Dear Scout Leader / Scout Parent:

Thank you for your interest in the MERIT BADGE UNIVERSITY program hosted by Boy Scout Troop 197 & Fellowship United Methodist Church on Feb 2nd, 2019 from 7:30 (registration) AM to 5:30 PM. This event is held annually on the first Saturday in February. The location this year will be Fellowship United Methodist Church, 2511 New Salem Highway / Highway 99, Murfreesboro, Tennessee. We hope to have close to 100 scouts from many different troops attended. Our program will be even bigger and better this year. MBU-A-ROO 2019 will feature over 20 Counselor instructed merit badges; including at least 10 Eagle required badges. In addition, counselors will also be available, by appointment, to talk with scouts about 6 other merit badges that do not lend themselves to classroom instruction; making a total of near 30 different merit badges being offered! In addition, we will be offering Adult/Scout Training classes as well as Venturing Training this year.

The learning environment at MBU is very much like a regular school day divided into two 4-hour teaching periods. Most courses require 1 period (4 hours of class time), making it possible for the typical scout to work on (and possibly complete) at least two different merit badges during the day. Cooking is the only exception, it will be an all-day class due to the amount of material. Lunch is served on-site and the cost is included in the registration fee. For the safety and security of participants, scouts are not permitted to leave campus except for class related field trips in the company of their counselor and at least one other adult. (All activities are conducted in accordance with BSA Youth Protection Guidelines).

Completion of merit badges is NOT GUARANTEED. Many merit badges require some degree of advance preparation and paperwork by the scouts (pre-requisites will be clearly indicated on the Course List). Scouts who come unprepared probably will not complete the badge, but will receive partial credit for whatever work toward the badge is completed at MBU. It is our intent to create an environment where scouts have an opportunity to continue their advancement program during the winter months and earn merit badges that may not be readily available elsewhere. It is not our intention to create a so-called "merit badge factory" that passes out merit badges with minimal effort from the scouts. Boys who come with that expectation will almost certainly be disappointed at the end of the day. MBU features an outstanding staff of qualified counselors who are both able and willing to share their knowledge with interested, motivated scouts. Boys who are not interested, motivated, and prepared to work will be wasting both their time and ours. Participation in MBU is open to ANY registered Boy Scout, regardless of troop, district, or council (see BLUE CARDS/WORKSHEETS section below). Classes are limited in size according to the subject being covered and the facilities available. These limits are imposed to insure quality instruction and afford scouts maximum opportunity to complete as many requirements for the badge as possible. Overloaded classes are not in anyone’s best interest and we simply don’t do it. Some courses also have age and/or rank restrictions that are strictly enforced.
ADVANCE REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

All registrations are processed in the order received. All seats in all classes are “first come, first served” based upon when a properly completed Registration Form and the required payment are received by Troop 197. In fairness to others, we do not "hold" or "reserve" spaces without Registration Forms and payment in hand. We do not accept reservations by fax or email, only online registration. We accept payments by Troop Check or Credit Card only. (Visa, MC, or Discover only). There is an obvious advantage for those who act quickly and register early, because some of the more popular classes often do fill up before the cutoff date. We do not overload classes, even for 17-year old Life scouts who only need that one merit badge!

Registration forms must be properly completed and LEGIBLE. Forms with missing or unreadable information will be set aside until we can contact the unit to determine the needed information. These problems can be easily avoided if an adult carefully reviews the forms before submitting them.

PARTICIPATION FEE

While we do accept scouts on an individual basis, we really want to encourage troops to attend as a whole unit, and we set our participation fees to encourage this. The fee for an individual scout at MBU-A ROO 2019 will be $25.00. If a Troop registers 5 or more together and meets the following criteria we will provide a $5.00 discount per Scout:

- Registration forms for at least 5 scouts from the same unit are submitted together
- A Unit Registration Form with all requested information is completed and enclosed
- The name and contact information (phone #, email) for AT LEAST TWO LEADERS from the unit who will be remaining on-site all day and be willing to assist with the program are provided
- Payment is made with a single Troop check or Credit Card.

