



# ACU Merit Badge University

## January 15-17, 2010

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: December 11, 2009

**Celebrating 100 Years of Scouting**



Dear Scoutmaster:

Your unit is invited to attend the second annual Abilene Christian University Merit Badge University, sponsored by ACU and the Texas Trails Council, Boy Scouts of America. This is the first event of many celebrating the BSA Centennial. This is a unique opportunity for your Scouts to work on merit badges—some of which are not normally available to your unit. We have changed the format of the Merit Badge University to one weekend with lots of fun activities included to encourage attendance from Councils across Texas.

**Time & Place:** The Merit Badge University will be conducted on the ACU campus on Saturday, January 16 & Sunday, January 17. Camping or lock-in facilities are available on Friday, January 15, and Saturday, January 16 (please see attached camping information sheet). A schedule of events for the weekend is also provided in this mail-out.

**Cost:** The fee for the Merit Badge University is \$30. Other fees may apply (see registration form). This fee covers a continental breakfast on Saturday and Sunday, Saturday lunch and dinner, Sunday lunch, patch, supplies, and facility rental. Adult fees may vary (see registration form). Additional fees are noted for CPR and First Aid Wilderness First Aid.

**Deadline:** **REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 11, 2009. There will be no refunds after this date. PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. FEES MUST BE PAID BEFORE REGISTRATION WILL BE ENTERED.** Classes will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis—so mail your registration in as soon as possible!

**Merit Badges:** A Scout may work on up to three (3) different merit badges from a list of approximately sixty merit badges offered. We have several sessions for some of the required Eagle merit badges to keep the classes smaller. **Every merit badge listed is taught using both Saturday and Sunday.**

**Leadership:** Each Troop must have at least TWO (2) ADULTS, one of whom must be over 21 years of age, with your troop at all times, while traveling and camping.

**Adult Program:** A computer lab will be available for all adult on-line training. CPR, First Aid, and Wilderness First Aid will be offered at an additional cost. A "Life to Eagle" orientation session will be held after the close of class sessions on Saturday for any interested Scouts and parents.

**Uniform:** All Scouts and leaders must wear their full Class A uniform for classes, meals, and chapel. A Scout-related t-shirt is adequate for off-times and activities.

**Council Contact:**

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**Where to Mail Registration:**

Texas Trails Council, BSA  
1208 N. 5<sup>th</sup> St.  
Abilene, Texas 79601  
Phone: (325) 677-2688  
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## THE PLAN

### How will this work?

- Step 1. Review this brochure in total. All merit badges will be taught by the following schedule:  
Class A—Saturday at 9:00 a.m.; Sunday at 10:40 a.m.  
Class B—Saturday at 10:40 a.m.; Sunday at 1:30 p.m.  
Class C—Saturday at 1:30 p.m.; Sunday at 3:05 p.m.  
**When registering, first AND second choice is required** for each class choice (registrations will not be accepted without second choices).
- Step 2. Review merit badge requirements to determine if a Scout should register for the class. Consider the needs of the Scout and the work, which may be required before class. Please see enclosed Merit Badge prerequisite list for requirements to do before attending MBU. Please have your Scout read the Merit Badge pamphlet before coming to class.
- Step 3. Scouts may choose up to three (3) merit badges. Most merit badge classes take three (3) hours of total class time and are taught for 90 minutes each day. Scouts must attend classes on both Saturday and Sunday. Emergency Preparedness, First Aid, Plumbing, and Disabilities Awareness take two class sessions each day. This totals six hours of class time. Minimum class size is 3 participants or class may be cancelled. Maximum class size is 30 unless otherwise stated.
- Step 4. Have the Scouts study the merit badge pamphlets prior to attending the University. Some work may need to be completed before class and/or may have “time requirements”.
- Step 5. Register the Scouts and adults who are attending and mail registration form(s) and fee payment to the Texas Trails Council, 1208 N. 5<sup>th</sup> St., Abilene, TX 79601, no later than December 11, 2009.
- Step 6. **The Merit Badge University Staff** will assign classes to all scouts and will try to register each scout with his first choice in each time slot. Due to the number of merit badges we must schedule, and in trying to keep class size reasonable, some flexibility is expected. We do our best. Class lists will be faxed or mailed to your **Troop Information Person by December 30th. BE SURE THE FAX AND MAILING ADDRESS INFORMATION IS CORRECT FOR THE PERSON TO WHOM THE INFORMATION IS TO BE SENT.**
- Step 7. A roster will be mailed to your **Troop Information Person**. An individual class list and map will be included in your registration packet to be picked up by leader before the Saturday general meeting.
- Step 8. Attend the Merit Badge University. In class, each Scout will be given a Merit Badge Requirement Sheet for his use. The instructor will have a master sheet for each Scout. This master sheet will be mailed to the **Troop Information Person** after the event. **The Merit Badge University Staff retains the attendance sheet by classes.** **NOTE: Remember, attendance in class does not mean a Scout will complete the Merit Badge.**
- Step 9: Plan now to participate in the extra-curricular activities planned for Saturday!
- Step 10. Review partials and completions received after the event. Return any misfiled papers and recognize your Scouts for their achievements.

