

Merit Badge University
at
Washburn Institute of Technology



Saturday, November 6, 2021

5724 SW Huntoon St.
Topeka, Kansas

2021 Leader's Guide
<http://www.jayhawkcountycouncil.org/Bufalo/Events/2021WashburnTechMBU>



Contact Information

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Visit for event committee contacts

Tentative Schedule

7:00 am	Check-In/Donut Breakfast
8:00 am	Welcome Assembly
8:30 am	Merit Badge Sessions Begin
8:45 am	Training Sessions Begin
11:30-1:30 pm	Staggered Lunch (each class will take lunch at a different time to prevent congestion.)
4:45 pm	Merit Badge Sessions End
4:50 pm	Check-Out and Head Home

Costs

Fee - On or before October 30

Scouts \$20 (no additional cost for supplies)

Adults \$8

Siblings \$8 (ages 3+) Siblings \$0
(under 3)

No registrations will be accepted after October 30. Register and pay online at

<http://www.jayhawkcouncil.org/Bufalo/Events/2021WashburnTechMBU>

The fees includes: Donut breakfast and lunch for everyone and the program for the Scouts. Everyone attending must be registered and paid. Consult the Jayhawk Area Council website for specifics on refund policies.

Units are encouraged to register as a Unit using the "Contingent" function rather than individuals, however individual registration is also available. To register as a "Contingent" you need to collect information on everyone before starting the registration. You can edit or add to your registration by going through your unit page on the Jayhawk Area Council website if you are a Jayhawk Area Council unit. You may pay by credit/debit card or e-check (using a checking account)

Registration

All adults, Scouts, and siblings attending must be registered by the deadline without exception. You will register for merit badges at the time of registration and the class size limits will be adhered to and are on a first-come basis. On-site registration and changes will only be made if space is available. Enroll online to guarantee a spot.

Leadership

Minimum of two-deep leadership will be in effect. Two registered adult leaders in the Troop/Team/Crew or one registered adult leader and one other adult at least 21 years of age or older. The only exception is a parent may be there with just their child only.

Medical Forms

BSA Annual Health and Medical Records parts A and B are required on all adults, siblings, and Scouts. Someone in the unit should be a keeper of the forms. You will be requested to show them upon check-in.

Parking

There is plenty of parking around the campus. You may park in any open spot except those specifically marked.

Check-In/Information Booth

Signs will be clearly posted for the check-in location and any information booths. These will be the primary place for information and will be manned throughout the day. The entire unit is asked to check-in as a group rather than individually. Plan accordingly.

Siblings

Siblings are not encouraged to attend. No programming available for them, but lunch is provided. All must be registered.

Uniform

Scout, leaders, and parents should be in Scout uniform throughout the day, however it is suggested to wear a Scout Activity Shirt such as a Unit or other Scout t-shirt under the uniform or bring it to the class. **Closed toed shoes are required in all labs.**

Special Dietary Requirements

Please make known when registering any special dietary requirements for medical or religious reasons.

Weather

"Be Prepared" for the weather. Dress accordingly. Some Scouts may need to travel outside for a time to get to their merit badge counseling session. If weather should cause postponement or cancelation of the event, an e-mail will be sent out.

Merit Badge Pamphlets

Each Scout is asked to bring with them a current merit badge pamphlet so they can refer to it during their merit badge counseling sessions. Hard copies can often be found in your unit's library or available from your local Scout Shop or you can download digital versions on a tablet or smartphone from www.scoutstuff.org or www.amazon.com

Unofficial Merit Badge Workbooks (Worksheets)

The Boy Scouts of America discourages the use of merit badge workbooks (worksheets) which are unofficial. "Look for requirements with verbs like "discuss," "show," "tell," "explain," "demonstrate" or "identify." Requirements like those aren't meant to be completed by filling in a blank on some worksheet." To that end, merit badge counselors will not be providing these or using these in their merit badge counseling sessions, but rather will encourage hands-on involvement and social interaction. In the rare instance boys need to have something in writing to fulfill a requirement, notebook paper will suffice. They can also use the notebook to aid them in jotting down important notes to help them remember things discussed.

Adult Participation in Merit Badge Counseling Sessions

Adults may sit in on merit badge sessions and assist the Merit Badge Counselor with recording attendance, helping passing out materials, and general management. Refrain from participation unless requested by the Merit Badge Counselor.

Blue Merit Badge Cards and Black Pug

Since Jayhawk area council has implemented a new tracking system for activities, we will be using this resource to track completion of merit badges at this conference. Upon enrollment into the Merit badge day, your scout(s) will be added to the Black Pug system. After the merit badge day, the requirements completed will be added into the system and individual scouts and units can print their blue cards and transfer the information into your scout tracking software.

Prerequisites

There may be prerequisites that must be completed ahead of time and there are others that should be completed ahead of time. If a prerequisite is required and is not completed, a Scout will not be able to participate in the merit badge counseling session. If there are some that are highly encouraged to be completed, a Scout may still participate in some but not all aspects of the merit badge counseling session. Each merit badge counselor will certify each prerequisite is completed by a signed blue card.

Bring to the Merit Badge Sessions

1. Notebook and writing utensils
2. Completed required prerequisites and any accompanying documentation to show proof of completion or a signed blue card.
3. Merit badge pamphlet for each Scout for each merit badge they are working on (hard copy or electronic)
4. Blue Merit Badge Cards with basic information completed
5. Water bottle (no other food or beverages will be allowed in the merit badge sessions)

Incomplete Merit Badges

Due to the nature of some of the requirements for some merit badges, some of the requirements may have to be finished after the Merit Badge University with an approved Merit Badge Counselor. Request that list from your local Council. Only an approved merit badge counselor can sign off on merit badges. No individual has cart blanch authority to approve all merit badges.

Arriving Late

Due to the nature of merit badges being offered, you must be checked in before the start of the first session. Those arriving late may not be able to participate or may not be signed off on some or all the requirements being covered.

Covid 19

We will abide by the current guideline that Washburn and Jayhawk Area Council please visit <http://www.jayhawkcouncil.org/News/BSAHealthFormsforCOVID-19> please fill out Covid Waiver and A & B part of the Health Form

2021 Merit Badge University - Merit Badge Sessions

A Scout may take up to one "AM" and one "PM" session or one "All Day" session

<u>Merit Badge</u>	Morning	Afternoon	All Day	Limit	Pre-Requirements
Drafting	X	X		10	Read MB Pamphlet
Electricity	X	X		10	Read MB Pamphlet
Electronics	X	X		10	Read MB Pamphlet
Engineering	X	X		12	Prereq 2,3, and 9 & Read MB Pamphlet
Game Design			X	10	Read MB Pamphlet
Plumbing			X	10	Read MB Pamphlet
Programming	X	X		18	Cyber Chit (Current) & Read MB Pamphlet
Surveying			X	6	Read MB Pamphlet
Trifecta			X	20	Read MB Pamphlet
Welding			X	10	Bring Safety Glasses, Long Pants (Jeans), Cotton T-Shirt, Closed Toed Shoes, and Read MB Pamphlet

*With the exception of the Totin' Chip and Firem'n Chit, all other prerequisites must be completed with a registered, approved merit badge counselor.

Trifecta Merit Badge consist of Personal Management, Family Life, and Personal Fitness. These Merit Badges will be started at this conference and will be finished at the Washburn University Merit Badge Conference in February.