

Dear Scoutmaster,

Enclosed you will find information regarding the upcoming Merit Badge College, hosted by Lakeland District. It will be held at the United Methodist Church in Clear Lake on Saturday March 3, 2007 from 9:00-4:00pm, with registration from 8:15-8:45am. The church is located at 508 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue North. The cost for this event is \$12.00 for a full day course or 2 half day courses, and \$6.00 for one half day course which includes lunch, patch, and merit badge book.

Prerequisites are listed and it is strongly recommended that the Scouts complete these before the class. If the prerequisites are not completed prior to class the Scout will NOT receive a complete on the badge. It will be up to the Scout to finish the merit badge and work with a merit badge counselor on his own. Please remind the boys to bring a blue merit badge card signed by the Scoutmaster, paper and pen.

Please return the registration form, with payment, no later than January 31st to the Mason City Scout Shop at 1631 4<sup>th</sup> St SW Suite 128, Mason City IA 50401. You can also drop it off during business hours on Mondays and Wednesdays from 11-6pm.

**Registrations will be accepted until February 19<sup>th</sup>, but if received after the January 31<sup>st</sup> deadline you will not get the merit badge book(s).** Class sizes are limited and therefore we cannot guarantee that each Scout will get his first choice, register early. To have your spot reserved you must pay in full at the time you register. Scoutmasters will be notified as to which class the boys are placed in, so please make sure to have a contact person and phone number listed on the registration form. Upon arriving that day please make sure to have a unit leader or parent check in the Scouts, not each individual Scout as that is too chaotic.

Merit badge books can be picked up at the Mason City Scout Shop, the Waterloo Council Office, or at February Roundtable.

***Training will be offered!***

This is a great opportunity to get your leaders trained, please make sure to pass this along to everyone in your Troop! Training is free, and lunch will be provided with free will offering. The following training opportunities are available:

- Scoutmaster/Assistant Scoutmaster Specific Training will be offered by Carol Meyer, Lakeland District Training Chair, from 9-4pm.
- Troop Committee Training will be offered by Rose Boehmer from 1-4pm.

If you have any questions regarding the Lakeland Merit Badge College please contact Denise Kopp at 641-424-0663 or email her at [koppdd@yahoo.com](mailto:koppdd@yahoo.com). You can also contact the Mason City Scout Shop at 641-424-2962.

**No walk-ins or class changes will be allowed the day of the event.**

Hope to see you there!