



Overland Trails Council

2010 MERIT BADGE UNIVERSITY

**Friday, Saturday, Sunday
July 30, 31 & August 1, 2010
Grand Island, Nebraska**

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Overland Trails Council

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CHECK-IN, CAMPING, MEALS, UNIVERSTIY POLICIES & GENERAL CAMPUS INFORMATION

CHECK-IN: All participants are required to check in at the Stuhr Museum, 3133 West Highway 34, to obtain a camp site on museum grounds. Check-in starts at 2:00 p.m., Friday, July 30. Camp sites will be assigned at the time of check-in. Restrooms are available. Please note: 1) campfires are NOT permitted, 2) we are camping on an open prairie to help protect tent floors it is recommended that you place a tarp under each tent and 3) each person is responsible for cleaning up after themselves. Remember, we are guests of our sponsoring organizations and need to act accordingly.

UNIT LEADER RESPONSIBILITIES: It is the responsibility of each unit leader to keep track of their Scouts. You will be asked to provide a list of those leaders who will be in attendance for the weekend during check-in. Please remind each of your troop members to practice the “Leave No Trace” principles and to “Live by the Scout Oath and Law.”

EMERGENCIES: Any medical emergency must be reported to staff at the emergency center location. The location will be noted during registration. An EMT will be on staff throughout the week-end. The emergency contact number will be provided during Friday’s check-in. Any non-medical emergency can be reported to Dave @ 308-370-1197 or Maryann @ 402-460-1265.

OTHER OVER-NIGHT LODGING: If you or your group would prefer to stay at a hotel/motel, a list of available facilities will be provided. Please call the Hall County Convention and Visitors Bureau, 308-382-4400, or refer to the Hall County Convention and visitors Bureau website: www.visitgrandisland.com

TRANSPORTATION: Transportation will be furnished to participants taking classes at off-site locations. Field trips include some of the following locations: Grand Island Independent, Grand Island Express, Mead Lumber Company, Fairbanks International, Bank of the West, City Hall, Animal Medical Clinic, Williams Greenhouse, and Lewis Greenscape.

MEALS/CONCESSIONS: The cost of four meals is included in your registration fee. A wrist band for each participant will be included in your packet and MUST be shown at each meal.

- Saturday: Breakfast, lunch, and dinner provided
- Sunday: Breakfast provided
- Ice Cream Social on Friday Evening
- Concessions will be available on site

T-SHIRTS: T-SHIRTS must be pre-ordered, see Scout/Leader Registration forms. T-shirts are \$10.00 each, \$12.00 for 3x & 4x.

ACTIVITY TICKETS: An Activity Ticket is required for admission to Saturday evening Moonlight Swim at Island Oasis. The activity tickets may be pre-ordered for \$5.00 each, see Scout/Leader Registration forms.

CAMPUS ACTIVITIES/NON MERIT BADGE OPPORTUNITIES

- Traditional Scout games and activities.
- A CHURCH SERVICE will be held on the main campus. The specific location and time will be provided at registration
- THE STUHR MUSEUM invites you to continue your visit to the 1890’s Railroad Town on Sunday afternoon.
- OFF-SITE ACTIVITIES: Island Oasis Water Park Moonlight Swim (An Activity Ticket is Required)
- AMERICAN RED CROSS CERTIFICATION: Individuals who want or need Adult/Child CPR Certification (4-hour class) and/or First Aid Certification (4-hour class) may take both classes. These courses are open to adults and Scouts. Scouts must be at least 14 years of age to participate in this certification. Scouts must understand that this certification is being offered during Merit Badge class times and therefore Merit Badges cannot be earned.

