



The Narragansett Council Merit Badge College

January 4, 2020

Rhode Island College

Providence, RI

- The MBC is a concept that has caught on and occurs across the country with different formats.
- Our first MBC was in January 2005
 - 237 Scouts attended for any of 15 workshops
- An opportunity for Scouts
 - MBs with hard to find counselors
 - Interaction with experts that have a passion
- 2020 MBC is on track for 1000 scouts in 61 workshops
- This will be our 16th MBC

A Little History



- To provide an exceptional instructional experience in merit badge subjects to the Scouts of the Narragansett Council and nearby areas.

Purpose/Mission statement



- An opportunity to influence a Scout in a lifelong hobby/ interest or career.
- Interact with inquisitive young men and women with a desire to learn.
- Satisfaction unlike any other to hear “WOW!” from attending Scouts!
- It is just plain fun.

What's In It For You?

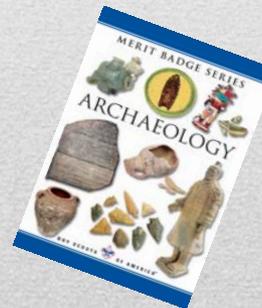
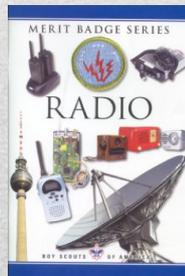
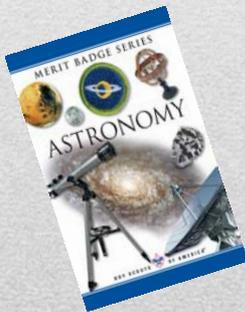


- Administrative
 - Tom Tenerowicz, Assistant Dean
 - Youth Protection
 - Registration
 - Training (my.scouting.org)
- Program
 - Minimum Down Time
 - Plan to do More than Possible
 - Require only what is Required
 - Provide More than Required
 - Don't Talk Down
 - Make it Personal.
 - Your Story. Why you do what you do.

What's Important



- All MBs have a pamphlet, a Textbook, that the scouts use
- The requirements that each scout must complete are there
- We do not exempt or forgive any requirement.
 - Modifications are possible.
- We do not add requirements.
 - Cannot make it harder than stated.



General



- Example Requirement from Aviation:
- Do the following:
 - a.) Define "aircraft." Describe some kinds and uses of aircraft today. Explain the operation of piston, turboprop, and jet engines.
 - b.) Point out on a model airplane the forces that act on an airplane in flight.
- “Define” and “Explain” do not imply “write” “speech”
- b.) does not say to build a model.
- Worksheets are available.

Structure Your Course



Aviation Merit Badge Workbook

- 1. Do the following:
- a. Define "aircraft."

- Describe some kinds and uses of aircraft today.
- Kind: Uses:

<http://usscouts.org/meritbadges.asp>

Example Worksheet



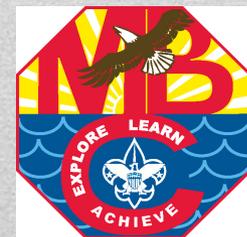
- Another Example from Aviation
- 3.) Do ONE of the following:
 - a.) Build and fly a fuel-driven or battery powered electric model airplane. Describe safety rules
 - b.) Build a model FPG-9. Get others in your troop or patrol to make their own model, ...
- In the MBC setting, you can choose the option.

Structure Your Course



- Alternatively:
 - 3.) Do ONE of the following:
 - a.) Build and fly a fuel-driven or battery powered electric model airplane. Describe safety rules
 - b.) Build a model FPG-9. Get others in your troop or patrol to make their own model, ...
- This could be assigned as a Prerequisite to be done prior to the MBC, allowing the scout the opportunity to do 3.b. with his troop. Or perhaps 3.a. as a hobby project with Dad.

Structure Your Course



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- Target your material to the 8th grade level.
- Scouts can be 11 to 17 years old.
- Some requirements sound like they should be a graduate level thesis.
 - This is not the purpose. The purpose is to get the scout to learn something about the subject and have fun doing it.
- We provide some guidance to Scouts and Parents in the Course Catalog for more challenging Merit Badges.
 - G – General Interest
 - HS – High School

Structure Your Course



- What about unfinished requirements?
- Making arrangements with individual scouts for completion is your choice.
- We do not provide scouts with your contact information.
- If you wish to give it, then you need to be:
 - Registered as an Merit Badge Counselor
 - Have current Youth Protection Training

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- Prerequisites can be assigned and are published in the online Course Catalog.
- If you need to create or change yours, email me ASAP.
- If a scout does not do them, he can still attend class. But he does not necessarily complete the course.
- We can help you communicate with your class before the College.

Prerequisites



- You may want to send a message prior to the College.
- Perhaps, provide some read ahead material.
- Prepare the message and any file attachments.
- Send it to Tom/me by email.
- We will have it forwarded to the scout's email address.