“Walk-in” registrations at MBU will NOT be accepted. Sorry. Walk-in registrations the morning of MBU impairs our ability to finalize class rosters in advance and get the program started off on time.

MATERIALS REQUIRED FOR CLASS

Merit Badge worksheets will be provided!! Scouts will need to come prepared with pen/pencil and paper/notebook in order to take notes and/or complete in-class assignments. They also need to bring any materials specific to the badges they plan to work on (for example, boys taking Collections MB need to bring their collection). Scouts need to bring appropriate proof of prior completion for any listed pre-requisites. Scout Handbooks and MB pamphlets are generally not required. All other materials required to complete assigned class work will be provided in class at no additional charge. Scouts will not need any “spending money” at MBU since there is nothing on-site for them to buy.
LUNCH FOR SCOUTS AND ADULT LEADERS

Lunch will be provided for all scouts and is included in the participation fee. Food and beverages, including chewing gum, snack foods, and similar items are not permitted in the classrooms and should not be brought on campus.

Lunch for adults not teaching will be $6 and cash will be collected as lunch is served. Adults who assist with the program by transporting scouts on class field trips or by performing assigned duties in other areas will be provided with a voucher to eat for free. While we cannot prohibit adults from leaving campus, we strongly discourage that practice for reasons of both time and safety. We serve an appealing lunch using multiple serving lines so that waiting time in line will be minimal. We also strongly discourage the practice of troops bringing in a “private lunch” just for their unit. We try very hard to serve a healthy lunch with “boy appeal” and would like to avoid the problem of having scouts ask, “Why are those guys getting something different?” We are well aware that some people may have severe allergies to peanuts or peanut oil. Peanut allergies are not all that rare. We will have a special serving line for such folks so there will be no possibility of cross-contamination.

FACULTY LUNCH

One of the ways we show our appreciation to the counselors who devote hours of time and effort in preparing and teaching all the different merit badge classes is by providing them with a really nice sit down lunch in another area of the building. Admission to the faculty lunch is reserved for counselors only and controlled by an admission ticket. We mention this perk in advance so that troop leaders and other adults will understand what’s being done and won’t be offended that all adults are not included. Those who would like to eat with the faculty are invited to volunteer to be a merit badge counselor.

SOME IMPORTANT ADVICE FOR SCOUTMASTERS & PARENTS

Scouts (particularly younger scouts) have a tendency to rush toward the Eagle-required merit badges. This is a HUGE MISTAKE. New scouts do not fully understand the whole merit badge process; nor do they possess the maturity or underlying skills needed to successfully complete the Eagle-required badges. As a result, they are discouraged and disappointed at the end of the day when they carry home a partial after sitting through a class they don’t fully comprehend and can’t complete. This is also disappointing to the Counselors of those badges who are caught between their desire to see boys succeed in completing the task at hand and their responsibility to uphold high standards of subject mastery for Eagle-required badges. Our program features a wide range of MBs. Many of the "elective" badges are quite interesting and scouts would really enjoy and learn something by taking these courses. Subjects such as Textiles, Fingerprinting, Crime Prevention that younger scouts can and do complete at MBU. Also be aware that certain courses require a higher level of analytical skills or significant advance preparation. For older scouts, MBs such as Aviation, Digital Technology, Programming, may appeal.
We are very serious about quality instruction and scouts completing all the published requirements in order to earn merit badges at MBU. Our counselors tell us the maximum number of students they are willing to accept and any age or rank restrictions for admission to their particular courses. We do enforce our published guidelines and we reserve the right to remove a scout from any course who doesn’t meet those guidelines. It is unfair to other scouts for us to allow an unprepared scout to hold up the rest of the group. It is YOUR JOB as Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster, or Advancement Chair to advise, review, and approve the badges a scout in your unit wishes to take … that’s why we require each scout to bring their own WORKSHEET for each class. Please take this part of your job seriously and help us insure that your scouts follow the rules.