GATEWAY COMPETITION: Join in the fun of the Gateway Competition. Every troop is encouraged to build their gateways upon arrival Friday evening. Judging will take place after noon on Saturday. Gateways will be judged on originality, creativity, quality of construction and the use of Scouting skills. Gateways must include troop number, US flag and troop flag. Gateways can include items that indicate the unit's community heritage. For example a unit from Hastings, Nebraska might include Kool-Aid because Hastings has the "Kool-Aid" museum display. A copy of the MBU Gateway Scoring Sheet can be found at www.overlandtrailscouncil.org/mbu

THE CONESTOGA AWARD: The "Conestoga Award" will be given to the unit that collectively displays a clean campsite, participates in the gateway competition and demonstrates the 12 points of the Scout Law throughout the weekend.

MERIT BADGE SESSIONS: The OTC Merit Badge University has scheduled two (2) merit badge sessions on Saturday and one (1) merit badge session on Sunday morning giving Scouts the opportunity to earn 3 merit badges during this year's University Event. Scouts should select 4 merit badges - the fourth merit badge will be used as an alternate.

THE HISTORIC MERIT BADGE PROGRAM: To celebrate the BSA's 100th year, four merit badges have been brought out of retirement. The Historic Merit Badge Program is a one time opportunity to earn the Carpentry, Pathfinding, Signaling and Tracking Merit Badges. Please refer to "THE HISTORIC MERIT BADGE PROGRAM GUIDE" for more information. The Program Guide will be available online once badge requirements have been determined/finalized by the Boy Scouts of America.

COURSE AVAILABILITY

SCOUTS PER CLASS: Only five (5) Scouts from one troop may sign up for the same merit badge during the same session. If there is a higher demand for a particular subject, we will try to accommodate more Scouts with additional counselors. However, if you really want to take a class, register EARLY, since registrations will be accepted on a "first-come, first-serve" basis and many subjects are limited.

CURRICULUM: At the time of the printing of this catalog, some curriculums were still in the process of being written. If the learning material differs substantially from the pre-requisites already provided in this catalog, University staff will notify Scout units as soon as possible. We are continuing to pursue additional ideas, projects, and field trips. The goal is to make this the very best experience for every Scout.

SCHEDULE CHANGES: A Scout may NOT change sessions after his schedule has been submitted to the pre-registration contact person for their Troop.

ATTENDENCE will be taken at the beginning of every class. It will be the Scout's responsibility to affirm his presence in class.

PRE-REQUISITES

COMPLETE PART ONE OF THE WORKBOOK as a way to show all pre-requisite work is completed. Scouts may need to attach photos, letters of approval or response and additional materials, as needed, to help complete and document their work. (*Information on Overland Trails Council Workbooks can be found below.*)

EACH SCOUT is expected to do the planning required before registering for a merit badge so that the time spent during each class session can be as productive as possible. If the pre-requisites are not completed prior to class time, the Scout will not be able to complete the merit badge during the University weekend. To receive credit, each Scout must provide signed documentation from a Scoutmaster, teacher, parent or other appropriate person that confirms that they completed all pre-requisite requirements prior to attending any Merit Badge class that requires a pre-requisite. Please refer to the Merit Badge Program Overview and Workbook for the merit badges classes that you will be participating in.

SCOUTS SHOULD READ their Merit Badge Program Overview and Workbook and be familiar with the subject. All merit badge counselors have been trained and are registered with the BSA. Each one has been instructed to complete the requirements of their respective merit badge subjects as they are written, no more or no less information. For example, if a Scout is to discuss something about a merit badge subject, they will be required to participate in the discussion. One Scout cannot speak for the class for everyone to complete a requirement.

If you are not able to fully complete the requirements of a Merit Badge at the University, you will need to follow up with your scout troop advancement chairman to finish those requirements. University credit will be given for all work completed during the weekend, even if it is for a Partial Merit Badge.

MERIT BADGE PROGRAM OVERVIEW AND WORKBOOKS

NEW this year, the Overland Trails Council is publishing Merit Badge Program Overview and Workbooks. The MBU will require the use of these workbooks. The workbooks have been divided into 2 parts; Part 1 will need to be completed before class time and Part 2 is the class curriculum and will be completed during the university weekend. The Workbooks must be downloaded and printed by going to the appropriate merit badge on the Overland Trails Council webpage (www.overlandtrailscouncil.org). Workbooks will be available by April 15, 2010.

