



Troop 188 Merit Badge University

First Federated Church
4801 Franklin Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50310
Saturday, August 6th, 2016

SCHEDULE:

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| 7:30-8:30 am | Registration |
| 8:40 am | Opening Flag Ceremony and Announcements |
| 9:00 am – 12:00 pm | Morning Merit Badge Sessions |
| 12:00pm-12:50 pm | Lunch |
| 1:00pm-4:00 pm | Afternoon Merit Badge Sessions |

Please note: There will not be a closing ceremony

Merit Badge	Eagle Required	Has Pre-Requisites?	Additional Comments
Art			Will we see the next Grant Wood?
Camping	YES	YES-7,9	Do I have to bring my water bottle?
Chemistry			All Mad scientists should attend!!
Chess			Shall we play a game?
Citizenship in the Community	YES	YES-3, 4b, 4c, 7,	Where is the Library?
Citizenship in the Nation	YES	YES-2, 3, 8	Why should I vote?
Citizenship in the World	YES	YES-7	Who are my global neighbors?
Communications	YES	YES-5, 7, 8	No texting allowed!
Cooking	YES	YES-5, 6, 7. Please also print out and bring the information for requirements 1, 2, 3, 4 and 8 with you.	Healthy eating habits start here.
Emergency Preparedness	YES	YES-1, 2c, 8c	What are you going to do when....happens?
Environmental Science	YES		Why we need to be nice to our planet!
Family Life	YES	YES-3, 4, 5, 6b	Do I really have to like my brothers/sisters?
Fingerprinting			All Good CSI investigators start looking for these
First Aid	YES	YES-2d	Can I use this as a splint?
Indian Lore			Its more than just Pow Wows
Music		YES-3b, 3c(Report Card or concert programs will work)	Rock, Country or Classical. Something for everyone.
Personal Fitness	YES	YES-1a, 1b, 8	Work your muscles.
Personal Management	YES	YES-2a, 2b	What's in your wallet?
Reptile and Amphibian Study		YES-8a or 8b	See some local wildlife up close
Traffic Safety			Great choice for new or soon to be drivers.

2016 MERIT BADGE UNIVERSITY INFORMATION FOR SCOUTS AND LEADERS

MBU is a great opportunity for Scouts to work on advancement toward Eagle Scout and/or work toward earning a merit badge in one of 20 areas.

We want to make sure that the Scouts learn as much from the courses as possible. **However, there are some requirements that cannot be completed within our MBU setting.** These are items that the Scout will need to complete on their own once they get home and their local Scoutmaster will need to approve.

BE PREPARED:

- **While not required, Scouts should consider printing and bringing the appropriate merit badge worksheets for the badge(s) they will work towards at MBU. www.meritbadge.org is a great site to obtain this information.**
- Scouts need to bring any and all reports, projects, “props” for demonstration, or any other requirements that have been completed beforehand. Be prepared to present these to your counselor during your class. Bring any written approvals by parents or your Scoutmaster if needed.
- We strongly suggest that all Scouts bring paper, pencil and the merit badge books for their classes from your troop’s library. The merit badge book should be read **before** attending MBU. **ALL SCOUTS ARE EXPECTED TO BE ACTIVE PARTICIPANTS TO FULFILL THEIR MERIT BADGE REQUIREMENTS.**
- A “Blue Card” sheet will be given to each Scout showing requirements completed as well as those not finished. **It is then the Scout’s responsibility to get this to his Scoutmaster to record and sign off on the remaining work for that merit badge.**

CONDUCT IN THE CHURCH:

- MBU is held throughout the entire church property. Conduct yourselves properly. The church sanctuary is **OFF LIMITS!**
- If you see a Scout doing something they shouldn’t be doing, even if they aren’t in your Troop, please correct them. If you see a Scout doing something right, please congratulate them.

TOUR PERMITS:

- Scoutmasters — remember to file your tour permits.

FOOD/SNACKS:

- Breakfast snack will consist of a granola/fruit bar and drink. Coffee will also be available.
- Lunch: TBD. It will be served in the church dining hall/fellowship hall. If weather permits, we may eat outside on the church grounds.
- **NO FOOD OR DRINK will be allowed anywhere in the church besides the dining area.**

2016 MERIT BADGE UNIVERSITY REGISTRATION INFORMATION FOR SCOUTMASTERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

REGISTRATION:

- Registrations must be in writing. These will be accepted on a **first come-first served** basis. Payment is required to register and should be included with your registration form. Additional forms may be downloaded at www.troop188ankeny.org
- Register early! Classes for Eagle Scout-required badges as well as other popular merit badge classes fill up quickly.
- Once registered, Scouts are not allowed to change merit badge classes without prior approval.

REGISTRATION FEE:

- The registration fee is \$25 per Scout. **(With written notice, this fee is 100% refundable up to two weeks before the event, 50% refundable one week before.)**
- This fee includes participation in the morning and afternoon classes, a morning snack and lunch.
- Since we wouldn't be able to have this without your willingness to get your Scouts to this event, we will provide a complimentary lunch to adult leaders. There are several dining establishments within close driving distance if you wish to go off site as well.
- Make checks payable to TROOP 188

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

- Registration deadline is **July 29th, 2016**

QUESTIONS:

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COMMENTS:

In order to ensure the boys' safety and to follow BSA requirements, we need to have two-deep leadership in all of our classes. To do this we need your help. Please consider sitting in on a course or two to provide the 2 deep leadership that is required, especially if several of your Scouts are taking that badge. You never know, you just might learn something yourself!

Troop 188 works very hard to make Merit Badge University a great experience for your Scouts. We welcome your comments and suggestions for improvements. If there are merit badges that you would like to see offered please let us know. If you know of a qualified counselor for the badge there is a much greater chance you'll see it offered next year.