Communicate



- Plan to arrive between 6:30 & 7:30 AM at Donovan Hall.
- Check in at the table by the stairs near the East end.
- There will be close to 1200 people in the room by 7:30.
- The opening ceremony is from 8:00 to 8:20.
- Half day sessions are from 8:30 to 12:00 and then from 1:00 to 4:30.
- Full Day sessions start at 8:30 to 11:00 and then from 12 to 4:30.

MBC Day



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- Check in early if you can. There may be a line.
- Sign in and receive your Packet:
 - 2 copies of each class roster.
 - A patch for each instructor
 - A lunch ticket for each instructor
- At the end of the day, return one of the rosters to the Check-In table.
- It is important that we know how many instructors you will have total and that we have their names and contact information. Please submit to Tom.

Check In





Donovan Dining Room



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	Name	Troop	Communnity	Complete	Partial
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Joe Scout	1	Providence, RI	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Phil Trevor	14	Boston, MA		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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MB Class Report/Roster



- The roster has the name of each scout registered.
- There is a checkbox for each name to use as an attendance taker.
- Also check boxes for each name to indicate if the badge is Complete or Partial.
- Turn a copy in for each class.
- This is our only collected metric.
- Expect no-shows.
- Last minute additions are possible. Scouts will have an “add” slip. Just write their name in on the rosters.

Class Roster



- Each Scout should come to class with a Blue Card.
- Ideally, the card is filled out with the Scouts personal Information and signed by his Scoutmaster.
- This indicates that he has discussed this with his SM.
- You initial by each requirement that is completed.
- RETURN the blue card to the Scout. If the badge is complete, you can tear off and keep the Counselor Record.
- For COMPLETED Merit Badges:
 - Sign the 2 sections indicated.
 - You can keep the Counselor Record part.

The Blue Card



Requirement Grid

Information for Applicant

- A merit badge application can be approved only by a registered merit badge counselor.
- You must have a buddy with you (Scout buddy system) at each meeting with the merit badge counselor.
- Turn in your approval application to your unit leader. You will be awarded the merit badge emblem and certificate at a suitable occasion.

Information for Counselor

- Merit badge applications must be signed in advance by the applicant's unit leader.
- The Scout must have his buddy (Scout buddy system) in attendance at all instructional sessions.
- You may not change any requirement, but you may share your knowledge or experience that will make the counseling more interesting and valuable.

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Requirement No. and title	Date of Approval	Signature of Scout	Signature of Counselor
1	9/19		
2	9/19		
3	9/19		
4	9/19		
5	9/19		

APPLICATION FOR MERIT BADGE

Name Joe Scout
 Address 123 Any Street
 City Providence

is a registered
 Boy Scout Venture Scout
 of Troop No. 1
 Troop, Team, Unit, etc.

Unit Netop
 Council Massachusetts

and is qualified to begin working for merit badge noted on the reverse side.

1/20/07 J. Unit Leader
 Date Signature of Unit Leader

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
 No. 34248 1000

Scoutmaster's Signature

The applicant has personally appeared before me and demonstrated to my satisfaction that he has met all requirements for the (please print):

Fingerprinting
 Merit Badge

Name of Counselor _____
 Address of Counselor _____
 City _____ ZIP Code _____
 Telephone number of Counselor _____
 Signature of Counselor _____ Date _____
 Unit and location _____
 Status _____
 Merit badge presented _____ Date _____
 I will turn in this portion to the unit leader for recording.

APPLICANT'S RECORD

Name Joe Scout
 Has given me the completed application for the Fingerprinting Merit Badge
 Completed on _____ by _____
 Signature of Counselor _____
 Signature of unit leader _____

COUNSELOR'S RECORD

Applicant Joe Scout
 Troop Team Unit number 1
 Crew/Unit
Fingerprinting Merit Badge
 Date Completed _____
 Remarks _____

It is suggested that the counselor keep this record for at least 1 year in case any question is raised later in regard to this award.

Your Signature & Info

Your Signature & Date

The Blue Card



- Breaks.
 - Every 1 to 1.5 hrs.
 - Keep them short, 10 min max.
- 2 Deep Leadership
- Digital Projectors – with or without computers
- White Boards – bring markers
- WiFi

In Class



- Before dismissal, be sure to have your roster info, and sign any completed Blue Cards and/or initial grid.
- Return the cards to the Scouts. You may keep the Counselor Record part.
- Scouts return to Donovan for lunch or to go home at end of day.
- Ask scouts to help put the room back the way you found it as best you can.
- You need to come by Donovan at end of day to turn in roster copy.
- I hope to be there to thank you before you leave.
- There is no closing assembly.

After Class



- QUESTIONS ?

Dismissal 4:30