EACH SCOUT MUST BRING a copy of their workbook with them to their merit badge class. If you lose or do not have a workbook, a replacement copy will be available for purchase before class. (\$1.00 for each merit badge subject needed.) You should use part 1 of the workbook to complete the pre-requisite requirements needed for completion of each merit badge.

BLUE CARDS--MERIT BADGE APPLICATION AND RECORD SHEET

The Merit Badge Application and Record Sheets (blue card) are found at the end of every respective Merit Badge Program Overview and Workbook. This will be the only record a Scout will have for work completed on a merit badge. Fill out all paper work before attending any class sessions, including a scoutmaster's signature, do not ask the merit badge counselor to complete the form. Unit leaders are also responsible for Scouts completing and putting prerequisite work into folders. Please use the merit badge workbooks to complete these tasks.

At the end of each merit badge session, the merit badge counselor will need to sign each individual Scout's Merit Badge Application and Record Sheet (blue card). This will be each Scout's record of the merit badges earned and/or requirements completed for partial merit badges and should be returned to your Troop's Advancement Chairman. The University will retain an attendance sheet of every merit badge session.

IF YOUR COUNCIL REQUIRES THE USE OF OFFICIAL BLUE CARDS IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SCOUT TO BRING THE COMPLETED CARD WITH THEM TO THEIR MERIT BADGE CLASS. THE COUNSELOR WILL SIGN OFF ON THE BLUE CARD AT THE END OF EVERY MERIT BADGE SESSION.

MERIT BADGE SKILLS

The **Bugling, Horsemanship, Golf, & Skating** merit badges require some degree of proficiency before being able to complete the merit badge requirements, novices will not be able to complete some requirements and additional practice will be required.

First Aid and Climbing Merit Badges are only open to **Scouts 14 years of age and older.**

MERIT BADGE SELECTION

Scouts should select 4 merit badges but will be scheduled for 3. The alternate fourth merit badge will only be used if there is a scheduling conflict. (*Only 3 merit badges can be earned during the weekend.*)

The **CLIMBING MERIT BADGE REQUIRES ALL THREE SESSIONS TO COMPLETE**. Scouts wanting to earn the Climbing Merit Badge will not be able to earn any additional merit badges during the weekend.

PRE-REGISTRATION, FEES, & TUITION

Take advantage of the Early Bird* fee, if you register by Wednesday, May 26, 2010:

- \$40.00 per individual Scout (Early Bird fee)
- \$30.00 per individual Adult (Early Bird fee)

Registrations received by Wednesday, June 30, 2010:

- \$50.00 per individual Scout
- \$40.00 per individual Adult

Registrations received by July 15, 2010:

- \$80.00 per individual Scout (Late fee) ****subject to class availability****
- \$50.00 per individual Adult (Late fee)

A CONFIRMATION EMAIL will be sent within 10 days of receipt of your registration.

Registration includes patches, wrist bands, insurance, facility costs for classes and camping, maps, and miscellaneous expenses. Some individual merit badge classes require an additional fee for that particular badge. Please include the cost of additional merit badge tuition costs to your registration total. Patches will be awarded upon check out.

