



# Merit Badge Selection & Contact Information Form for Scouts

### Directions for Scouts:

**Step 1:** Complete the Contact Information section (at right).

**Step 2:** In the "Have" column, insert a check (☑) to indicate that you have already earned the merit badge (otherwise leave blank).

**Step 3:** In the "Rate" column, rate the priority of 7 merit badge course selections with a priority number (from 1 to 7, with 1 being the most important to you and 7 being the least important to you. (See the FAQ pages for notes indicated with symbols: ♣♦♥♠\*)

**Step 4:** Return this form to your scoutmaster as soon as possible. Your scoutmaster will submit your troop's online MBU registration through the council's DoubleKnot site during **January 1 - February 5, 2017.**

### Contact Information:

Scout Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
first name last name

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Town: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

e-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Troop: \_\_\_\_\_ Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

<i>Merit Badge Name</i>	<i>HAVE</i>	<i>RATE</i>
Animation		
Architecture		
Art		
Astronomy		
Auto Maintenance		
Aviation ♥		
Bird Study		
Bugling ♪		
Chemistry		
Chess		
Cit. in the Community		
Cit. in the Nation		
Cit. in the World		
Climbing ♥		
Communication		
Composite Materials ♠		
Cooking ♠		
Crime Prevention		
Digital Technology		
Dog Care		
Electricity		
Electronics		

<i>Merit Badge Name</i>	<i>HAVE</i>	<i>RATE</i>
Emergency Preparedness		
Engineering		
Entrepreneurship		
Family Life ♣		
Fingerprinting		
First Aid ♦		
Fly Fishing		
Game Design		
Genealogy		
Graphic Arts		
Home Repairs		
Inventing		
Law		
Model Design & Building		
Moviemaking		
Music		
Nuclear Science		
Oceanography		
Personal Fitness ♣		
Personal Management ♣		
Pets		
Photography		

<i>Merit Badge Name</i>	<i>HAVE</i>	<i>RATE</i>
Plumbing		
Programming		
Public Health		
Public Speaking		
Pulp and Paper		
Radio		
Robotics ♠		
Scouting Heritage		
Sculpture		
Search and Rescue		
Space Exploration ♠		
Sports		
Surveying		
Sustainability		
Theater		
Welding ♦*		
Woodwork		
Flight-to-Eagle (< 1 <sup>st</sup> Class) ♦		
NOVA Designed to Crunch		
NOVA Start Your Engines		
NOVA Dr. Harris Supernova ♦		
NOVA Thomas Edison Supernova ♦		

## FAQ for Scouts & Adult Volunteers for Merit Badge University

### ***Why must I register for MBU through my unit (troop or crew) instead of registering as an individual?***

Merit Badge University promotes the BSA process for earning merit badges. The first step in this process is for the youth to consult with an adult leader regarding merit badge selection. Also, all MBU event information and post-event results are communicated to the unit coordinator in each troop or crew. If no other members of your unit are attending, the MBU registration process permits individuals to register for this event. For more information, consult with your scoutmaster or crew advisor.

### ***Why can't I sign-up for merit badges when I arrive at MBU?***

To make sure that sufficient counselors, class space, and course materials are available, the MBU staff needs participants to register in advance through their unit. There will be NO on-site registration at MBU.

### ***Why can't I change merit badge selections when I arrive at MBU?***

To support classes and advancement tracking a great deal of pre-MBU planning and paperwork is prepared. The MBU staff needs to focus on providing the planned courses for the registered participants at MBU. It is just not possible to support dynamic course selections on-site. There will be NO merit badge selection changes allowed after MBU registration.

### ***What do the symbols mean next to some of the merit badges in the list?***

The symbol (♣♦♥♠#) next to merit badges in the list indicate important information about the merit badge class at MBU. The symbols mean: ♣ automatic partial (applies to all MBs with 90-day record requirements, which are not completed at MBU), ♦ two hour class (applies to First Aid, Welding and Flight-to-Eagle), ♥ off-site field trip during off week (varies with counselor's plans), ♠ additional cost for course related materials (varies with counselor's plans), \* Welding has a maximum class size of 25. ♪ Bugling participants need to bring a bugle, trumpet, or coronet to class; they need to know how to play the instrument before attending the class.

**NOTE:** These symbols are not a complete list and may not cover all classes/counselors for this year's MBU.

### ***What are the deadlines for MBU registration?***

At some point during the month of December your troop will hold a registration night, so you may complete and submit your merit badge selections to your scoutmaster. Your Scoutmaster will submit your troop's online MBU registration through the council's DoubleKnot site during **January 1 - February 5, 2017**.

### ***Why does the MBU sign-up form ask for 7 merit badge selections when I'm only taking 3 merit badge classes at MBU?***

The MBU form asks for your 7 choices because scouts receive their classes based on a "first come, first served" basis. **If one-or-more of your top 3 class choices are filled, your scoutmaster will need other merit badge class choices in which you would like to be registered.** Make sure that you (1) Provide 7 merit badge class choices, and (2) Turn in your class choices as early as possible. You have a very good chance of getting your top 3 choices for badges, if your troop registers as early as possible in January.

### ***Why do some courses take 2 hours at each MBU session?***

Some merit badges require a lot of "hands-on" practice and demonstration. This course is provided in a 2 hour format to give counselors and scouts sufficient time to cover the material and give scouts a better chance of completing the merit badge at MBU.

### ***It's my first time at MBU. What merit badges should I select?***

For your first time at MBU, you might want to select badges with less potential homework and a greater possibility of completion. The MBU staff recommends (depending on class offerings) Art, Bird Study, Crime Prevention, Dog Care, Medicine, Reading, Space Exploration, and Sports as good possibilities for first time MBU attendees.

### ***What is the Flight-to-Eagle program at MBU?***

To make MBU more appealing to new, younger scouts (first year scouts who are registered with their troop as of the day of MBU registration), the MBU Flight-to-Eagle program teaches many of the Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class rank requirements. This program is coordinated with the Camp Squanto summer camp Flight-to-Eagle program. The MBU program focuses on requirements that are not covered at camp.

### ***Why am I being asked for my email address?***

In some cases, merit badge counselors prefer to provide advance information and assignments for their individual badge offering. Having your email address on hand helps to facilitate this process.

### ***What can I do to make my MBU experience fun and successful?***

The following are some ideas you should consider to make your MBU experience the best it can be:

- **Sign up for merit badges that you really want to earn and that interest you.** Yes, MBU is a great place to earn Eagle required badges. But, if you only sign up for badges that you have to take and don't sign up for any badges that you find interesting or fun, what sort of MBU experience will you have?
- **Attend every session, proudly wearing your scout uniform.** MBU is a school with a school uniform (which happens to be your scout uniform). You will get the most out of MBU if you bring your "do your best" spirit to class for every session.
- **Participate fully in class and do all your homework between MBU sessions.** How will you remember MBU? Will you finish with a row of merit badges or a folder full of partial paperwork? Your fun and success at MBU depends in large part on you.
- **Ask for MBU advice from scouts and adults in your unit AND look at your scout handbook to plan your MBU goals.** It might be fun to sign up for a merit badge with your friends (you may not be in the same class, but at least you can work on the homework together). Your adult leaders may have some suggestions that help you identify your long term goals. Checking your advancement record in your handbook might remind you about a merit badge that you meant to take at some point. Think. Research. It really will improve your overall MBU experience.
- **Do NOT sign up for a merit badge at MBU, then complete the merit badge before MBU.** Because there are no registration changes permitted after MBU sign up, completing a merit badge before MBU will waste your time at MBU. Work on something else instead!