

The Lighthouse District Merit Badge University will be held on December 2, 2017 at St. Charles School. All merit badges including First Aid will be held at St. Charles' School.

To register

The **scout** must Email Chuck Pettibone, Dean of Merit Badge University 2017 at cpettib3166@yahoo.com in order to register for the Merit Badge. The scout needs to mention in the email Subject line: Merit Badge University, as my computer will send to spam any address it does not recognize, and I just delete the spam folder after looking at subject matter. **IMPORTANT: The scouts will get a reply from me within one or two days of their email to me, so your scouts need to look at their emails.**

To be registered a scout must give me:

1. His name,
2. His troop number,
3. The merit badge(s) he wants to take,
4. And an emergency telephone number to reach him

Scouts will need to be at the Merit Badge University by 8:45 AM for the Morning and All-day Sessions; and by 12:45 PM for the Afternoon Session. Scouts should be in uniform.

Scholarship, Collections, Reading, Pets, Indian Lore, Music, Traffic Safety, Fingerprinting and Chess Merit Badges are good ones for the first year scout to earn, if they are interested in attending the university. This is not saying that they are not welcome to the other merit badges. A scout may attempt any merit badge he wants to.

The following Merit Badges are offered:

Morning (AM) Session runs from 9:00 AM to Noon (St. Charles' School)

Citizenship in the Community (UNKNOWN at this time) (Max 16 – 0 registered)

Citizenship in the Nation (Dale Rowe, Troop 48) (Max 16 – 0 registered)

Citizenship in the World (Vince Mohr, Assistant District Commissioner)
(Max 16 – 0 registered)

Communications (Jason Hayes, Troop 48) (Max 16 – 0 registered)

Family Life (UNKNOWN at this time) (Max 16 – 0 registered)

Personal Fitness (Lisa Drennon, Merit Badge Counselor) (Max 12 – 0 registered)

Personal Management (Tim Arieno, Unit Commissioner) (Max 16 – 0 registered)

Sustainability (Michael Pettibone, Troop 197) (Max 12 – 0 registered)

American Heritage (Bill Kostyshak, Troop 4) (Max 12 – 0 registered)

Crime Prevention (John Brennan, Troop 197) (Max 16 – 0 registered)

Indian Lore (Chuck Pettibone, Troop 197) (Max 8 – 0 registered)

Kiosk (Lunch) Session runs from Noon to 1:00 PM (St. Charles' School)

Collections (UNKNOWN at this time) (Max 8 - 0 registered)

Pets (Kevin Coughlin Jr., DVM Merit Badge Counselor) (Max 8 - 0 registered)

Reading (Marcy Pettibone, Troop 197) (Max 8 - 0 registered)

Scholarship (Karl-Erik Janssen) (Max 8 - 0 registered)

Afternoon (PM) Session runs from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM (St. Charles' School)

Citizenship in the Community (Dale Rowe, Troop 48) (Max 16 - 0 registered)

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Personal Management (Tim Arieno, Unit Commissioner) (Max 16 - 0 registered)

Disabilities Awareness (Jaime Grimes, Merit Badge Counselor) (Max 12 - 0 registered)

Fingerprinting (Ron Rowcliffe, Troop 86) (Max 12 - 0 registered)

Law (Suzanne Grimes, Merit Badge Counselor) (Max 12 - 0 registered)

Music (Kevin Coughlin Sr., District Commissioner) (Max 12 - 0 registered)

Truck Transportation (Dave Azzario, Unit Commissioner) (Max 12 - 0 registered)

Woodcarving (Jim Griffen, Roundtable Commissioner) (Max 6 - 0 registered)

All Day Session runs from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM (St. Charles' School)

First Aid (Brian Smith, Unit Commissioner) (Max 12 - 0 registered)

Chess (Kevin Courteau, Merit Badge Counselor) (Max 12 - 0 registered)

Traffic Safety (Ed O'Connell, Merit Badge Counselor) (Max 12 - 0 registered)

Sign Up Procedures and Rules

1. First and foremost, this is a Merit Badge University. Scouts are expected to do and pass all requirements and should not think that because they are attending this university, they will automatically receive the merit badge(s) they have selected to take. Most scouts should expect to receive a partial in the merit badge(s) they are taking.

2. The maximum number of merit badges an Individual Scout may sign up for is three (3). This can be achieved by taking an AM session (3 hours), a PM session (3 hours) and one (1) merit badge during their Lunch time, the Kiosk session.

3. Maximum class size is set by the Merit Badge Counselor and Dean, Merit Badge University.

A) The following Merit Badges are set with a maximum limit of sixteen (16): Citizenship in the Community, Citizenship in the Nation, Citizenship in the World, Communication, Family Life, and Personal Management.

B) The following Merit Badges are set with a maximum limit of twelve (12): First Aid, Personal Fitness, Sustainability, American Heritage, Chess, Crime Prevention, Disabilities Awareness, Fingerprinting, Law, Music, Traffic Safety and Truck Transportation.

C) The following Merit Badges are set with a maximum limit of eight (8): Indian Lore and the Lunch time (Kiosk) merit badges of Collections, Pets, Reading, and Scholarship.

D) The following Merit Badges are set with a maximum limit of six (6): Woodcarving.

4. The fee for the Merit Badge University is \$10.00 per scout whether they are taking 1, 2 or 3 merit badges. Every scout will pay \$10.00. The one price is necessary due to cost increases and attendance decrease over the years.

