

2018 Fall  
Merit Badge College XXIII  
Hawkeye Community College



Now is the time to prepare for the annual Merit Badge College hosted by Hawkeye Community College. This year's event will be held on Saturday, November 3.

We will be conducting registration online this year. You can access the event on the Winnebago website calendar or through the following address:

<http://www.winnebagoobsa.org/Event.aspx?id=3333>. Registering online will immediately allow you to know which courses your Scouts will be taking. If you haven't already done so, you will need to set up a MyCouncil account in order to access the registration program. You can edit your unit and scout registration through your unit page under "Registrations." Please let us know if you have any questions!

The cost for this year's merit badge college will be a flat rate fee of \$20 for Scouts. There will be a \$10 fee per unit, which will include the cost for two leaders. Additional adults will be charged \$5. All who plan to attend must be registered. For the safety of the Scouts, those who are not registered will be asked to leave. Please note that there may be some extra class fees as well. To help your boys be successful, please let them know that the prerequisites should be completed before the day of the Merit Badge College. We will NOT take a Scout's word that he has already done the work. Boys should not expect to receive a completed blue card if they are not participating in class! Also, please realize that there are some badges that **may not be completed** the day of the event. Important skills are often taught during the class and to expect the boys to do major projects without the knowledge is not in the interest of the boys and their learning.

Important Dates!

August 1 – Registration Opens Online

September 14 – Early Registration Closes (includes merit badge books)

October 19 – Regular Registration Period Ends

October 26 – Late Registration Ends (\$15 late fee) No changes to classes will be honored after this date.

November 3 – The Big Day!

Yours in Scouting,

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## FAQ Page

### **Are there any limitations on merit badges?**

Yes, please limit your boys to only ONE Eagle-required merit badge. This will allow all of our registered Scouts to take a badge on their Trail to Eagle. Please also check age restrictions. There are a few badges that we are reserving for the older scouts due to safety and equipment issues. Otherwise, as long as sessions do not overlap, boys are allowed to take classes for 1, 2, or 3 badges.

### **Should I register as a unit or an individual?**

Registration must be done by unit. Scouts should let their leaders know which classes they would like to take and registration should be done by one unit contact. There is a unit registration fee of \$10 for this event. The fee includes your two-deep leadership. Unit registrations may be edited from your Unit page on the Council website.

### **What kind of leadership do we need to supply?**

As you might expect, we require two-deep leadership from every Troop who attends the Merit Badge College. We expect that these leaders will be around the whole day. We also ask that you volunteer to help us the day of the event. We need leaders to drive boys to off-site locations, to help with lunch service, to monitor hall behavior, and to provide two-deep leadership in the classrooms. We cannot have this event be successful without your help!

### **What is the difference between registering by September 14 and registering by October 19?**

First of all, with over 500 boys registering for the merit badge college last year, we would like to encourage you to register as early as possible to make sure that your boys get the classes they really want or need to take. For Scouts who register by September 14, we will supply merit badge books for the boys. All registrations will include lunch, insurance, and a patch. After October 19, there will be a late fee penalty put into place.

### **How do I pay for my Unit?**

You can use our secure online system to pay by credit card or electronic check or you can print off your unit's roster and send it in with a check to the Winnebago Council Service Center. No unit's registration will be final until payment has been received. Unfortunately, our online system will not let you pay with your Unit account. If you would like to pay with your unit account, you will need to send paper copies to the Waterloo Scout office.

### **I've registered by September 14. When will my boys receive their merit badge books?**

For those who register by September 14, we will deliver merit badge books at the October Round Table meetings. If you are out of Council, we will mail them by the second week in October. Books are ordered from National Supply and it does take some time to process them.

**I registered a boy and now he can't come. Can I get credit for his registration? Can I change a boy's choice(s)?**

You can change the registration for any boy through the October 19 date as long as class sessions are open. This is best done through your unit page. We will not, however, exchange books for these changes. After October 26, no changes can be made. The Winnebago Council's Refund Policy will be in full effect, minus the cost of the Merit Badge Book(s). You can view the Council's cancellation policy here: <http://www.winnebagoobsa.org/Resources/Refund-Policy>. Refunds are not issued 30 days prior to the event.

**What about lunch?**

Lunch will be provided for all registered Scouts and leaders the day of the event. Our volunteers have worked hard to prepare food for the day. Please do not try to enter the lunch room early. They are busy getting ready. Lunch is scheduled around class sessions. If boys have an overlapping schedule, we will provide sack lunches for them to their 12:30 classes.

**Where can I find information about prerequisites?**

Information on prerequisites can be found by clicking on "View Activity Details" on the Activities tab on the event page or from our detailed course information. This information can also be found under the Resources Tab on the event webpage. Final class information will be provided to units in October.

**Can I add classes the day of the event?**

No, you cannot. In the past, we have tried to accommodate boys by adding classes the day of the event. After October 19, there will be a late fee penalty and NO individuals may be added after October 26. This is out of courtesy to those who teach our classes and organize the event.

