

Twin River Merit Badge College
Friday, April 13, 2012 through Sunday, April 15, 2012
Winneshiek County Fairgrounds – Community Building

Dear Scouters:

We are excited to invite your unit to register for the Twin Rivers Merit Badge College and campout at Winneshiek County Fairgrounds, Montgomery St, Decorah, starting on Friday, April 13, 2012 through Sunday, April 15, 2012.

We are also planning a camping weekend for those that want to attend. You can arrive any time after 6 pm and stay until Sunday and depart when you want. There will be no activities scheduled for the camping part. You can arrive Friday night and leave Saturday night or stay the weekend or any portion of it.

Camping and Wilderness Survival merit badges will start Friday night for those boys taking them.

There will be above the ground campfires only.

Enclosed in this packet we have provided the following forms:

Unit Registration Form – submit 1 per unit to summarize Scout participation and fees.

Scout Merit Badge Registration Form – submit one per Scout to identify merit badge choices. (Note: Scout Merit Badge Registration Forms will **NOT** be processed without a Unit Registration Form indicating adult leadership).

There is one copy of each form included in this packet. **Make copies** of the blank forms as needed. Include copies of all applicable forms with payment when registering. Scouts will be placed in sections on a first-come first-serve basis. There will only be allowed **two scouts from the same troop** per any merit badge. As you will tell, classes are a lot smaller than the usual Merit Badge College, but all the merit badges offered are going to be hands-on type merit badges.

Please send payment and registration forms to:
Winnebago Council
Attn. Twin Rivers Merit Badge College 2012
2929 Airport Blvd.
Waterloo, IA 50703

The registration fee is \$15 per Scout. Registrations with appropriate fees submitted through **Friday, February 10, 2012**, will include a patch, insurance, and the merit badge book(s). Registrations received **after Friday, February 10 until February 24 will NOT include books AND those Scouts will NOT be guaranteed to receive a patch.** Registration is free for adults. Units are required to follow all scouting requirements for two-deep leadership for this event. Please indicate total number of adults attending on Unit Registration Form.

Lunch will be provided on Saturday only. You will need to bring a snack if your merit badge requires it.

A list of the merit badges offered is on page 2. **SCOUTS WILL BE LIMITED TO ONLY ONE MERIT BADGE or 2 if taking American Heritage/Geneology.** As you can see, all of the merit badges are hands on merit badges. Read the requirements for appropriate clothing and materials to bring for their merit badge.

We will also be in need of many drivers that day to take the boys to their merit badges, so let us know if you can help.

A confirmation packet with merit badge books will be available for the Leader in Charge to pick up in March with pre-requisite lists and should give you and your Scouts plenty of time to prepare for the merit badges. Please include an email address for the Leader in Charge on the Unit Registration Form to keep the unit up to date with any changes. Additionally, updates will be posted to:

<http://www.winnebagoobsa.org/twinrivers>

Yours in scouting,

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Twin Rivers Merit Badge College Schedule:

Friday: 7 pm for the Wilderness Survival merit badge and Camping merit badge – meet at the open area at the fairgrounds.

Saturday:

7:45-8:10 Check in

8:15 Opening Flag Ceremony

8:30-4:00 PM with noon break for eating at Congregational Church prepared by the Cooking class.

4:15 Closing Flag Ceremony

Merit Badges Offered:

<i>American Heritage/Geneology</i>	<i>Architecture</i>	<i>Camping*</i>
<i>Cooking</i>	<i>Engineering</i>	<i>Farm Mechanics</i>
<i>Geocaching</i>	<i>Golf</i>	<i>Lifesaving*</i>
<i>Medicine</i>	<i>Metal works</i>	<i>Oceanography</i>
<i>Space Exploration</i>	<i>Veterinary Medicine</i>	<i>Wilderness Survival</i>

*Indicates Eagle requirement

Registration:

Unit Registration Required: Registration **must** be completed by unit (even if only one Scout in the unit is attending, you still need to complete a Unit Registration Form).

Individual Scout Merit Badge Registration Forms **will not be processed** unless a Unit Registration Form accompanies the form or has previously been submitted. Please list the Leader in Charge on the Unit Registration Form; include an email address to keep the unit up to date with any changes. Updates will also be posted to:

<http://www.winnebagoobsa.org/twinrivers>

Badge Choices: Each Scout will select the desired badge offered and list in order of choice on the Scout Merit Badge Registration Form. **It is VERY important that the Scout's select at least 4 merit badges/sessions.** If the Scout chooses not to list sessions as instructed, and his selections are full, we will assume that he does not want to attend.