5. The \$10.00 fee for the Lighthouse District Merit Badge University must be paid at the Scout Service Center no later than Monday, November 27, 2017. **SCOUTMASTERS REMIND YOUR SCOUTS ABOUT THE FEE.** Payment will be accepted on a troop basis. A bill will be sent to the unit, informing them of which scouts in their unit are attending the Merit Badge University and how much the unit owes. The scout is to pay the unit and the Scout Unit is responsible for paying Lighthouse District. Unit Leaders: Make checks payable to "Seneca Waterways Council", Account Number 1-6801-133-20, and either pay in person at the Scout Service Center or mail to Lighthouse MBU c/o Seneca Waterways, 2320 Brighton-Henrietta Town Line Road, Rochester, NY 14623.

6. For Out of District scouts, depending on the numbers of scouts from their unit that sign up for the Lighthouse District Merit Badge University, the troop will be billed and pay like Lighthouse District units or the individual scout will be told to pay at the door. Out of Council scouts will pay at the door.

7. Many merit badges have prerequisite(s) and some have a ninety (90) day requirement (Family Life and Personal Management). The prerequisites for the entire Merit Badge University will be sent to you, after you are completely registered. Find the merit badge you are taking and do those requirements prior to the Merit Badge University.

8. The Kiosk merit badges to the Merit Badge University. There are some merit badges (Collections, Pets, Reading, and Scholarship) that a scout can do entirely on their own but need a qualified counselor to sign off on them. We are calling these merit badges, Kiosk merit badges. We will be offering four of them (Collections, Pets, Reading, and Scholarship) at the Merit Badge University. A spot will be set up during lunch time,

where the scout will meet with the counselor for each of these merit badges, between 12:00 PM and no later than 12:45 PM. The scout will show his work and if the counselor accepts the work the scout will get the merit badge. There are no partials for the Kiosk merit badges. A scout will still need to sign up as there are a maximum number of eight (8) scouts for each of these merit badges.

9. Scouts from Lighthouse District and invited units will be given first choice of the merit badge openings until October 1. After October 1, scouts from other districts and Councils will be allowed to take the merit badges and added to class lists.

10. Merit Badge classes will be on a first come - first serve basis.

11. Pizza and soda pop will be sold during lunch for an additional fee of \$1.00 per slice of pizza and \$1.00 per can of soda pop. Scouts can still bring their own lunch including drink. If you bring your lunch, you can eat in the St. Charles' School Cafeteria, or you may still go out for lunch. There are fast food restaurants and pizza shops nearby.

12. Each unit must have at least one adult (parent or leader) in the building for every ten boys from their troop to assist counselors. (e.g., 2 adults for 11-20 scouts).

13. Each troop is responsible for supplying blue cards for their scouts. A scout must show a signed blue card by the unit leader, showing evidence of discussion between the scout and his unit leader on the merit badge and this will also indicate approval to contact a registered counselor. This is the scout's admission into the class. No blue card - no class, and scout will be sent home. **There will be no extra blue cards at this event.**

14. **Our Merit Badge University does not use any electric registration. Scouts need to contact Chuck Pettibone at cpettib3166@yahoo.com in order to register for the Merit Badge. The scout needs to mention in the email Subject line: Merit Badge University, as my computer will send to spam any address it does not recognize, and I just delete the spam folder after looking at subject matter. **IMPORTANT: The scouts will get a reply from me within one or two days of their email to me, so your scouts need to look at their emails. To be registered a scout must give me:****

1. His name,
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For out of district units, two more items need to be added for you to be registered:

5. Your Scoutmaster's Name
6. Your Scoutmaster's Email address

Only after these four (4) or six (6) items are given is the scout fully registered for the Merit Badge session. If he does not give me these four (4) or six (6) items, an email will be sent to him telling him what he has left out. A spot will be held up to

ten (10) business days or if the spot I am holding is the last one and someone else signs up for that slot with all the correct information. Within those ten (10) business days the scout must email me with the information he left out to be fully registered. After the ten (10) business days, if I have not had an email from the scout, the scout's slot(s) will be given away to someone else. Upon completion of the required information needed, I will personally send each scout a confirmation that he is fully registered in the merit badge class and the prerequisites for the Merit Badge University will be sent to him.

15. After emailing his registration in, the scout must check his emails for the next week to make sure he has received a reply from me. **In the past scouts have lost their spot(s) because they would not check their emails.**

16. I am from the old school, SCOUTS, not their parents need to register for the Merit Badge University. One of the main purposes of merit badges is to have the scout become more independent. So they need to email me not their parents and have some ownership in their program. If I do receive an email from a parent, a notification will be sent stating the scout is not registered, no slot was reserved for him, and asking for the scout to now telephone me.

17. **THERE IS NO TELEPHONE REGISTRATION. REGISTRATION IS BY EMAIL ONLY.** With the exception of #16 above, do not have scouts telephone me for registration. With telephone calls it is really hard to figure out the scout's name, the correct spelling of their name, what merit badges they want, and their telephone number. All correspondence is to be done through email. With email, a record of the correspondence can be kept.

18. The last day of registration to the Merit Badge University is Saturday, November 25, 2017, two (2) weeks prior to the Merit Badge University. No registration will be accepted after this date.

19. Absolutely no registrations, class changes, or substitutions will be accepted on the day of the Merit Badge University. There are no walk-ins accepted,