**Where do we check in?**

Check-in will take place in Tama Hall at Hawkeye Community College. We will also have activities available in the Tama Auditorium for the boys who are not in classes.

**What about blue cards?**

We will supply blue cards for the boys. The merit badge counselors will turn them in to us so we can record the results of the badges. This allows us to have a record of achievement. The blue cards will be returned to you at your next Round Table after the Merit Badge College.

**What should Scouts wear?**

The Class A Scout uniform is the uniform of the day. For certain merit badges, there will be field trips or required clothing (i.e. geology, welding) that indicate specific dress.

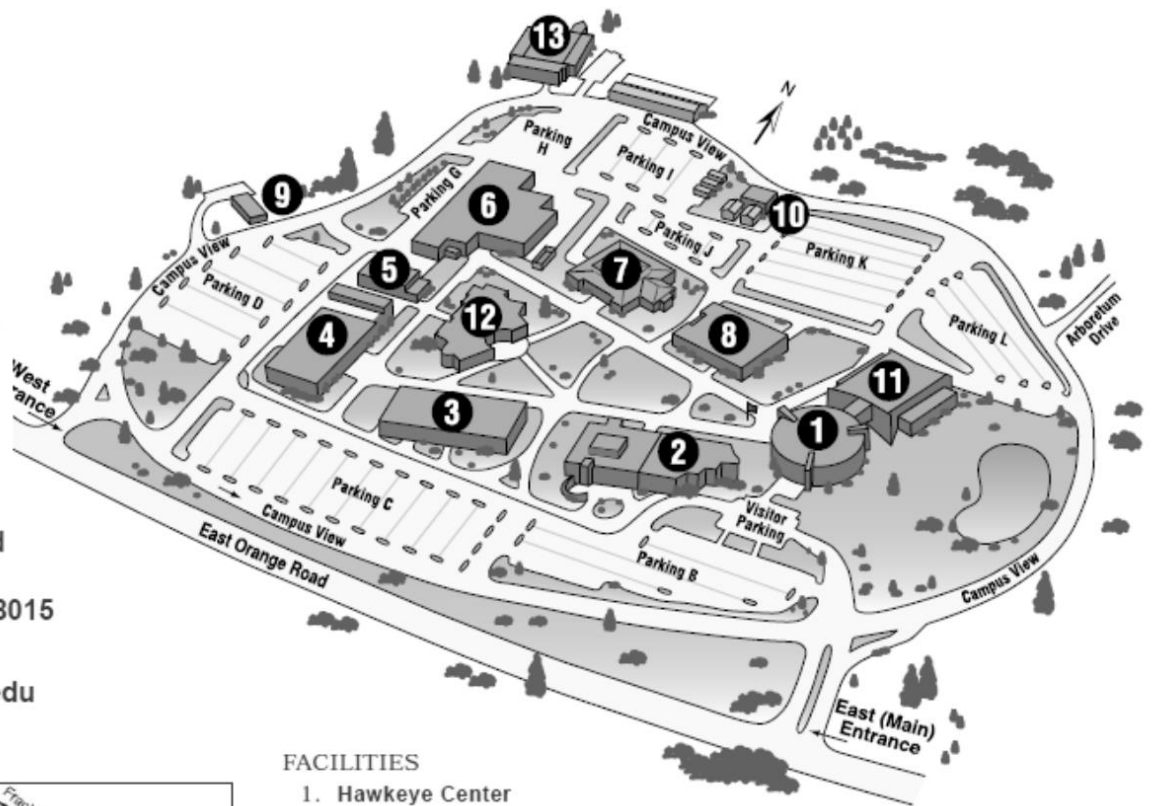
**What should my Scouts bring the day of the event?**

Please have your Scouts come prepared for the day. They should come with their finished prerequisites, merit badge books, pen and paper. The Scout shop may also be present so Scouts may want to bring some funds for Scout stuff or vending machines.

# Sun Rivers MBC XXI Agenda

- 7:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. .... Sign-In and Registration in Tama Hall
- 8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. .... Opening Ceremony/Announcements
- 8:30 a.m. .... Classes Begin
- 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. .... Lunch in Brock Student Center
- 3:30 p.m. .... Classes Conclude (except Engineering)

## Hawkeye Community College



### Main Campus

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### FACILITIES

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| 1. Hawkeye Center  | 9. Chickasaw Hall                        |
| 2. Black Hawk Hall | 10. Fayette Hall                         |
| 3. Bremer Hall     | 11. Library/Classroom Facility           |
| 4. Buchanan Hall   | 12. Brock Student Center                 |
| 5. Physical Plant  | 13. Health Education and Services Center |
| 6. Butler Hall     |  |
| 7. Tama Hall       |  |
| 8. Grundy Hall     |  |
- Hawkeye Farm Lab  
 5503 Hammond Avenue, Waterloo, IA 50701  
 319-296-4251
  - Hawkeye Child Development Center  
 1501 East Orange Road, Waterloo, IA 50701 (across the street from the main campus)  
 319-296-4245
  - ▲ Regional Transportation Training Center  
 6433 Hammond Ave., Waterloo 50701  
 319-296-4286