



January 3, 2012

Dear Illowa Council Scout Leader,

The time for **Merit Badge University** is drawing near! I sent “save the date’ info in November so you should know that Merit Badge University is scheduled for **Saturday, March 17, 2012**, in the Haldeman-Thiessen Science Center on the Campus of Monmouth College, Monmouth, IL (unless otherwise indicated). This year, we hope to continue the tradition of past Merit Badge Universities as we bring college and community resources together. At each of our workshops, Scouts should be able to complete all requirements for their merit badges of choice as possible during the allotted time, while still giving each requirement the time it deserves. We are offering a whopping 30 Merit Badges, with 4 of them required for Eagle Scout Rank! Classes will be kept small, so register early. In addition to the merit badge offerings for Scouts, we will offer online training for adult leaders.

This year’s merit badge offerings include:

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| #American Heritage | #Art & Architecture (2) | ^Automotive Mechanics |
| Chemistry | *Citizenship in the Nation | *Citizenship in the World |
| Computers | #Crime Prevention & Fingerprinting & Traffic Safety (3) | |
| Electricity & Energy (2) | Electronics & Radio (2) | ^Farm Mechanics |
| Fire Safety & Safety (2) | *First Aid | #Genealogy |
| Geology | #Orienteering | Photography |
| ^Plumbing | Pottery | Public Health |
| Public Speaking | #Surveying | *Swimming |
| Weather | | |

*Badge required for Eagle Scout Rank

#Walking field trip required

^Automotive Mechanics will be offered at Cavanaugh Motors, and Farm Mechanics at Klein Equipment

The Plumbing site is TBD. BSA staff will provide transportation for scouts to these venues.

(2 or 3) Indicates that Scout will earn two or three badges during this session. Recommended for highly motivated, older Scouts since the pace will be thorough, but brisk.

There is an additional fee of \$5.00 for the Electronics/Radio MB to defray the cost of circuit boards.

A community member or college staff member will be teaching each badge. We will also be providing the blue merit badge cards for each merit badge offering. The schedule is as follows:

Saturday, March 17, 2012 – Beginning in HT 109

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| 8:00 – 8:30 A.M. | Registration, South Lobby of HT |
| 8:35 - 8:50 AM A.M. | Flags and Announcements |
| 9:00 – 11:30 A.M. | Merit Badge Sessions |
| 11:40 – 12:20 P.M. | FREE Scout Lunch in Stockdale Ctr.*** |
| 12:20-12-55 P.M. | Campus Tours |
| 1:00 – 3:05 P.M. | Merit Badge Session |
| 3:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. | Closing Ceremony, Patches held in HT 109 |

*****PLEASE NOTE, FREE LUNCH FOR SCOUTS:** The Monmouth College Admission's Office is providing a pizza lunch for all participating Scouts. **Adults and Scouters are welcome to join their scouts for lunch for a fee of \$6 paid in advance.** Pizza, salad, beverages, and cookies will be served. Following lunch the admissions office will offer campus tours and information about Monmouth College.

The registration fee is \$5.00 per Scout if POSTMARKED by March 1, 2012 and \$10.00 after that day. The fee includes insurance, supplies needed for classes (extra fee required for Electronics) and a participation patch for each Scout. Make checks payable to Illowa Council, BSA.

Please remember that this is a Boy Scout event and we ask that each troop provide two adults to follow Youth Protection Guidelines (troops who do not follow these guidelines will not be allowed to return in the future). In addition, we ask that Scouts wear their Scout shirts (tucked in). After your registration is received and processed, we will send a confirmation along with each Scout's workshop assignment, equipment needed, campus parking and directions. If changes need to be made in registration numbers, please contact me immediately, however, changes cannot be guaranteed due to the sheer volume of Scouts. Changes cannot be made simply because a Scout does not like which workshop they were assigned.

We look forward to seeing you and your troop on March 17th. Please feel free contact me by e-mail or by phone with any questions or concerns.

Yours in Scouting,

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