### MEALS.....WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

Lunch will be provided in the “The Bean” in the McGlothlin Campus Center for Saturday lunch & dinner, and Sunday lunch. A continental breakfast will be served on Saturday and Sunday in Bennett Gym.

Tickets will be included in your registration packet to be picked up by leader upon arrival.

*Scouts and Leaders are asked to vacate the classroom buildings during the lunch hour.*



## **Activities New to Merit Badge University!**

- **Rappelling – Scouts must be 14 years of age or older (only youth to participate) and have a “Hold Harmless” form (included in this mailing) SIGNED BY PARENT!**
- **Campus-wide Capture the Flag—Teams will consist of eight members. Single elimination. The prize for each member of the winning team will be a \$25 gift certificate to a major retailer. Each participant needs to bring a white t-shirt that they do not mind sacrificing or every member of their team must wear a matching “Class B” t-shirt.**
- **Basketball Game—West Texas A&M vs. ACU @ 4:00 p.m. Any Scout wishing to attend can do so free of charge if they are in uniform.**
- **Geocaching—15 locations on campus—Bring your own GPS**
- **Popcorn & a Movie on Saturday night**
- **Campus Tours**
- **Campus-wide Scavenger Hunt—Winner receives an iPod Nano (In case of a tie, a drawing will determine the winner.)**
- **Bowling/Arcade—bring your own money**

**ACU Merit Badge University  
Schedule of Events  
January 15-17, 2010**

**Friday, January 15:**

<b>9:00 p.m. - Midnight</b>	<b>Lock-in/Tent Camping Troops check in at Bennett Gym Set up camp</b>
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**Saturday, January 16:**

<b>7:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Continental Breakfast in Bennett Gym</b>
<b>7:45 a.m.</b>	<b>Check-in—Hunter Welcome Center</b>
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>General Meeting in Hunter Welcome Center</b>
<b>9:00 - 10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Class A</b>
<b>10:40 a.m. - 12:10 p.m.</b>	<b>Class B</b>
<b>12:15 p.m. - 1:25 p.m.</b>	<b>Lunch in The Bean</b>
<b>1:30 - 3:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Class C</b>
<b>3:00 - 4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Life-to-Eagle Orientation</b>
<b>3:00 - 5:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Activities (schedule handed out in General Meeting)</b>
<b>5:30 - 7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Dinner in The Bean</b>
<b>7:00 - 11:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Activities</b>
<b>Midnight</b>	<b>Lights out!</b>

**Sunday, January 17:**

<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Continental Breakfast in Bennett Gym Break down camp/Pack up gear</b>
<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Chapel</b>
<b>10:40 a.m.-12:10 p.m.</b>	<b>Class A</b>
<b>12:15 - 1:25 p.m.</b>	<b>Lunch in The Bean</b>
<b>1:30 - 3:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Class B</b>
<b>3:05 - 4:35 p.m.</b>	<b>Class C</b>
<b>4:35 p.m.</b>	<b>Troop Check out in the Student Center &amp; travel home safely</b>

# ABILENE CHRISTIAN MERIT BADGE UNIVERSITY TROOP CAMPING INFORMATION SHEET

The camping options for Merit Badge University have changed. We are offering tent camping on the ACU Intramural Field between ACU and Taylor Elementary. We are also offering a "Lock-In" at Bennett Gymnasium on the campus of ACU. Bennett Gym is located off of Judge Ely Blvd. and E.N. 16<sup>th</sup> Street, on Campus Center Road (building #11 on ACU map). Youth protection guidelines will be followed.