**WEBELOS**

MBU is strictly for Boy Scouts and male members of Venture Crews or Explorer Posts. Webelos and female Venturers / Explorers are not permitted to earn Boy Scout ranks or merit badges. Brand new scouts are welcome, but please do not bring Webelos who have not yet officially crossed over into Boy Scouting.

**EAGLE REQUIRED MERIT BADGES FOR YOUNGER SCOUTS**

Based on feedback from our counselors, age/rank restrictions have been put into place for all Eagle required merit badges offered at MBU. All Eagle required badges are tough and we don’t believe brand new, inexperienced younger scouts possess the maturity to fully comprehend and appreciate the material that must be mastered.

**SCOUT ATTIRE / SCOUT BEHAVIOR**

It seems silly that this topic even needs to be mentioned, but the reality is that not all scouts possess common sense, so we must address these issues.

This is a SCOUTING EVENT and participants are required to be in FULL SCOUT UNIFORM. This includes the general neatness expectations of wearing a belt and keeping shirttails tucked into trousers. We don’t care how they dress other places; at MBU, neatness counts! Scouts who are unwilling to meet our dress code are invited to stay home. Counselors are giving up their day to share their knowledge and teach classes for scouts who sincerely want to learn and advance. Most counselors will spend hours of advance preparation in an effort to make the subject interesting. The bringing and use of gum, snacks, toys, playing cards, personal electronics, cell phones and similar items is rude, disrespectful, and disruptive. Just like in school, any such items will be confiscated and scouts should not expect to get them back at the end of the day. Our policy on confiscated items is that the scout and his parent may claim the item at our regular Monday night troop meeting following MBU. That’s going to mean the boy and a parent gets to make a drive back to Fellowship Church if he wants his stuff back. We strongly advise scouts not to bring any contraband items into the school building. All participants must sign up and attend classes each period they are on campus; and they must attend the classes for which they are properly registered. Scouts may not simply change classes without permission from the registrar, nor may they wander the halls. Scouts must be — and will be —under adult supervision at all times. We work very hard to create a serious educational environment at MBU. Scouts who want to regard this program as a “play day” should not bother to come. Please explain these expectations to your scouts and make sure they understand them.
REGISTRATION FORMS

The intended handout for scouts consists of 2 pages --- a Course List and a Scout Registration Form. The Unit Registration Form is to be completed by whatever adult will be acting as your unit's contact person for MBU -- typically the Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster, or Advancement Chair. If an email address is provided, we will contact this person (via email) to alert them that we have received the unit's registration forms and advise them of the classes for which their scouts have been scheduled. Units should keep a copy of each scout's registration form and scouts should immediately begin working on the pre-requisites for the classes they list. The amount of advance notice we can provide is directly dependent upon how soon we receive the scout's Registration Form. We typically process all registrations with 48 hours of receiving them. Individual class schedules for each scout will be distributed following a brief orientation meeting at MBU on Saturday morning.

BLUE CARDS/WORKSHEETS

SCOUTMASTERS: Please take time to consider appropriate MBs for each of your scouts and advise them accordingly. Included in this packet is a brief description of each class that will be offered. Specific pre-requisites are clearly listed on the course list. Merit Badge Worksheets will be provided to each register scout for their class. Allowing scouts to take merit badges for which they are not prepared is neither in their best interest nor fair to the counselors. Out of necessity, some classes at MBU have additional age or rank requirements beyond those normally imposed at the local troop level. Please take seriously your responsibility to advise and pre-screen your scouts. The Middle Tennessee Council and this Unit does not use the typical BSA Blue Cards, worksheets will be provided instead. It is the Scoutmaster’s responsibility to provide Blue Cards to their scout if they are used within their unit. BLUE CARDS will not be used or provided at this conference.