☐ **Scout Fee \$15.00.** Includes: One merit badge, merit badge booklet (if registration is received before February 10), insurance, and event patch. There are some merit badges with lab fees.

☐ **Adults Free.** Units are expected to follow all scouting requirements for two-deep leadership for this event. **Drivers will be needed for each merit badge** so plan on helping out and you can attend the merit badge and watch/help out if you would like.

☐ **Fees:** Mail with proper fees. Registrations without fees will not be processed until fees are paid. Confirmation will be sent to the Leader in Charge. **When registration confirmation is received, Scout's may begin pre-requisites.**

No Registration after February 24, 2012

Additional Information:

☐ **Materials:** Scouts should bring merit badge book(s), notepaper, and pen or pencil with them to each session. Also, he should be familiar with all information in the merit badge book **prior to attending.**

☐ **Pre-requisites:** If the merit badge contains a pre-requisite item that says discuss, list, write, describe, name, define or any similar statement this means the Scout should bring a written report to the merit badge session to turn in to the counselor and be able to discuss. If pre-requisite item says to visit then bring a written report describing the visit; include a Scoutmaster or parent signature on the report.

☐ **Merit Badge Cards:** This year blue cards will be provided. If the pre-requisite work is completed, the Scout should be able to complete the badge excluding **Camping** (unless they have their camping nights in) **and possibly Geocaching.** If the Scout attends even though the pre-requisite work is not done, he will only receive credit for the work done in the session.

☐ **Code of Conduct:** The Scout Oath, The Scout Law, and The Outdoor Code will serve as the code of conduct for the event.

☐ **Discipline:** Scouts who choose to become discipline problems will be required to leave the event immediately at their own expense.

☐ **Dress Code:** Class A will be the uniform. Look at the dress on each Merit Badge offered for the clothing required for the day. For those activities outside, bring appropriate outdoor clothing.

☐ **Adult Leadership:** All units/Scouts participating in the event must provide attendance of 2 adult leaders. One must be 21 years old and the other must be at least 18 years old. Please refer to Guide to Safe Scouting. Leaders will be asked to register their boys as a group and not individual scouts on the day of the merit badge college.

☐ **Lunch provided:** Scouts and adults will have a noon meal provided on Saturday only.

☐ **Refund Policy:** Due to lead time on ordering Merit Badge Books, Patches and Printing of Materials, *refunds will not be considered or issued. Please understand we are preparing for a big event!*

Twin Rivers Merit Badge College
April 13-15, 2012
Unit Registration Form

Unit #:	Leader in Charge:		
Mailing Address:		Phone : ()	
City:	State:	Zip:	
Email:		District:	

All corrections and last minute changes will be emailed to the email address above.

	Number attending	Cost	Total submitted
Adults		(no fee-# needed for Planning)	
Scouts		X \$15.00	
	Lab fees		

Circle date arriving and department dates:

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

Registration received **January 9 to Friday, February 10, 2012**, will include a patch and the Merit badge book(s).

Registrations received **after Friday, February 10 to February 24, will NOT include books AND those Scouts will NOT be guaranteed to receive a patch.**

Scouts will be placed in sections on first-come first serve basis. **NO REGISTRATIONS AFTER FEBRUARY 24 WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

As with any Scouting function, **two deep leadership** is required for this event. We practice youth protection for the classroom settings; therefore, adults will be needed for program areas in the merit badge classes. If you have leaders with special skills and they would like to assist the program, please let us know. We also will need drivers for field trips/tours on most merit badges.

Individual Scout Merit Badge Registration Forms will not be processed unless this Unit Registration Form accompanies the form or has previously been submitted. Each unit that attends must have at least one Leader in Charge identified on this form.

No merit badge books will be ordered after February 10 and any Scout registering after this date will be responsible for obtaining his own book(s).

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 Attn. Twin Rivers Merit Badge College 2010
 2929 Airport Blvd.
 Waterloo, IA 50703

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Twin Rivers Merit Badge College
April 13-15, 2012,
Scout Merit Badge Registration Form

Name:	Unit #:	Age:
Rank:	Phone w/Area Code ()	
Address:	City:	State:
Scoutmaster:	District:	Zip:

Instructions:

Return this form with your check for \$15.00 made out to your Troop to your unit's Leader in Charge. If registration is before Friday, February 10, then **do not purchase any merit badge books**. The books and more detailed instructions will be provided after registration period is concluded. **NO REGISTRATIONS AFTER FEBRUARY 24 WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

Scout Fee \$15.00: (Includes: One merit badge, merit badge booklets, insurance, and event patch).