Tent Camping/Lock-In is offered on Friday, January 15, and Saturday, January 16. All Troops must check-in with the MBU Director at Bennett Gym. Doors will open at 9:00 p.m. and will close for the evening at Midnight.

Lock-in: Please bring a sleeping bag, sleeping pad (if desired), personal items, etc. The MBU staff and ACU are not responsible for lost or stolen items, so it is suggested expensive or electronic items stay in a locked vehicle and not brought into the gym.

Tent Camping: Please bring your own tents/gear as you would on a campout. No fires, stoves, or lanterns, please! Intramural lights will be on until lights-out (Midnight). Security will be provided while you attend classes. The above information applies for electronic or expensive items.

Shower facilities will be available.

Troops wishing to take advantage of these opportunities must fill out the reservation form below and return it with your Troop registration for Merit Badge University. Please indicate on the reservation form if you will be camping or staying in the gym. There is no cost for these camping options, however, you do need to reserve your spot.

**Remember, two-deep leadership is required. Your troop must arrive and check-in as a group. No single scout check-in is allowed.**

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TEAR HERE AND SUBMIT THIS FORM WITH YOUR MERIT BADGE REGISTRATION FEES

### TROOP CAMPING OPTION FOR ACU MERIT BADGE UNIVERSITY REGISTERED UNITS:

Troop Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Council Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Tent camping: \_\_\_\_\_ Lock-in-Bennett Gym: \_\_\_\_\_ (Please check one)

We will arrive at approximately: \_\_\_\_\_ P.M.

Lock in: # attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Adult Male \_\_\_\_\_ Adult Female

\_\_\_\_\_ Youth Male

Troop Leader Signature \_\_\_\_\_

# Abilene Christian University Merit Badge University Adult Training Schedule

*Here's an opportunity for Troop Leaders to update or complete many training courses during MBU! Along with the training listed below, on-line training will be available.*

## Saturday—January 16, 2010

### AM

Wilderness First Aid-Day One	9:00 – 4:00
CPR	9:15 – 11:30
Eagle Scout Paperwork	9:30 – 10:15

### PM

**First Aid** 12:15 – 2:45  
(If you are taking First Aid, please bring your lunch to the classroom. You may eat while training.)

**Life to Eagle Orientation** 3:00 – 4:00

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## Sunday—January 17, 2010

### AM

**Wilderness First Aid-Day Two** 9:00 – 4:00

## 2010 ACU Merit Badge University Schedule

Scouts must attend classes on both days.

CLASS A	CLASS B	CLASS C
<i>Cit. in the Community</i> *(2)	<i>Cit. in the Community</i> *(2)	<i>Cit. in the Community</i> *(2)
<i>Cit. in the Nation</i> *(2)	<i>Cit. in the Nation</i> *(2)	<i>Cit. in the Nation</i> *(2)
<i>Cit. in the World</i> *(2)	<i>Cit. in the World</i> *(2)	<i>Cit. in the World</i> *(2)
<i>Communications</i>	<i>Communications</i>	<i>Communications</i>
<i>Personal Management</i>	<i>Personal Management</i>	<i>Personal Management</i>
<i>Environmental Science</i>	<i>Environmental Science</i>	<i>Environmental Science</i>
<i>First Aid</i> -----	<i>(Class A &amp; Class B)</i> -----	Art/Sculpture
<i>Emergency Preparedness</i> -----	<i>(Class A &amp; Class B)</i> -----	Aviation
<i>Plumbing</i> -----	<i>(Class A &amp; Class B)</i> -----	American Heritage/Amer. Culture
<i>Disabilities Awareness</i> -----	<i>(Class A &amp; Class B)</i> -----	Astronomy
Computers	Computers	Computers
American Business	Archaeology	American Labor
Architecture/Drafting	Coin Collecting/Collections	Cinematography
Automotive Maintenance	Dentistry	Composite Materials
Crime Prevention/Fingerprinting	Electricity	Energy
Chemistry	Engineering	Genealogy
Electronics	Farm Mechanics	Geology
Entrepreneurship	Fire Safety	Graphic Arts
Insect Study	Mammal Study	Indian Lore
Journalism	Photography	Landscape Architecture
Nuclear Science**	Pottery	Law
Radio	Salesmanship	Medicine
Railroading	Stamp Collecting/Collections	Oceanography
Safety	Truck Transportation	Plant Science
Surveying	Traffic Safety	Public Speaking
Textile	Theater	Space Exploration
Veterinary Medicine		Weather

