REGISTRATION FORMS WILL BE ON THE ILLOWA WEBSITE ON FEBRUARY 1, 2013.

January 24, 2013

Dear Illowa Council Scout Leader,

The time for **Merit Badge University (MBU)** is drawing near. MBU is scheduled for **Saturday, March 16, 2013**, 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 in providing a quality scouting program. We are offering a whopping 32 Merit Badges, with 4 of them required for Eagle Scout Rank!

Our intent for this Merit Badge clinic is to offer badges that can be accomplished in one day. For some badges this will require a lot of work and attention to task to complete the requirements. Classes are intentionally kept small so that we can maintain quality, so register early. Community members who are experts in their field or college staff member will be teaching each badge. We will provide blue merit badge cards and lunch for each registered scout. In addition to the merit badge offerings for Scouts, we will offer online training for adult leaders as well as having the opportunity to work with a knot master. 2013 MBU offerings include:

#American Heritage	#Art & Architecture (2)	^Automotive Mechanics & Plumbing (2)
Chemistry	Chess	Cinematography
*Citizenship in the Community	*Citizenship in the Nation	*Citizenship in the World
Computers	#Crime Prevention & Fingerprinting (2)	Electricity & Energy (2)
Fire Safety & Traffic Safety (2)	*First Aid	Geocaching
#Genealogy	Geology	Nature
#Orienteering	#Photography	
Public Health	Public Speaking	Railroading
Space Exploration	Coin Collecting & Stamp Collecting - NEW	

*Badge required for Eagle Scout Rank #Walking field trip required

^Automotive Mechanics will be offered at Cavanaugh Motors, BSA staff will provide transportation for scouts to this venue.

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

Schedule

Saturday, March 16, 2012 – Beginning in the Stockdale Center Dining Room

8:00 – 8:30 A.M.	Registration in the lobby of Stockdale
8:35 - 8:50 AM A.M.	Flags and Announcements
9:00 – 11:30 A.M.	Merit Badge Sessions
11:35 – 12:20 P.M.	**FREE Scout Lunch in Stockdale Ctr.*** **
12:20-1:05 P.M.	Campus Tours
1:10 – 3:30 P.M.	Merit Badge Session

Merit Badge University patches will be delivered to each session at the end of the day. There is no closing ceremony

***<u>**FREE LUNCH FOR SCOUTS**</u>: The Monmouth College Admission's Office is providing a pizza lunch for all participating Scouts. **Parents and Scouters are welcome to join their scouts for lunch for a fee of $6.50 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. There will be two sets of tours and two lunch settings. Your troop will be notified via confirmation letter as to which lunch setting they will attend.

<u>Registration opens February 1 with forms available on the Illowa Council webpage.</u> The registration fee is $5.00 per Scout if <u>POSTMARKED</u> by March 1, 2012 and $10.00 after that day. The fee includes insurance, supplies needed for classes and a custom participation patch for each Scout. Make checks payable to Illowa Council, BSA. If classes fill before March 1 classes will be closed and registration fees will be refunded. There is no guarantee that slots will be open until March 1. Last year we hosted 182 scouts and most classes were full by the end of February

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 an e-confirmation along with each Scout's workshop assignment, equipment needed, campus parking and directions. If changes need to be made on your registration, please contact me immediately, however, schedule changes are not guaranteed due to the sheer volume of Scouts. Changes cannot be made simply because a Scout does not like which workshop they were assigned, or wanting to be with a friend.

We look forward to seeing you and your troop on March 16th. Please feel free contact me by e-mail or by phone with any questions or concerns.

Yours in Scouting,

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Merit Badge University Sponsors for 2013:
Monmouth College through the Office of Enrollment Management, Phil Betz, Director of Admissions.
Monmouth College through the Office of Campus events, Karen Ogorzalek, Associate Dean
Illowa Council and the Inali District Committee
Cavanaugh Motors, Monmouth
Monmouth Fire Department
Monmouth Police Department
St. George Plumbing, Monmouth
The following Departments at Monmouth College: Art, Education, Biology, Chemistry, Communication office, Communication Studies, Development, History, Modern Foreign Languages, Physics, Political Economy and Commerce
The following Departments at Western Illinois University: Geology, History, Visual Production Services

2013 Merit Badge University Registration Form
(Copy as needed, CLEARLY PRINT)

TROOP: _____ DISTRICT: _____ TROOP CONTACT _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ E- MAIL: _____

CONFIRMATION will be sent via email, please indicate an email address that is checked frequently. Note: Scouts who do not list their top three choices will be placed where there is space is available.

American Heritage
Chess
*Citizenship in the World
Fire Safety & Traffic Safety (2)
Geology
Public Health
Coin Collecting & Stamp Collecting - NEW
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Cinematography
Computers
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Nature
Public Speaking
Automotive Mechanics & Plumbing (2)
*Citizenship in the Community
Crime Prevention & Fingerprinting (2)
Geocaching
Orienteering
Railroading
Chemistry
*Citizenship in the Nation
Electricity & Energy (2)
Genealogy
Photography
Space Exploration

Scout Name - PRINT	1st Choice	2nd Choice	3rd Choice

Total Number of Scouts @ $5.00 Each (Before March 1) ____ x $5.00 = _____
Total Number of Scouts @$10.00 Each (After March 1) ____ x $10.00 = _____
Total number of Adult/Scouter lunches ____ X $6.50 = _____

Total Amount Enclosed = _____
(cost center #1-6801-803-20)

Registration fees must be received with form. Make checks payable to ILLOWA COUNCIL
Send registration form and payment to:
Illowa Council Service Center, 4412 N. Brady St., Davenport, IA 52806