	Merit Badge Name		Merit Badge Name
1st Choice Merit Badge		4th Choice Merit Badge	
2nd Choice Merit Badge		5th Choice Merit Badge	
3rd Choice Merit Badge		6th Choice Merit Badge	

Reminders!

SCOUTS WILL BE LIMITED IN PLACEMENT TO **ONLY ONE** REQUIRED MERIT BADGE. It is suggested if interested in earning an Eagle required merit badge that you list more than one in case the first listed is full.

You must fill this form out entirely. If you do not fill out enough choices and your selections are full, we will **NOT** contact you or your Leader in Charge to try and get you another badge. We will assume you do not want to come.

Individual Scout Merit Badge Registration Forms will **NOT** be processed unless a Unit Registration Form accompanies this form or has previously been submitted by the unit identifying the unit's Leader in Charge.

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TWIN RIVERS MERIT BADGE COLLEGE CLASS

Outline/Pre-requisites

This Merit Badge starts Saturday, April 14 at 8:45 a.m. and ends 4 pm.

Merit Badge:

American Heritage/Geneology

Class size:

Max: 8

Lab fee: \$5.00 bring to class

Pre-Requisite Items:

American Heritage (Write out information and be prepared to discuss as a group) 2a and 3c

Genealogy: (Write out information and be prepared to discuss as a group. Each participant should also bring information on themselves, siblings, and parents such as names, birth dates, places of birth, etc.) 3- Suggested questions you might ask.... Name? How are they related to you? In what year were they born? What country were they born? Did their ancestors immigrate here from another country? What country? Why? Do they think knowing who their ancestors were and where they are from is important? Do they have any famous ancestors? Can they tell you something about your family's history that you didn't know

4b. (Examples... birth certificate, marriage license, obituary)

Clothing: Class A.

Special Instructions: Read merit badge book prior to class and come prepared to actively participate in class discussion.

This Merit Badge starts Saturday, April 14 at 8:45 a.m. and ends 4 pm.

Merit Badge:

Architecture

Class size:

Max: 15

Pre-Requisite Items: None.

Clothing: Wear Class A.

Special Instructions: Read merit badge book prior to class and come prepared to actively participate in class discussion.

Merit Badge starts Friday,
April 13 at 7 p.m. and ends
Saturday at 5 p.m.

Merit Badge:
Camping

Class size:
Max: 10

Lab fee: \$15.00 bring
to class

Pre-requisite Items: 1; 8c-d (note from SM); 9a (note from SM – 19 days done will complete this merit badge); 9c (note from SM).

Clothing: Wear Class B. Bring proper foot wear for 5-mile hike and a backpack, and appropriate outer wear for weather. Bring a tent and appropriate sleeping bag and gear for the temperature.

Special Instructions: Read merit badge book prior to class and come prepared to actively participate in class discussion.

This Merit Badge starts
Saturday, April 14 at 8:45 a.m.
and ends 4 pm

Merit Badge:
Cooking

Class size:
Max: 15

Pre-Requisite Items: 6 and 7 with a note from the Scout Master; 8. If cooking at the campout this weekend, that will count for cooking.

Clothing: Wear class B.

Special Instructions: Read merit badge book prior to class and come prepared to actively participate in class discussion.

This Merit Badge starts
Saturday, April 14 at 8:45 a.m.
and ends 4 pm.

Merit Badge:
Engineering

Class size:
Max: 8

Pre-Requisite Items: 2, 3, 5b (with 2-minute presentation), 8 (listing of fundamental canons)

Clothing: Class A

Special Instructions: Read merit badge book prior to class and come prepared to actively participate in class discussion.

This Merit Badge starts Saturday, April 14 at 8:45 a.m. and ends 4 pm.

Merit Badge:
Farm Mechanics

Class size:

Max: 6

Pre-Requisite Items: 1b, d; 7

Bring: A broken hammer and a new handle. Bring a wood/metal chisel or punch. Safety glasses and gloves with rubber grip.

Clothing: Wear old clothes.

Special Instructions: Read merit badge book prior to class and come prepared to actively participate in class discussion.

This Merit Badge starts Saturday, April 14 at 8:45 a.m. and ends 4 pm.