REGISTRATIONS & Payment can be sent to:

Augustine Scout Training and Service Center
P.O. Box 1361
Grand Island, NE 68802-1361

Physical location: 2808 O'Flanagan Street, Grand Island, NE 68803

Make checks payable to: Overland Trails Council

The following information is required for registration:

- 2010 MBU III Scout Registration (one for each scout attending)
- 2010 MBU III Leader Registration (one for each leader attending)
- Payment for registration/tuition fees & Activity/T-Shirt Orders
- For planning purposes please advise of any special dietary or physical limitations

LAB FEES

The following merit badges have additional Lab fees as listed:

Archery Lab Fee	\$14.00 each	Art Lab Fee	\$14.00 each
Cooking Lab Fee	\$5.00 each	Golf Merit Badge Tuition Fee	\$18.00 each
Pottery Lab Fee	\$14.00 each	Rifle Shooting Lab Fee	\$12.00 each
Sculpture Lab Fee	\$14.00 each	Shotgun Shooting Lab Fee	\$18.00 each
Skating Lab Fee	\$10.00 each	Space Exploration Lab Fee	\$16.00 each

You may bring your own clubs or you may use clubs that will be made available by Fonner View Golf Club. There are only EIGHT (8) sets of clubs available for up to 8 scouts at no additional charge. Register early and reserve a set of golf clubs.

Those attending First Aid Training, merit badge and certifications must be at least **14 years of age.**

Red Cross Child/Adult CPR Certification \$32.00 each
 Red Cross First Aid Certification \$32.00 each

RED CROSS CHILD/ADULT CERTIFICATION and First Aid Certification is open for Adult Leaders also, adults please add this to the MBU REGISTRATION fee when registering.

CONTACTS: Please feel free to contact any of the following with questions.

- Overland Trails Council Merit Badge University Main Mail Box: mbuotc@yahoo.com
- Overland Trails Scout Office @ 308-382-3717
or refer to the Overland Trails Council website: www.overlandtrailsCouncil.org
- Dave Scoggins @ 308-381-8173
- Maryann Bolton @ 402-460-1265
- Traci Raber, Staff Advisor @ 308-382-3717 or traber@bsamail.org

TENATIVE WEEKEND SCHEDULE OUTLINE

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS
FRIDAY, JULY 30	Starts at 2:00 p.m.	Check – in	Scouts & Leaders
	2:00 – 10:00 p.m.	Activities Midway	Open to everyone
<i>Participating scouts will be notified about time</i>	TBA	<i>Signaling MB Session One</i>	<i>Open only to those Scouts participating in the Heritage Merit Badge Program</i>
	8:30 – 8:45 p.m.	Leader Briefing	All Scout Leaders
	9:00 – 10:00 p.m.	Ice Cream Social	Open to everyone
	11:00 p.m.	Lights Out!	All Registered Scouts & Leaders
	SATURDAY, JULY 31		
	7:00 – 7:40 a.m.	Breakfast	Must have wrist band to eat on-site. Others may leave campus.
	7:45 a.m.	Flag Ceremony	All Registered Scouts & Leaders
	AM	Merit Badge Session 1	Registered Scouts & leaders
	12:00 – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch	Must have meal ticket to eat on-site. Others may leave campus.
	PM	Merit Badge Session 2	Registered Scouts & leaders
	5:00 – 5:40 p.m.	Dinner	Must have meal ticket to eat on-site. Others may leave campus.
<i>Participating scouts will be notified about time</i>	TBA	<i>Signaling MB Session Two</i>	<i>Open only to those Scouts participating in the Heritage Merit Badge Program</i>
	6:00 – 11:45 p.m.	National Jamboree Broadcast 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm Service project Activities Midway Campfire Island Oasis Water Park	
SUNDAY, AUGUST 1			
	7:00 – 7:40 a.m.	Breakfast	Must have wrist band to eat on-site. Others may leave campus.
	AM	Merit Badge Session 3	Registered Scouts & leaders
	12:00 – 1:00 pm	Break Camp	All Registered Scouts & Leaders*

* Break camp, no unit is allowed to check out until camp site is inspected by MBU staff

Please Remember To Check Our Website Often!!!
www.overlandtrailsCouncil.org

“Merit Badge Program Overview and Workbooks” will be available by April 15, 2010
“The Historic Merit Badge Program Guide” will be available on by April 15, 2010