ANYTHING WE HAVEN'T ALREADY COVERED

99% of the questions we get are already answered above or on the subsequent pages included in this packet. The first thing you might want to do before calling or emailing is read (or re-read) the information already in this packet.

If you have a question that hasn’t already been addressed, please contact me either via email at MBU@bsatroop197.com or by phone at (615) 207-4948. For the sake of efficiency, email is strongly preferred.

PLEASE HELP US SPREAD THE WORD

Please feel free to share information about MBU with other Scouts and Scout Leaders. Your assistance in spreading the word and helping to get the news out is sincerely appreciated. Both a single page informational flyer (suitable for distribution at Roundtable meetings) and this comprehensive information packet can be downloaded in PDF format from our web site, mbu.bsatroop197.com.

Any registered scout from any troop in any district or council is welcome to come and participate in MBU.

Very Respectfully,

Wayne Moore, Troop Committee Chairman
A number of the badges on the COURSE LIST have specific age/rank guidelines as prerequisites. These are based on the experience of counselors in prior years and will be enforced. A scout who takes merit badges for which he is not prepared or that require skills beyond his current ability is not likely to enjoy his day or fully benefit from the opportunities that MBU offers. We reserve the right to remove from class any scout who does not meet our guidelines or shows up unprepared.

Each year, many Scoutmasters ask our recommendations about which merit badges we feel are most appropriate for scouts at various stages of their Scouting careers. We gladly share these general guidelines, but caution Scoutmasters to also consider the specific talents, skill level, maturity, and interests of each individual scout.

Appropriate for scouts who have never been to Boy Scout summer resident camp and for whom MBU will be their first experience earning any merit badge (note that some may have age restrictions):

- Personal Fitness
- Public Speaking
- First Aid
- Fire Safety
- Scouting Heritage

For scouts who have already earned several merit badges and understand how the merit badge program works, these badges are also appropriate:

- Aviation
- Family Life
- Music
- Environmental Science
- Emergency Preparedness
- Cooking (All-Day Class)

The following badges are only appropriate for scouts who possess the maturity to tackle more difficult subjects that require critical thinking and analysis. Many have age/rank restrictions. Some of these subjects are rarely offered in other settings, so MBU provides an excellent opportunity to earn them.

- Citizenship in the Community
- Citizenship in the Nation
- Citizenship in the World
- Wilderness Survival
- Communications
- Moviemaking
- Personal Management
- Chemistry
AMERICAN BUSINESS (Course #197-17-A)
Earning the American Business merit badge can help Scouts learn practical business matters that will be useful throughout life. Learning how businesses function will help you understand society and uncover a number of career options.

AMERICAN HERITAGE (Course #197-21-A)
Every Scout swears to an oath that includes duty to his country. A better understanding of American heritage, the ways in which the past has lead to our present nation, is key to truly knowing what it means to be an American.

AUTOMOTIVE MAINTENANCE (Course #197-14-P)
Modern automobiles are important to many aspects of American life. Those who service automobiles must understand each principle, and how these principles interact to provide smooth, efficient performance. Owners of cars also benefit by understanding how their vehicles operate. This enables them to understand why certain periodic maintenance is required to keep their vehicles in tip-top shape.

AVIATION (Course #197-1-A) OR (Course #197-1-P)
For most of history, people have dreamed of flying, imagining how it would feel to soar through the sky like an eagle or hover in midair like a hummingbird, to float on unseen currents, free of Earth's constant tug, able to travel great distances and to rise above any obstacle. Today, through aviation, we can not only join the birds but also fly farther, faster, and higher than they ever could. This class fills quickly and involves a visit to an airport which is generally 1 week after MBU.

BUGLING (Course #197-1-IS)
This is an independent study Merit Badge. No class is offered. This is not a formal class and no instruction will be provided. The counselor will meet with scouts who already know how to play either the bugle or the trumpet to listen to them play the required bugle calls from memory. Scouts must bring their own instrument.

