



**2011 Narragansett Council  
Merit Badge College  
January 22, 2011  
Rhode Island College**

**Where:** Donovan Dining Center, Rhode Island College, North Providence, RI

**Time:** 7:00a.m. To 4:30 p.m.

7:00 a.m. – 7:45 a.m.: Check in. A Troop representative picks up registration materials at the Registration Table.

7:50 a.m. – 8:20 a.m.: Opening Ceremony, Donovan Dining Center

4:30 p.m. Dismissed (*Note: There will be NO Closing Assembly*)

Half Day Classes: 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Half Day Morning Session 12:00 p.m.– 12:45 p.m. Half Day Session Lunch 1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Half Day Afternoon session	Registration: <a href="http://www.narragansettbsa.org/">www.narragansettbsa.org/</a> Opens on <b>November 1, 2010</b> Scouts - \$25 (+Fees for some classes noted in Course Catalog) Adults - \$20
All Day Classes: 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. All Day Morning Session 12:30 p.m.– 1:15 p.m. All Day Session Lunch 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. All Day Afternoon session	Adults registering to provide 2-deep Leadership in Merit Badge classes will receive a \$5 discount. See the website for complete details.

The purpose of the Merit Badge College (**MBC**) is to offer Scouts an opportunity to meet with highly qualified professionals to learn and foster development of lifelong interests. Particular emphasis is given to career and hobby oriented **MBs** especially those **MBs** with a limited availability of counselors. Earning a **MB** is not guaranteed. No **MB** requirements will be excused; none will be “gifted”. Please note that in many cases, the scout will not complete all of the requirements needed for the **MB**. *The unit leader must ensure that each Scout is capable of understanding the material of the **MB** he has chosen. Each **MB** Workshop is listed in the Course Catalog and has a rating indicating the age appropriateness of the workshop.* Specific Merit Badges being offered are subject to change based on counselor availability.

**This is a CLASS A event.** Photographers are expected. All Scouts and Scout Leaders should wear their complete uniform.

**Cell Phones – A Scout is Courteous.** If you must have a cell phone, set it to silent/vibrate. Demonstrate respect for the instructors and other classmates and do **NOT** make or take calls or text messages during class time.

Registration by scouts and adults must be made on-line (look for links to the MBC from the Narragansett Council website. See above for registration periods and fees to be paid on-line. Website features will allow whole troop registration by an adult leader. **Classes will be filled in order of registration.**

**IMPORTANT:** At least 1 adult from each troop must register and attend for the day. If a troop is NOT registering their scouts at one time, please ensure that at least 1 adult attends representing that troop. This is for the safety of your scouts. We ask that adults register for and be available to provide 2-deep leadership in MB classes.

The Registration fee covers lunch, patch, facilities and communication costs. Some classes may require an extra fee. Adults are encouraged to register on-line to support two-deep leadership coverage of MB classes. There may be Adult Training available.

There will be NO REFUNDS. However, you may transfer a scout or scouter’s paid registration to another.

*Scouts are expected to secure a **MB** pamphlet in advance of the **MBC** and to have read it. Scouts are to have a blue **MB** card filled out with his personal information and signed by his scoutmaster before going to class.*

*Prerequisite information is included in the course catalog that can be found on the **MBC** web site. It is the Scout’s responsibility to complete any prerequisite, project or other outside work prior to the **MBC** and present the work or evidence of to the counselor. A note from the Scoutmaster or a signed prior partial **MB** Card may be useful in this. The Merit Badge Counselor has discretion to determine if the Scout has met the **MB** requirements.*



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## Guidance for Scouts Attending the MBC

The Merit Badge College is an opportunity to learn from subject matter experts in career or lifelong hobby subjects. We seek out experts in areas that may be difficult for you to find such as Electronics, Composite Materials.

The MBC will publish a course catalog on the MBC website. This catalog will provide a list of every workshop being offered; its schedule; the list of requirements that are prerequisite for the workshop; the counselor's name with a short biography. Additionally, we will indicate if the workshop is best suited for an older scout in high school.

If you want an idea of what the Merit Badge is about, there is much information available on-line. A fantastic resource is the US Scouting Service Project. <http://usscouts.org/usscouts/meritbadges.asp>.

### 1.) Pick a Workshop **EXPLORE**

From the Course Catalog, you can select a number of workshops that you have an interest in taking. We expect that you will talk to your Scoutmaster and parents about which workshop to take. But in the end, we expect you to select a topic that you truly wish to learn about. Don't let rank advancement be the only consideration.

### 2.) Consider Your Age

While there is not an age or grade requirement for any merit badge, certain classes at the MBC are recommended for scouts in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade and older. This group will include only a few badges such as Environmental Science. In the short duration of a single day, the nature and amount of material covered in these classes will make it very difficult for a younger scout to keep up. This can slow the pace of the class and the class will not complete the intended material. We want you to enjoy what you do here so you will do it well.

Be sure to select something age appropriate and get your Scoutmaster's approval on a blue Merit Badge Card.

### 3.) Getting Ready for MBC Day (Read the book.)

OK. So, you have selected your workshops and registered on-line. Congratulations! The next thing that you should now do, if you have not already done so, is to get a copy of the Merit Badge pamphlet for yourself. **(Read the book.)** You should read through the pamphlet so that you are completely familiar with it. In fact, **(Read the book.)** you may want to read it through more than once. **(Read the book.)**

We do not guarantee that you will complete any badge. **(Read the book.)** It is up to you to make sure that you complete every requirement. Check out the prerequisites listed for the course, if any, in the Course Catalog. **(Read the book.)** You should at least attempt to complete these before the MBC. If you can do this, then you will get the most out of the workshop. If you do not, then you won't. **(Read the book.)**

### 4.) Blue Merit Badge Cards

You must have with you a Merit Badge Card for every workshop. Before the MBC, you should fill out the card with your name, address, Merit Badge and Troop information. Your Scoutmaster should sign this card indicating that he approves you taking the class. **(Read the book.)** This card will be the ONLY record of your achievement at the MBC. Counselors are not required to keep records. Some will but most will not. You are responsible for your card. Keep it safe. **(Read the book.)**

### 5.) On MBC Day **LEARN and ACHIEVE**

This is a Class A event. Proudly wear your uniform.

Make sure to have your Blue Merit Badge Card and any prerequisite work that you have done (or its proof) with you. Bring your Merit Badge Pamphlet. **(Read the book.)**

**What You Do.....Is Who You Are.....Be Excellent**

Proper Scout behavior is expected. Each Scout is an ambassador to Rhode Island College.

Each of the two sessions during the day is 3.5 hours. The first session starts at 8:30 and will go until 12:00 noon. Counselors will schedule short breaks. Make sure that you have breakfast and if necessary, carry a small snack with you. There are NO facilities to store food. Lunch will be provided in Donovan Hall by the MBC as part of your fee. There are vending machines around the campus but we have no control over the content or availability of such machines.

When your afternoon session is over, you should return to Donovan Hall or follow whatever arrangement that your troop has made to assemble for the trip home. Donovan Hall will be available for you to wait for your ride until 5:00 PM.

Feel free to contact the college staff through the email link on the MBC web site. We expect a great event in January and hope that you find it valuable and fun. **(Read the book.)**

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