



MERIT BADGE UNIVERSITY

November 6 and December 11, 2010

Hosted by Troop 338 (Steel City District) and the Penn State Greater Allegheny Campus Lion Ambassadors.

Troop 338 of Steel City District and the Lion Ambassadors of Penn State Greater Allegheny invite you to our first annual Merit Badge University. The Lion Ambassadors is a university wide program which works through the admissions office to encourage knowledge and pride in Penn State. This event will be held on Saturdays November 6 and December 11, 2010 at the Penn State Greater Allegheny Campus (McKeesport). 4000 University Drive, McKeesport, Pa. 15132.

The purpose of this event is to provide Scouts an opportunity to earn merit badges.

Merit badge classes are either half day or full day. Each scout can take either one full day class or two half day classes during the duration of Merit Badge University. The list of classes is attached. Each scout should select the top three classes he would like to take and prioritize these on the registration sheet.

The fee for the program is \$10.00 per scout. Payment is to be mailed with the registration form. Checks should be made payable to "Boy Scout Troop 338". Registrations will not be considered without proper payment.

If we cannot accommodate your requests for merit badges, the designated contact person will be notified by telephone or email. Registrations will in these cases be refunded.

The schedule for Saturdays is as follows:

Check - in will be in the Frable Building Room 117 from 8:00 am to 8:45 am. Classes will start at 9:00 am. The Scouts will be escorted to their classes by Penn State students. The Scouts will get a one hour lunch break. Scouts will be dismissed from their classes to the meeting rooms where they checked in a 4:00 pm. Closing announcements will follow, and the scouts will be dismissed for the day at 4:30 pm.

What to bring:

All scouts are expected to bring the following items to Merit Badge University for both days of the program:

- A bag lunch and beverage
- Paper and pens/pencils
- Relevant merit badge material and completed work
- Blue merit badge cards signed by the Scoutmaster
- Full BSA Field Uniform or Class A Uniform approved by your troop.
- Merit Badge Books

What we expect from the Scouts

Scouts are expected to review the requirements for the merit badges they are taking. Scouts will be expected to work on their merit badges during the weeks between November 6 and December 11. Some classes have quizzes or

homework due on the second Saturday which scouts must pass to earn the badge.

Scouts should stay all day. If there is a special situation in which the scout must arrive late or leave early the scout must come to the Merit Badge Registration desk to be checked in or out by a scoutmaster or parent.

Each troop is required to have 2 adult volunteers or one adult volunteer for every ten scouts at MBU at all times. Assistance in classes will be requested of these volunteers. Leaders must check in at the registration table. Troops not providing sufficient supervision will not be permitted to participate in Merit Badge University.

Questions can be directed to: Mary Jane Popovich at Maryjanepopovich@aol.com.

Or call 412-881-5950. or Tom Hannon at 412-628-0161
TomHannon@comcast.net.

As a reminder you may wish to complete a tour permit with your district.

The *Following* Merit Badges Will Be Offered at MBU

Name	Prerequisite
Art	
Citizenship of the Community (all day)	Req 7
Citizenship of the Nation (all day)	Req 2
Citizenship of the World (all day)	Req 7 Must be at least first class
Crime Prevention	Req 7
Emergency Preparedness (all day)	Must be star rank or higher
Engineering	
Fire Safety	Req 11
First Aid (all day)	
Leatherwork	
Photography	Req 4
Public Speaking	Req 1
Traffic Safety	

ALL REQUIREMENTS CAN BE FOUND AT MERITBADGE.COM

RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

(REQUIRED BY ALL PARTICIPANTS– Turn in at Registration)

1. Privacy Act Statement

The information is for use to permit participation in Joint sponsored Troop 338 and Penn State Greater Allegheny Merit Badge University held on November 6 and December 11, 2010. Disclosure of requested information is voluntary, but failure to disclose all or any part of it may result in denial of permission to participate in this activity.

2. I certify that I am the natural parent or guardian of _____ who is a minor.

3. I certify that my child/ I is/ am in good health and physically fit to participate in this activity and have no known medical condition which could jeopardize his or my safety during participation in this activity or be aggravated by such participation.

4. As a condition precedent to my child or myself being permitted to participate in this Activity, I on behalf of myself and my child hereby forever release, acquit, discharge, indemnify and hold harmless Troop 338 and Penn State University and their agents, officers, and employees from any and all causes of action, including personal injury, illness, death, property damage, costs, charges, claims, demands and liabilities of whatever kind, name or nature in any manner arising out of or in connection with my child's or my participation in this Activity.

5. I understand I may be held liable for any damage that may be incurred by Penn State University that is caused by my child's or my participation in this activity.

6. I have read and fully understand this document.

Printed Name of Participant: _____

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

(If signing for minor)

Signature of Participant (or Parent/ guardian if Minor)
