



February 1, 2018

Dear Scoutmaster,

Thank you for your interest in Merit Badge University (MBU). Our event will be held on **Saturday, March 10, 2018**, on the campus of Monmouth College, Monmouth, IL. Last year we had over 500 Scouts and adults attending MBU. At each of our sessions, Scouts should be able to complete most of the requirements for their merit badges during the allotted time, while still giving each requirement the time it deserves. A few badges are offered paired with others short content badges, thus earning two badges in one day. Most of our badges are single content and will be taught over the course of the entire day. The paired content badges are not mix and match. **MBU will provide blue cards for all Scouts. Please remind your Scouts that they should have the merit badge book for the badge they will be working on. If you have two Scouts attending the same session, they may share a book.**

In addition to the Merit Badge offerings for Scouts, we will offer online training and 7 interesting adult seminars. New this year is a Nature Hike with an experienced Botanist, information on Leave No Trace, and a presentation on working with Eagle Scouts.

#### **Schedule for the day:**

**Please note that there is no closing ceremony. Please arrange an end of day meeting spot for your scouts:**

Saturday March 10, 2018

8:00 – 8:30 A.M.	Registration, Huff Athletic Center – NEW THIS YEAR
8:30 - 8:50 A.M.	Flags and Announcements, Glennie Gym, Huff Center
9:00 – 11:30 A.M.	Merit Badge Sessions – Center for Science and Business
11:35 – 12:15 P.M.	<b>Lunch, Stockdale Center, group A; and campus tours, group B, start at Mellinger Commons</b>
12:15-12:55 P.M.	<b>Lunch, Stockdale Center, group B; and campus tours, group A, start in front of Stockdale</b>
1:00 – 3:15 P.M.	Merit Badge Sessions continued. Patches will be distributed at 2:00 to classrooms.

**LUNCH:** All registered Scouts and registered adults receive lunch and a patch. To register, use the registration form on the Illowa website and mail or fax the form to the Illowa Council office. We are unable to sell lunch tickets at the door. Please register in advance! Pizza, salad, beverages, and cookies are served for lunch. Either before lunch or following lunch, the admissions office will offer campus tours with information about Monmouth College. Also available will be the College bookstore and a remote Scout Shop on premises. Please note on your confirmation letter when your group eats lunch. You will notice that our registration fees have gone up, sadly this is due to increased food costs.

Please remember that this is a Boy Scout event and we ask that each Troop provide two-deep leadership to follow Youth Protection Guidelines. We also request that each unit provide a roster of Scouts for medical purposes. In addition, we ask that Scouts wear their "Class A" Scout shirts (tucked in). MBU does not provide Merit Badges; it is up to the local unit, upon presentation of a completed blue card to make such awards.

The Inali District Committee for Merit Badge University at Monmouth College looks forward to seeing you and your Troop on March 10<sup>th</sup>. Please feel free contact me by e-mail or by phone with any questions or concerns.

Yours in Scouting,

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