**Please see enclosed Merit Badge prerequisite list for requirements to do before attending MBU.  
PLEASE READ THE MERIT BADGE PAMPHLET BEFORE COMING TO CLASS!**

**Bold italic print denotes Eagle MB**

**\*(2) indicates two classes per session**

**\*\*Nuclear Science—minimum age is 9<sup>th</sup> grade. READ MB PAMPHLET BEFORE COMING TO CLASS!**

**Minimum class size is 3 or class may be cancelled. Maximum class size is 30.**

**Classes are filled on a first-come-first-served basis.**

**NOTES:**

1. A Scout may not "SWITCH" sessions once his schedule has been mailed to the Troop information person by the Merit Badge University staff. If a change is necessary, contact the registration staff upon arrival the first day. Some sessions may be full and not available.
2. If a Scout is disruptive in class, the merit badge counselor will remind him of the class rules (Scout Oath and Law). If he chooses to continue inappropriate behavior, the Class Aide will speak to the Scout out of the classroom. If he does not seem willing to cooperate, he will be escorted to the Merit Badge University office where his leader will be notified. He will be subject to dismissal.. This includes all behavior on Campus. Remind your Scouts of the Scout Oath and Law.
3. Emergency Preparedness, First Aid, Plumbing, and Disabilities Awareness take two class sessions each day. This totals six hours of class time.

## **MERIT BADGE PREREQUISITES**

**Please complete these requirements before MBU.**

<b><u>Merit Badge</u></b>	<b><u>Req. #</u></b>
American Business	2, 3, 5, 6
American Culture	1
American Heritage	2, 5
American Labor	2, 5
Archaeology	4, 5, 8 10
Architecture	3
Art	2
Aviation	3
Cit. in the Community	4, 5, 7
Cit. in the Nation	6
Coin Collecting	6, 7, 9
Collections	1
Communications	5, 6, 7
Composite Materials	5
Computers	7
Crime Prevention	7
Disabilities Awareness	5
Emergency Prep.	8b, 9a
Engineering	1
Environmental Science	3e, 4
Fire Safety	11
Genealogy	2, 3
Geology	4
Indian Lore	2
Insect Study	4, 7
Journalism	3, 4
Law	4, 7
Mammal Study	5
Medicine	10
Nuclear Science	9 <sup>th</sup> grade & read the MB pamphlet before attending class
Oceanography	8
Personal Management	2, 8
Photography	4
Plant Science	7
Railroading	8
Safety	2
Salesmanship	5, 6
Space Exploration	2, 3
Stamp Collecting	7, 8
Theater	1
Veterinary Medicine	6
Weather	9

**SCOUT REGISTRATION FORM FOR TROOP # \_\_\_\_\_**

(Grade & Rank **MUST BE** entered)

**1<sup>ST</sup> AND 2<sup>ND</sup> CHOICES ARE MANDATORY & selections must be made for all time slots**

Scout's Name		CLASS A	CLASS B	CLASS C
	1st			
Grade _____ Rank _____	2nd			
	1st			
Grade _____ Rank _____	2nd			
	1st			
Grade _____ Rank _____	2nd			
	1st			
Grade _____ Rank _____	2nd			
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Grade _____ Rank _____	2nd			
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Grade _____ Rank _____	2nd			

(Grade & Rank **MUST BE** entered) **1<sup>ST</sup> AND 2<sup>ND</sup> CHOICES ARE MANDATORY & selections must be made for all time slots**

Scout's Name		CLASS A	CLASS B	CLASS C
	1 <sup>st</sup>			
Grade _____ Rank _____	2 <sup>nd</sup>			
	1 <sup>st</sup>			
Grade _____ Rank _____	2 <sup>nd</sup>			
	1 <sup>st</sup>			
Grade _____ Rank _____	2 <sup>nd</sup>			
	1 <sup>st</sup>			
Grade _____ Rank _____	2 <sup>nd</sup>			
	1 <sup>st</sup>			
Grade _____ Rank _____	2 <sup>nd</sup>			
	1 <sup>st</sup>			
Grade _____ Rank _____	2 <sup>nd</sup>			
	1 <sup>st</sup>			
Grade _____ Rank _____	2 <sup>nd</sup>			

SCOUTMASTER SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

PRINTED NAME \_\_\_\_\_

# Abilene Christian University Badge University

January 15-17, 2010

## Adult Registration Form (Attach to Troop Registration Form)

We are offering several opportunities for the adults attending the Merit Badge University.

