.
5. Provide evidence of making your presentation for Req 10.
6. Be prepared to discuss a weather career option for Req 11.



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ADULT TRAINING CATALOG

Scoutmaster/Assistant Scoutmaster Specific Training 9:30am – 3:30pm

In this course you will focus primarily on the inner workings of a Troop, from the concept of the Patrol Method to the importance of the outdoor program. You will closely examine the Aims of Scouting and explore the Methods in which we achieve them. You will examine the roles and responsibilities of the various Troop Leaders and Youth positions. You will learn leadership skills which will allow you to be in control, while still allowing the Patrol Method to be in place and practice. Furthermore, you will be introduced to the various “paperwork” items which must be strictly adhered to in the Scouts BSA Ranks, as it is your responsibility to insure a good record is kept of your scout’s achievements.

Basic First Aid, AED and CPR 9:30am-3:30pm

This course is the two-year certification course in basic first aid, AED and CPR from ECSI. Adult leaders (Cub Scout, Scouts BSA, and Venture Leaders) along with Venture Scouts who require a first aid and AED/CPR certification are encouraged to attend. The morning session will cover the basic first aid material. AED and CPR will be covered during the afternoon session. The course requires us to charge a fee for the materials and certification card. The cost for this all-day course is \$45. (Lunch is not included in this price.)

Merit Badge Counselor Orientation 10:15am Limit 25 participants.

This presentation will be made once. This session is intended to help merit badge counselors understand their role in the Scouts BSA advancement process. It is highly recommended for new merit badge counselors and veteran counselors alike.

Eagle Scout Process Overview 9:00am

The Council Advancement Committee, made up of the Advancement Chairs from each district, has standardized the interpretation of the Eagle Scout Application process. Troop leaders are often asked by their scouts what the scouts need to do to complete the Eagle Scout application process – the preliminary project plan, the final project plan, the application, the reference letters, and the board of review. This session will review what you should know as a leader to share with your scouts as they prepare to reach the highest rank in Scouting.

Youth Protection 1:30pm

This is the Youth Protection Training required by Cub Scout, Scouts BSA and Venture Leaders. All leaders are required to complete YPT every two years. This session is intended to facilitate classroom discussion regarding YPT. YPT may also be completed on-line at www.my.scouting.org.

Troop Committee Training 1:30pm

The troop committee, which is the troop’s Board of Directors, supports the troop’s adult and youth leaders in delivering a quality program to the troop’s Scouts. Troop Committee Training will help you better understand your role and responsibilities as a committee member.



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Registration and fee payment can be made on-line or by using this form and faxing, mailing, or delivering the form to one of the scout shops or to the Council Service Center. This form may be used to collect the information needed to complete on-line registration at the council website www.buckskin.org.

Unit identification

Unit Type and Number	
District name	

Responsible Leader

Name	
Position	
Address	
City	
State	
Zip	
Phone number	
Email	

Registration Information

	Quantity	Fee	Extended Amount
Number of Scouts attending		\$15.00	
Adults taking First Aid/AED /CPR Only (Lunch not included)		\$45.00	
Adults taking other training		\$0.00	
Adult Lunch Tickets		\$10.00	
		Total Due	

Project code 1023

Mail along with your payment to: Buckskin Council, BSA
Attn: MUMBC
2829 Kanawha Blvd East
Charleston, WV 25311

Or fax with your credit card information to either: 304-925-0533 (Chas) or 304-523-3409 (Htgn)

Or deliver to one of the Council Scout Shops:

Charleston Scout Shop 2829 Kanawha Blvd East	Huntington Scout Shop 1037 Sixth Avenue	Parkersburg Scout Shop 1117 Garfield Avenue
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