CAMPING (Course #197-2-IS)
This is an independent study Merit Badge. No class is offered. An Eagle required badge. Counseled by an experienced scoutmaster, complete the attached packet & bring a letter from your Troop Scoutmaster or Advancement Chair that indicates you have completed requirement #9. The class has a rank restriction.
CHEMISTRY (Course #197-15-P)
Chemistry explores how substances react with each other, how they change, how certain forces connect molecules, and how molecules are made are all parts of chemistry. Stretch your imagination to envision molecules that cannot be seen - but can be proven to exist - and you become a chemist.

CITIZENSHIP IN THE COMMUNITY (Course #197-2-A)
An Eagle required badge. Because scouts come from so many different communities, advance completion of the listed pre-requisite requirements is essential for boys to complete the badge at MBU. This is not an easy badge and definitely NOT a badge for younger scouts. The class has an age restriction.

CITIZENSHIP IN THE NATION (Course #197-2-P)
An Eagle required badge. Scouts must bring proof of prior completion of the listed prerequisites in order to complete the badge at MBU. The class will focus on the workings of our federal government and the provisions of the U.S. Constitution. Most schools cover U.S. history in 8th grade and again in 11th grade. This is a difficult merit badge and nearly impossible for boys in 7th grade or below to understand. For these reasons, the class has an age restriction.

CITIZENSHIP IN THE WORLD (Course #197-2-P)
An Eagle required badge. Scouts must bring proof of prior completion of the listed prerequisites in order to complete the badge at MBU. Scouts who earn the Citizenship in the World merit badge will discover that they are already citizens of the world. How good a world citizen each person is depends on his willingness to understand and appreciate the values, traditions, and concerns of people in other countries.

COOKING (Course #197-16-A)
This merit badge became Eagle-required on Jan. 1, 2017. **This is an ALL-DAY CLASS, therefore scouts will only earn one MB if they choose this option.** The Cooking merit badge introduces principles of cooking that can be used both at home or in the outdoors. Scouts who earn this badge will learn about food safety, nutritional guidelines, meal planning, and methods of food preparation, and will review the variety of culinary (or cooking) careers available.

COMMUNICATION (Course #197-3-A)
An Eagle required badge. This is a tough badge targeted toward scouts in high school. It involves researching, preparing, and giving several effective oral presentations. Class size is limited. An excellent class for the serious, well-prepared, older scout.

DISABILITIES AWARENESS (Course #197-5-A)
Look around at the Scouts in your unit, the members of your sports teams, and the kids in your class - you will see that each person has their own personalities, distinct interests and ideas, different physical features, and different strengths and needs.
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS  (Course #197-10-P)
An Eagle required badge. There are multiple pre-requisites including the FIRST AID merit badge. This class is designed for the older, experienced scout. Scouts are often called upon to help because they know first aid and they know about the discipline and planning needed to react to an emergency situation. Earning this merit badge helps a Scout to be prepared by learning the actions that can be helpful and needed before, during, and after an emergency.

ENGINEERING  (Course #197-18-P)
Engineers use both science and technology to turn ideas into reality, devising all sorts of things, ranging from a tiny, low-cost battery for your cell phone to a gigantic dam across the mighty Yangtze River in China. Engineering requires prior counselor approval for requirement(s) #1.

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE  (Course #197-7-A) & (Course #197-7-P)
An Eagle required badge. There are multiple pre-requisites. This class is designed for the older, experienced scout.

FAMILY LIFE  (Course #197-8-A) OR (Course #197-8-P)
An Eagle required badge. Most of the requirements for this badge must be done at home with the scout’s family, so the class at MBU will focus on preparing the scout to work on the merit badge rather than on actually completing it at MBU. However, scouts who come with appropriate written proof of having completed the listed pre-requisites (such as a note from a parent supported by notes, logs, photos, or other evidence of having completed the required family projects) will be able to complete the badge at MBU. The class has an age restriction.

