

Dear Scout Masters,

Troop 234, Harker Heights Texas will be hosting a Merit Badge College on April 17th and May 8th. This Merit Badge College will be held at Trinity Baptist Church, 203 E. FM 2410, Harker Heights from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

We would like to invite your Troop to participate in this MB College to give your scouts an opportunity to earn merit badges.

The purpose of MB College is to provide Scouts with an opportunity to receive instruction and earn merit badges in subjects where a counselor may not be available through their units. Attendance does not guarantee the award of the badge. All stated requirements must be satisfied. Partial credit will be given only where a specific individual requirement or project has been fulfilled.

At this time we will be offering a selection of Merit Badges to include: American Heritage, Archery, **Citizen of the Nation, Citizen of the World, Citizen in the Community, Emergency Prep**, Aviation, Computers, Indian Lore, and Woodcarving. **(Badges in Red are Eagle required badges)**

We have been able to staff all of the above MB classes with LHC MB Counselors. **We would like to add any MB's you would like taught, providing you have at least one certified MB Counselor you can provide as an instructor.**

Scouts will have the opportunity to earn up to 4 merit badges. We will have morning and afternoon sessions.

Our Requirements for Counselors: copies of completed MB Counselor worksheet, YPT and completed BSA Application showing MB Counselor on each counselor you send. This is to ensure all MB Counselors are registered through LHC. We will have a MB Counselor binder with everyone's credentials on site.

Lunch: There will be a lunch included in the cost of \$7.00 per scout. This cost is to cover the cost of lunch and snacks for both days along with the cost of workbooks (Not pamphlet) for each scout. We will serve a lunch of pizza on day one; tacos on day two. A Snack of cookies and lemonade will be served between classes. All MB Counselors, monitors will eat free.

Scouts will NOT be allowed to leave for lunch. We feel this is a safety concern. They can play football or run around on the grounds after they have finished with their lunch. MB Counselors are free to eat with us or leave for lunch providing they can return in time for their afternoon session if applicable. (We will make sure there is enough leadership to monitor the boys during lunch)

Prior Class work: Some MB's might require the Scout to complete work prior to this college. **They are outlined in red in the schedule of events. These requirements may have an additional cost.**

Blue Cards: Blue cards will be used to track each scouts progress. They will be provided to each scout and given to them at the end of the second session.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you might have. Laura Best 254-698-1959 or mbest@hot.rr.com.