Merit Badge:
Geocaching

Class size:

Max: 12 boys

Lab fee: \$5.00

Pre-Requisite Items: 1a, 1b, 1c, 3, 5a, 5b, 5c, and 7. You will also need an account at www.geocaching.com. For prereqs 1, 3, and 5--please have your answers written or typed out. Bring a few small items that you could put in your cache.

Clothing: Class B.

Special Instructions: Read merit badge book prior to class and come prepared to actively participate in class discussion.

This Merit Badge starts Saturday, April 14 at 8:45 a.m. and ends 4 pm.

Merit Badge:
Golf

Class size:

Max: 3 or 6 boys

Pre-Requisite Items: None.

Clothing: Wear Class B. Wear proper foot wear and outdoor clothing appropriate for playing golf.

Special Instructions: Read merit badge book prior to class and come prepared to actively participate in class discussion. You will also need to bring your own set of clubs and golfing experience is required (miniature golf does not count), as this will **not** be a class of learning how to play golf due to the time constraints. Bring clubs regardless of weather. Not sure if there will be a charge for green fee yet but will let you know ASAP. **YOU MUST HAVE A NOTE FROM YOUR SM AND PARENTS THAT YOU HAVE PLAYED GOLF AND ARE FAMILIAR WITH THE GOLF COURSE.** If the counselor decides that any of the boys are not golfers, then the MB will be limited to classroom work only and no golfing will be done except maybe at the golfing range.

This Merit Badge starts Saturday, April 14 at 8:45 am and ends 3:30 pm

Merit Badge:
Lifesaving

Class size:
Max: 10

Bring \$4.00

Pre-Requisite Items: 8 and 13 (bring CPR card)

Clothing: Swim suit, towel and goggles (if want)

Special Instructions: Read merit badge book prior to class and come prepared to actively participate in class discussion.

This Merit Badge starts Saturday, April 14 at 8:45 a.m. and ends 4pm.

Merit Badge:
Medicine

Class size:
Max: 6

Lab fee: \$5.00

Pre-Requisite Items: 9.

Clothing: Wear Class B.

Special Instructions: Read merit badge book prior to class and come prepared to actively participate in class discussion.

This Merit Badge starts Saturday, April 14 at 8:45 a.m. and ends 3:45pm.

Merit Badge:
Metal works

Class size:
Max: 6

Lab fee: \$20.00

Pre-Requisite Items: None.

Clothing: Wear old clothes and **MUST HAVE SAFETY GOGGLES ALONG.** Will be directing study towards blacksmithing. Instructor will have a design for the boys to work on.

Special Instructions: Read merit badge book prior to class and come prepared to actively participate in class discussion.

This Merit Badge starts Saturday, April 14 at 8:45 a.m. and ends 4 pm.

Merit Badge:
Oceanography

Class size:

Max: 10

Pre-Requisite Items: 1, 2, and 5. **The 500-word report will need to be brought to class or emailed to frogirl23@live.com prior to the class.**

Clothing: Class B.

Special Instructions: Read merit badge book prior to class and come prepared to actively participate in class discussion.

This Merit Badge starts Saturday, April 14 at 8:45 a.m. and ends 4 pm.

Merit Badge:
Space exploration

Class size:

Max: 8-10

Lab fee: \$14.00

Pre-Requisite Items: 7 (bring with); 8 (bring notes).

Clothing: Class B. Clothing appropriate for outdoor weather.

Special Instructions: Read merit badge book prior to class and come prepared to actively participate in class discussion.

This Merit Badge starts Saturday, April 14 at 8:45 a.m. and ends 4 pm.

Merit Badge:
Veterinary medicine

Class size:

Max: 6

Pre-Requisite Items: 6 – do prior to meeting and do the report and bring with or after the merit badge college do the report on what you visited during the day according to the requirement.

Clothing: Wear Class B.

Instructions: Read merit badge book prior to class and come prepared to actively participate in class discussion.

This Merit Badge starts Friday 7 pm, April 13 and ends 4 pm on Saturday, April 14

Merit Badge:

Wilderness Survival

Class size:

Max: 15

Need a volunteer or two to help and stay with the boys – mark on your registration sheet if you are able to help with this merit badge.

Pre-Requisite Items: 5 (bring to class).

Clothing: Appropriate clothing for the weather and camping overnight.

Special Instructions: Have eaten supper before arriving. Bring good sleeping bag. Bring gear to build a shelter and sleep in it Friday night. Read merit badge book prior to class and come prepared to actively participate in class discussion. Meet at main gate at fairgrounds.