FIRE SAFETY  (Course #197-9-A)
This is another fun, interesting, and relatively easy merit badge that is appropriate for scouts of any age. The class will be taught by professional firefighters from the Murfreesboro Fire Department. To prepare and practice a home fire evacuation plan with their family is the only pre-requisite (they should bring a note from a parent along with a sketch of their home showing exit paths).

FIRST AID  (Course #197-10-A)
An Eagle required badge. This is a fast-moving and very intense merit badge for boys who have read the FIRST AID MB pamphlet cover to cover in advance of class. Unprepared and/or immature scouts will NOT complete the badge. Age is less a factor than maturity and attention span, but this class is definitely NOT for brand new scouts. FIRST AID and LIFESAVING are probably the two most serious Eagle required badges, because people’s lives can depend upon the scout’s preparation and training. The passing standard for this class is very high. There are two pre-requisites.

GAME DESIGN  (Course #197-21-P)
In addition to creating and testing an actual, playable game, Scouts will learn:
How to think critically about certain games, What makes games fun, Important game terms, How to design and implement rules, Problem solving, and more!
GEOCACHING (Course #197-19-A) and (Course #197-19-P)
The word geocache is a combination of "geo," which means "earth," and "cache," which means "a hiding place." Geocaching describes a hiding place on planet Earth - a hiding place you can find using a GPS unit. A GPS (Global Positioning System) unit is an electronic tool that shows you where to go based on information it gets from satellites in space.

LAW (Course #197-17-P)
Earning this merit badge enables a Scout to learn about the history and kinds of laws, the purpose and methods of law enforcement, consumer protection agencies, emerging law, and careers in the legal profession.

MOVIEMAKING (Course #197-4-A)
Cinematography includes the fundamentals of producing motion pictures, including the use of effective light, accurate focus, careful composition (or arrangement), and appropriate camera movement to tell stories. In earning the badge, Scouts will also learn to develop a story and describe other pre- and postproduction processes necessary for making a quality motion picture.

MUSIC (Course #197-3-IS)
This is an independent study Merit Badge. No class is offered. You will complete requirements 2, 3, & 4 and bring written proof of those to our MBU. During the lunch break you will play your short song on the instrument of your choosing to our counselor.

PERSONAL FITNESS (Course #197-9-P)
Prerequisites 1, 7 & 8. This is an Eagle Required Merit Badge that will focus on the basic principles of Personal Fitness. It is recommended for older Scouts 13 & above. A physical is required as well as a 12 week long fitness program after MBU to complete (requirements 7&8).

PERSONAL MANAGEMENT (Course #197-3-P)
One of the toughest Eagle required badges because of the record keeping involved. It’s also one of the most useful for a scout’s long-term financial security. It’s all about wise money management, from loans and credit cards to saving and investing. Scouts really need to be 14 or older to understand the concepts and do the math. Everything but the required project work can be completed at MBU.

PETS (Course #197-4-IS)
This is an independent study Merit Badge. No class is offered. Scouts need to complete all the requirements on their own in advance then meet with the counselor to discuss their pet. Either having a parent bring the pet at the beginning of the day or bringing photographs will suffice.

PUBLIC SPEAKING (Course #197-11-A)
In this class you will work on the skills needed to talk in front groups of your peers and other people. You will both prepare a speech & do an impromptu speaking. It is recommended for older Scouts preparing to enter a Senior Troop Leadership position.

READING (Course #197-5-IS)
This is an independent study Merit Badge. No class is offered. You will complete requirements 1-4 and provide written reports on the items it indicates to discuss with your counselor as well as your reading log. Insure that you have your parents’ permission to search the internet.

**SCHOLARSHIP  (Course #197-6-IS)**
This is an independent study Merit Badge. No class is offered. Complete requirements 1-5. Bring proof from your school for requirements 1-4 and bring your report for requirement 5 for our counselor to review during our MBU.

**SCOUTING HERITAGE  (Course #197-13-P)**
The new Scouting Heritage merit badge introduces boys to the history of the Boy Scouts of America. They'll learn it all—from Scouting’s beginnings under Lord Baden-Powell to the history of their own troop.