Gateway Competition

Campfire Program Live Entertainment Service Project Time Capsule

**We are working hard to be a selected site for broadcast back to the National Jamboree on Saturday Evening with their “Shining Light Across America”
More details will be made available as soon as we have them!!!**



2010 Merit Badge Offerings

American Business
American Cultures
American Heritage
American Labor
Animal Science
Archaeology
Archery **
Architecture
Art **
Astronomy
Athletics *new*
Automotive Maintenance
Aviation
Basketry
Bird Study
Bugling
Chemistry
Cinematography
Citizenship in the Community
Citizenship in the Nation
Citizenship in the World
Climbing
Coin Collecting
Collections
Communications
Computers
Cooking **
Crime Prevention
Cycling
Dentistry
Disabilities Awareness
Dog Care
Drafting
Electricity
Electronics
Emergency Preparedness
Energy
Engineering
Entrepreneurship
Environmental Science
Family Life
Farm Mechanics
Fingerprinting
Fire Safety
First Aid
Fish and Wildlife Management
Fishing
Fly-Fishing
Forestry *new*
Gardening
Genealogy
Geology
Golf **
Graphic Arts
Home Repairs
Horsemanship
Indian Lore
Insect Study
Journalism
Landscape Architecture *new*
Law
Leatherwork
Mammal Study *new*
Medicine
Metalwork
Nature
Nuclear Science
Orienteering
Painting
Personal Fitness
Personal Management
Pets *new*
Photography
Pioneering
Plant Science
Plumbing
Pottery **
Public Health
Public Speaking
Pulp and Paper *new*
Radio
Railroading
Reading
Reptile and Amphibian Study *new*
Rifle Shooting **
Safety
Salesmanship
Scholarship
Sculpture **
Shotgun Shooting **
Skating **
Soil and Water Conservation
Space Exploration **
Sports *new*
Stamp Collecting
Surveying
Textile *new*
Traffic Safety
Truck Transportation
Veterinary Medicine
Weather
Wilderness Survival
Wood Carving
Woodwork

** Requires Additional Merit Badge Tuition and Lab Fees

2010 MBU III Scout Registration

OFFICE USE ONLY	
Amount Recd _____	
Date Recd _____	Check No. _____

Each Scout attending will need to complete one of these forms.

SCOUT INFORMATION

Name _____ Troop _____ Age _____ Email _____
(Please Print)
 Parent/Guardian Name _____ Emergency Phone _____

TROOP and CONTACT INFORMATION

Scoutmaster _____ Email _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone _____ Council _____ District _____

Scouts can register for only One Citizenship merit badge during this weekend event.

*If participating in the Historic Program, write in **"Historic Program"** for Merit Badge One choice.*

Merit Badge One	
Merit Badge Two	
Merit Badge Three	
Merit Badge Four (Alternate)	

If purchasing T-Shirt, please circle choice.

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Additional Merit Badge Tuition and Lab Fees

Archery Fee	\$14.00 _____	Art Fee	\$14.00 _____
Cooking Fee	\$5.00 _____	Golf Fee	\$18.00 _____
Pottery Fee	\$14.00 _____	Rifle Shooting Fee	\$12.00 _____
Sculpture Fee	\$14.00 _____	Shotgun Shooting Fee	\$18.00 _____
Skating Fee	\$10.00 _____	Space Exploration Fee	\$16.00 _____
Red Cross CPR Certification ** \$32.00 _____		Red Cross First Aid Certification ** 32.00 _____	

**Certification meets during Merit Badge class periods -Merit Badges are not earned

Lab Fee Subtotal	_____
T-Shirt @\$10.00 each, \$12.00 for 3x or 4X	_____
Activity Ticket @\$5.00 each	_____
Merit Badge University Registration Fee	* _____

* \$40.00 if Paid before May 26, 2010

\$50.00 if paid before June 30, 2010

\$80.00 if paid before July 15, 2010 (classes subject to availability)

Weekend Total _____

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Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian: _____ Date _____

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