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MERIT BADGE Academy – St. Mary's University – 03/11/2017



ST. MARY'S
UNIVERSITY

Location: St. Mary's University
1 Camino Santa Maria
Date: Saturday, March 11, 2017

MBA St. Mary's University Schedule

7:00 AM Registration Check-in
7:45 AM Opening Ceremony and Introductions
8:00 AM Merit Badge classes begins
12:00 PM Lunch
1:00 PM Merit Badge classes resume
3:00 PM Troops travel home

The Alamo Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America and St. Mary's University will offer a Merit Badge Academy. The Merit Badge Academy offers a limited number of programs for Scouts to earn selected merit badges that are of particular interest to senior scouts on the path to Eagle. **This event is open to Scouts Second Class or above.**

Merit Badge Academy courses focus on teams of no more than 12 Scouts per Counselor. Counselors are highly qualified, including not only college and graduate students in the field of the merit badge but also professors and leaders of the badge's professions. There will be several counselors working assisting scouts with each merit badge, and some counselors may move from group to group to facilitate particular requirements.

Helping Feed Our Community Food Drive

We will be asking each scout attending MBA - Sustainability to bring 5 cans of dry goods or food.

The Scouting Slogan is "Do a good turn daily". This is an opportunity for the scouting community to make a difference in the lives of citizens in our community.

Registration: Troop Contact (Feb 6)

- Troop Contacts (TC) must register online
- Only TC can register scouts for MBU
- TC responsible for troop payment

Registration: Scout (Feb 20)

- Cost is \$20 per Scout / Event
- Only TC can register scouts for MBU
- TC responsible for troop payment during online registration process
- Classes chosen after scout is registered
- Classes are on a first come basis
- **Only 2nd Class Scouts and above**
- **Only 2 scouts from the same troop may take Personal Management**

Registration Closes: (March 5)

Schedule Changes:

- TCs can make necessary changes.
- No Schedule Changes after 5th
- No Schedule Changes at Event
- No Scouts can register at event

Refunds:

- No refunds after March 5th.

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Pre-requisites

American Business (4 hours)

- **#3b** - Pretend to have bought \$1,000 worth of the stocks from the company you wrote to in requirement 3a. Explain how you "bought" the stocks. Tell why you decided to "buy" stock in this company. Keep a weekly record for **three months** of the market value of your stocks. Show any dividends declared.
- **#5** - Pretend to have bought \$1,000 worth of the stocks from the company you wrote to in requirement 3a. Explain how you "bought" the stocks. Tell why you decided to "buy" stock in this company. Keep a weekly record for three months of the market value of your stocks. Show any dividends declared



Citizenship in the Community

- **#7c** - With your counselor's and your parent's approval, contact the organization you chose for requirement 7b, and find out what young people can do to help. While working on this merit badge, volunteer at least eight hours of your time for the organization. After your volunteer experience is over, discuss what you have learned with your counselor
- **#8** - Develop a public presentation (such as a video, slide show, speech, digital presentation, or photo exhibit) about important and unique aspects of your community. Include information about the history, cultures, and ethnic groups of your community; its best features and popular places where people gather; and the challenges it faces.



Citizenship in the Nation

- **#2** - Do one of the following:
 - **#2b** - Tour your state capitol building or the U.S. Capitol. Tell your counselor what you learned about the capitol, its function, and its history.
 - **#2c** - Tour a federal facility. Explain to your counselor what you saw there and what you learned about its function in the local community and how it serves this nation.
 - **#2d** - Choose a national monument that interests you. Using books, brochures, the Internet (with your parent's permission), and other resources, find out more about the monument. Tell your counselor what you learned, and explain why the monument is important to this country's citizens.
- **#3** - Watch the national evening news five days in a row OR read the front page of a major daily newspaper five days in a row. Write down the national issues you learned. Choose one of the issues and explain how it affects you and your family.
- **#8** - Name your two senators and a member of Congress from your congressional district. Write a letter about a national issue and send it to one of these elected officials, sharing your view with him or her. Show your letter to your counselor, along with any response you might receive.