**SPORTS  (Course #197-12-A)**
Millions of people participate in sports every year. For some the appeal is the close friendships that come with being part of a team. Some revel in the joy of victory and lessons of defeat. For some, the personal fitness is so important that exercise becomes a daily need. And still others desire the feeling of achievement, that feeling of measurable improvement that comes with dedication to a sport. Sports requires prior counselor approval for requirement(s) #5

**WILDERNESS SURVIVAL  (Course #197-20-P)**
In their outdoor activities, Scouts learn to bring the clothing and gear they need, to make good plans, and do their best to manage any risks. But now and then, something unexpected happens. When things go wrong, the skills of wilderness survival can help make everything right again. Scouts must stay the night on Saturday night at the church to complete the MB.
MBU is designed to be a COOPERATIVE EFFORT. To run a program of this magnitude, we NEED and actively seek the help of adults from all participating units to assist with a variety of tasks throughout the day. We particularly need parents to help with the preparation and serving of lunch. Please provide information (phone number and email address) for at least 2 adults from this unit who will be in attendance at MBU and willing to assist.

Adult Name (please PRINT) (min 2 adults)  Phone Number  Email Address

How did you learn about T-197’s MBU?  
___Email direct from Troop 197
___Information was distributed at District Roundtable
___Information was brought in by a scout or scout parent
___Heard about it from other scout leaders
___Just happened upon it while surfing the Internet
___Other (Please specify): __________

Has this unit recently participated in other MBU-like programs?  No  Yes, hosted by __________

Total number of scouts in this unit?  __________

To qualify for the group rate, all scout registration forms MUST be collected by a troop adult and submitted in a bundle along with this form, a single check, and information on AT LEAST 2 ADULTS who are willing to help out at MBU.

Though we have counselors secured for this year, we’re always interested identifying good resources. Please list on the back of this form information about any adults in your unit who might be a potential counselor in future years. (Name, phone #, email address, and the subject area(s) of interest.)
PLEASE READ!!!

For those scouts that wish to work on the Merit Badges “by appointment”, scouts simply circle those badges on the Registration Form then come to the Registration Desk sometime during their day at MBU and we will link them up with the appropriate counselor. They should try to do that early in the day or during the lunch break, as some counselors may not be with us the whole day. You MUST bring the documentation for these “by appointment” classes.

2 COURSES FOR ALL SCOUTS

It is important that ALL scouts list 2 course selections, even if they register early. There is a very simple reason why this is necessary ---

Classes are only offered during certain parts of the day. A class may only be available during the morning or afternoon session. The Scout must choose one (1) morning class AND one (1) afternoon class.

We will work from the top down, so the scout will probably get the first class listed. BUT, if his second class conflicts with his first and both are only offered one time, AND he doesn't indicate any alternate courses that don’t conflict, then he will only be pre-scheduled for one class and he will have to stand in the course change line at MBU and choose from whatever classes might still be open. Selections at that point may be limited.

This unfortunate situation can be avoided if he lists 2 different courses (as requested) at the time of initial registration. By doing this, he is much more likely to get into classes that he really wants.

We will do our very best to give scouts their 1st choice classes, but if this is not possible, the more alternates they give us to work with, the better able we'll be to get them the best schedule possible
# BSA TROOP 197 – FELLOWSHIP UMC
## MERIT BADGE UNIVERSITY 2019
### AVAILABLE COURSES

**ALL SCOUTS SHOULD OBTAIN AND READ THE PAMPHLET FOR EACH CLASS THEY PLAN TO TAKE**

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<td>Find out about three career opportunities in aviation. Pick one and find out the education, training, and experience required for this profession. Discuss this with your counselor, and explain why this profession might interest you. Also we will visit the Murfreesboro Airport on Saturday, February 10, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.</td>
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<td>C. Purr</td>
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<td>Bring homemade first aid kit to class. Read MBU booklet before coming to class</td>
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<td>Bring a notebook, complete #2 &amp; #4 and bring them to class</td>
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<td>Sports</td>
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### CHOOSE ONE MERIT BADGE FOR THE AFTERNOON

