



**REGISTRATION FORMS WILL BE ON THE ILLOWA
COUNCIL WEBSITE ON FEBRUARY 1, 2014**



January 30, 2014

Dear Illowa Council Scout Leader,

The time for **Merit Badge University (MBU)** is drawing near. MBU is scheduled for **Saturday, March 15, 2014**, in the NEW Center for Science and Business 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 30 Merit Badges, with 5 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 members 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. 2014 MBU offerings include:

Badge offerings:

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| #American Heritage | #Art & Architecture (2) | ^Automotive Mechanics & Plumbing (2) |
| Chemistry | Chess | |
| *Citizenship in the Community | *Citizenship in the Nation | *Citizenship in the World |
| Computers | #Crime Prevention & Fingerprinting (2) | Electricity |
| Fire Safety & Traffic Safety (2) | *First Aid | Aviation - NEW |
| #Genealogy | Geology | *Personal Management – NEW, see note |
| #Orienteering | #Photography | Surveying - NEW |
| Public Health | Railroading | Welding - NEW |
| Space Exploration | Coin Collecting & Stamp Collecting | |

*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.

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

-Personal Management – This badge requires a 12-week workbook of personal finances that will need to be completed after this session. Participants will complete all of the other requirements for this badge except the workbook.

-NEW: Age/rank requirement for all Citizenship badges is 13 years old or 1st Class. Do not register a young Scout for these badges.

Schedule

Saturday, March 15, 2014 – Beginning in the Dahl Chapel & Auditorium

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| 8:00 – 8:30 A.M. | Registration in the lobby of the auditorium |
| 8:35 - 8:50 A.M. | Flags and Announcements |
| 9:00 – 11:30 A.M. | Merit Badge Sessions in the Center for Science & Business and Cavanaugh Motors |
| 11:35 – 1:05 P.M. | FREE Scout Lunch in Stockdale Ctr., 2 sittings & 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.

*****FREE LUNCH FOR SCOUTS:** 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 \$6.75 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 sittings. Your Troop will be notified via confirmation letter as to which lunch sitting they will attend.

Registration opens February 1 with forms available on the Illowa Council webpage. The registration fee is \$5.00 per Scout if POSTMARKED by March 1, 2014, 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 284 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 the workshop he was assigned to or wants to be with a friend. One of the adventures of Scouting is meeting new people.

We look forward to seeing you and your Troop on March 15th. Please feel free contact me by e-mail or by phone with any questions or concerns.

Yours in Scouting,

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Cavanaugh Motors, Monmouth

Monmouth Fire Department, Galesburg Fire Department

Monmouth Police Department

St. George Plumbing, Monmouth, McClure Engineering, E. Moline

The following Departments at Monmouth College: Education, Biology, Chemistry, Communication office, Communication Studies, History, Physics

The following Departments at Western Illinois University: Geology, Visual Production Services, IT