Citizenship in the World

- **#2** - Do TWO of the following:
 - a. Visit the Web site (With your parent/guardian's permission) of the U.S. State Department. Learn more about an issue you find interesting that is discussed on this Web site.
 - b. Visit the Web site (With your parent/guardian's permission) of an international news organization or foreign government, OR examine a foreign newspaper available at your local library, bookstore, or newsstand. Find a news story about a human right realized in the United States that is not recognized in another country.
 - c. Visit with a student or Scout from another country and discuss the typical values, holidays, ethnic foods, and traditions practiced or enjoyed there.
 - d. Attend a world Scout jamboree.
 - e. Participate in or attend an international event in your area, such as an ethnic festival, concert, or play.



Law

- **#4** - Ask five people (not more than one from your immediate family) about the role of law enforcement officers in our society. Discuss their answers with them. Go to a law enforcement officer in your neighborhood and ask about his or her responsibilities and duties. Report your findings.



Personal Management

- **#2a** - Prepare a budget reflecting your expected income (allowance, gifts, wages), expenses, and savings. Track and record your actual income, expenses, and savings for 13 consecutive weeks. (You may use the forms provided in the merit badge book, devise your own, or use a computer generated version.) When complete, present the records showing the results to your merit badge counselor.
- **#8c** - Follow the one-week schedule you planned. Keep a daily diary or journal during each of the seven days of this week's activities, writing down when you completed each of the tasks on your "to do" list compared to when you scheduled them.
- **#8d** - Review your "to do" list, one-week schedule, and diary/journal to understand when your schedule worked and when it did not work. With your merit badge counselor, discuss and understand what you learned from this requirement and what you might do differently the next time.



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FAQ:

- Class fees
 - A fee of \$20 will be charged for attending MBA St. Mary's University Workshop
- Scouts
 - Scouts **must** bring a Merit Badge book, pen or pencil and notebook.
 - Scouts **must** complete pre-requisites before attending workshop.
- Personal Management Merit Badge
 - Only 2 Scouts from the same troop may only register for this merit badge
 - The goal is to provide opportunities for all scouts to earn this merit badge
 - If a troop contact registers more than 2 scouts for this event then the excess scouts will be removed.
 - The scouts removed will be randomly picked.
 - No notification will be provided.
- Information Resources
 - Workshop Overview - <http://www.alamoareabsa.org/Event.aspx?id=6870>
- Payment
 - A fee of \$20 will be charged for attending workshop
 - Online Payment can be done by Credit Card, Debit, or Electronic Check.
- Refunds
 - There will be a 50% readiness fee assessed on any refund granted.
 - For medical reasons, a request may be submitted within 1 weeks after the event, but a doctor's note will be required for a refund.
 - Refund requests need to be sent to Refunds@AlamoAreaBSA.org
- Uniforms
 - All Scouts must wear tan Class A field uniform for opening ceremony.
 - Please wear an undershirt under your uniform that can get dirty, so your uniform doesn't get dirty.
- Weather
 - If there is severe weather forecast the day of the event of 1" per hour or more, the event will be cancelled.
- Food Drive
 - We will be conducting a food drive to help families in need. Since the Boys Scout slogan is Do a Good Turn Daily, we would like to request that each boy bring 5 dry good items such as cans of food. This will allow our Scouts to "Do a Good Turn" to our fellow citizens of San Antonio! The food will be donated to San Antonio Food Bank to help assist with their outreach program.



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- Prerequisites
 - Scouts **must acquire & bring** a Merit Badge book, pen or pencil and notebook.
 - Scouts **must** complete pre-requisites before attending workshop.
 - Scouts are recommended to be second class or higher to participate in this Merit Badge Academy, due to the workload required.
 - A partial will be given to those Scouts who do not have sufficient knowledge of each requirement when asked by a counselor.