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<td>Aviation</td>
<td>J. Duke</td>
<td>PM</td>
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<td>Find out about three career opportunities in aviation. Pick one and find out the education, training, and experience required for this profession. Discuss this with your counselor, and explain why this profession might interest you. Also we will visit the Murfreesboro Airport on Saturday, February 10, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.</td>
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<td>Citizenship in the World*</td>
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<td>Chemistry</td>
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<td>Do requirements 5, 6, and 7. (I want to focus on the experiments and not the paper work for the class).</td>
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<td>Read Booklet and complete #2a, #4b, &amp; #5</td>
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<td>Wilderness Survival</td>
<td>D. Moore</td>
<td>PM</td>
<td>197-20.P</td>
<td>OPEN</td>
<td>Read Booklet, need to spend the night outside on Saturday night at the church.</td>
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CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

1. One sheet per scout. Class registration must also be made online at www.bsatroop197.com
2. This is a Scouting event -- full "Class A" Scout field uniform is the expected attire for all participants.
3. Scouts must obtain and bring with them materials needed for class. Merit badge WORKSHEETS will be provided.
4. Counselors have the right to refuse class admission to scouts who do not meet the published prerequisite age/rank/grade requirements, arrive without required materials, and/or arrive without an attitude consistent with the Scout Oath and Law.
5. All classes will be limited to a size appropriate to the subject being discussed and the facilities available.
6. Advance registration and other conditions must be met by the unit in order for scouts to receive the "group rate."
7. Registrations will be processed first come, first served in the order that Registration Form and accompanying payment are received. In fairness to others, requests to "hold space" or "make reservations" before payment is received will be declined.
8. Any requests to change course selections must be cleared through and approved by the Registrar; scouts will not be permitted to attend classes for which they are not properly registered.
9. Lunch will be served on-site. Scouts may not leave the church except on class-related field trips in the company of their merit badge counselor. Transportation for all such trips will be provided by adult drivers at least 21 years of age.
10. Completion of merit badges taken at MBU is not guaranteed. Scouts must complete all BSA requirements to the satisfaction of the counselor(s). Many merit badges require advance preparation and/or paperwork. Partial will be given for work completed at MBU if the entire MB is not completed.
11. This Registration Form and payment must be received by Troop 197 by Monday, January 29, 2019.
12. In the unlikely event a course must be cancelled at the last minute, scouts will be rescheduled into another class that is able to accommodate them.
13. Scouts must attend the classes and sessions to which they are assigned. All schedule changes must be approved by the Registrar. Those who register nearer the deadline may not get their first choice classes.
14. Chewing gum, snacks, personal electronics, cell phones, playing cards and other items not required for merit badge classes are inappropriate and should not be brought to MBU. Items that cause a distraction or disruption in a class will be confiscated. USB memory devices are specifically prohibited.
15. Cancellations after the Monday before MBU and "no shows" are not eligible to receive a refund.
16. Scouts should make sure their name and troop number is on all items brought to MBU (coats/jackets, caps, MB books, notebooks, cameras, etc.). Lost & Found items not claimed by February 15 will be discarded.

PARTICIPATION FEES

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Indicate class selections by entering course numbers on the lines below. List 4 different courses in order of preference -- we will do our best to honor your requests from the top down, but classes do fill up and other scheduling conflicts occur, so it is foolish not to list alternate selections.

**Counselors Available by Appt.**
Circle one if you want to meet with a counselor. You must bring all paperwork.
- PETS
- CAMPING
- SCHOLARSHIP
- READING
- BUGLING

Make Checks payable to **BSA Troop 197**.

Form and payment must be received by Troop 197 on or before Monday, January 28, 2019.