

To: All Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters

Subject: Merit Badge University 2019

The Piedmont Council Advancement Committee would like to cordially invite your troop to participate in the 2019 Merit Badge University to be held on **Saturday, February 16, 2019. The 2019 location for MBU will be at Gaston College in Dallas, NC.**

**Check-in will begin at 8:00 a.m.; classes will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at 3:30 p.m.
The cost for the one-day event is \$14.00 for Scouts and those adults taking classes.**

The fee is the same as last year and includes lunch, teaching materials for the day, and a patch.

**The Boy Scout Field Uniform is the uniform of the day. Most troops refer to this as a Class A uniform.
All Scouts must be registered as a Scout; no Webelos please.**

MBU is an opportunity to learn from professionals and experts in a variety of fields. It is not intended to be an easy way to get a merit badge but rather a well-earned experience. Scout advancement works best when a scout learns, is tested, is reviewed and then recognized. To earn a badge at MBU will require scouts to participate fully and each scout must complete all requirements to earn a merit badge. Scouts who do not complete requirements at MBU will still have a chance to learn new skills and be on the way to completing the merit badge. Troops are directed to arrange for MB counselors in their home area to complete any partials.

As leaders, you can help your Scouts be successful by registering them for appropriate badges. Younger scouts should be discouraged from advanced badges they may be unable to complete. Troop leaders should know the abilities of troop members and should spend the needed time prior to MBU preparing each scout for his session. Most badges have prerequisites that must be accomplished before MBU day. Please make sure the boy's do their homework, stress to your scouts the importance of working hard in class and cooperating with counselors and classmates.

Once again, this year registration for individual classes for scouts and scouters will be done online. **Troops, not individual scouts or parents should do registration.** Please designate one person from your troop to operate the registration process.

Any troop can now start reserving your slots for MBU through the Council Website. If you need your designate troop's user id and password, contact Kara Miller. Classes will open Thursday, December 13th, at 6:00 p.m. and will be open until midnight, Wednesday, January 23rd.

If you have any questions or would like to offer to teach a merit badge, please contact us at fhcommish1@gmail.com or Kara.miller@scouting.org.

We look forward to seeing you on February 16, for Merit Badge University.

Yours in Scouting,
Piedmont Council Advancement Committee