1. Merit Badge Aides - Adults willing to assist counselors in the Classroom. Morning or Afternoon.
2. Hall Monitors - Adults willing to help observe and help around Campus. Morning or Afternoon.
3. Field Trip Transportation – Adults willing to drive Scouts for field trips. January 16 only.
4. **All adults bringing scouts to the event need to either serve as a classroom aide, hall monitor, transportation, attend training courses, or do on-line training.**
5. Adults attending the Merit Badge University will pay the same fee as the Scouts.
6. Fee pays for a patch, printed materials, mailings, facility rental, and meals.
6. Fee for CPR (\$15) Fee for First Aid (\$15) Fee for Wilderness 1<sup>st</sup> Aid (\$60)
7. A Coffee Break area will be provided for adults in the McGlothlin Student Center.

**Please circle your choice for Training or Volunteering. Circle "Morning" and/or "Afternoon" to assist as classroom aide or monitor. Please circle "Yes" or "No" to help transport to field trips.**

Adult's Name _____ Address _____ City _____ Zip _____ Phone (w) (____) _____ Phone (h) (____) _____ Email _____	<b>Merit Badge Aide</b> Morning /Afternoon  <b>Hall Monitor</b> Morning/Afternoon  <b>Field Trip Transportation</b> Yes No	<b>Training (1/16/10)</b> CPR (\$15) First Aid (\$15) Wilderness 1 <sup>st</sup> Aid (\$60) Eagle Scout Paperwork On-Line Training "Life to Eagle" Orientation  <b>Training (1/17/10)</b> Wilderness 1 <sup>st</sup> Aid On-Line Training
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Adult's Name _____ Address _____ City _____ Zip _____ Phone (w) (____) _____ Phone (h) (____) _____ Email _____	<b>Merit Badge Aide</b> Morning /Afternoon  <b>Hall Monitor</b> Morning/Afternoon  <b>Field Trip Transportation</b> Yes No	<b>Training (1/16/10)</b> CPR (\$15) First Aid (\$15) Wilderness 1 <sup>st</sup> Aid (\$60) Eagle Scout Paperwork On-Line Training "Life to Eagle" Orientation  <b>Training (1/17/10)</b> Wilderness 1 <sup>st</sup> Aid On-Line Training
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ACU Merit Badge University—January 15-17, 2010  
Troop Information and Registration Form  
Deadline for Registration—December 11, 2009

Mail To: Texas Trails Council, BSA  
1208 N 5th  
Abilene, Texas 79601

# Youth Registering	_____ @ \$30	\$ _____
# Adults Registering	_____ @ \$30	\$ _____
# Youth in Art/Sculpture*	_____ @ \$10	\$ _____
# Youth in Pottery*	_____ @ \$10	\$ _____
# CPR Certification*	_____ @ \$15	\$ _____
# First Aid Cert.*	_____ @ \$15	\$ _____
# Wilderness 1 <sup>st</sup> Aid* (class size is limited)	_____ @ \$60	\$ _____
TOTAL DUE		\$ _____

\* Denotes fee in addition to the \$30 MBU registration fee.

Notes: **NO ADDITIONAL REGISTRATION WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE DOOR FOR THIS EVENT.** You may send in additional registration/fees to cover any late Scouts prior to the event.  
REGISTRATIONS MUST BE MADE BY THE TROOP – NO INDIVIDUALS MAY REGISTER.

Your Council's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Council # \_\_\_\_\_

Town (Council Home Office) \_\_\_\_\_ Troop# \_\_\_\_\_

**Troop Contact & Information Person** (All information is faxed or mailed to this person. Please write clearly.)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Work # (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Home # (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Fax # (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Name & cell phone number (in case of emergency) of person who will be in charge of your Troop at MBU:**

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell #** \_\_\_\_\_