



Pushmataha District Merit Badge College

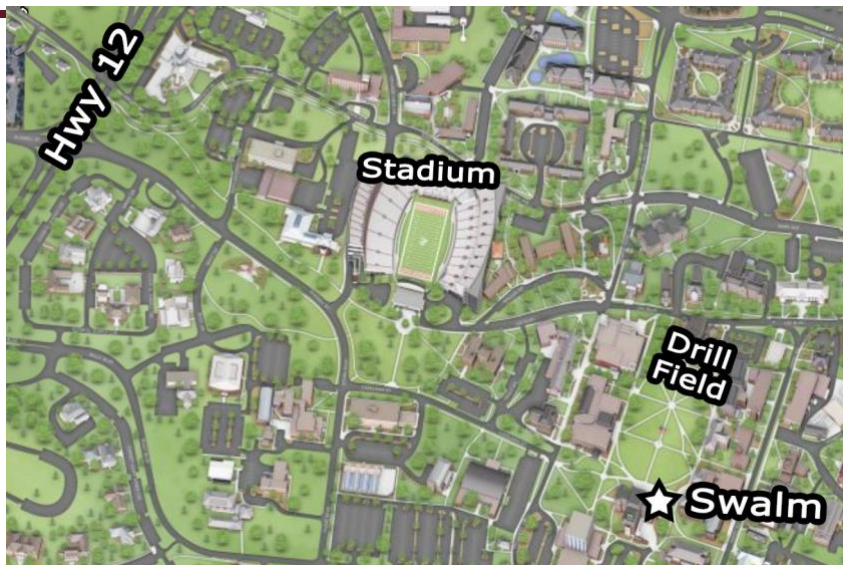


@ Mississippi State University
Saturday, March 25th, 2023



Location, Date, and Price

The Pushmataha District Merit Badge College will be held Saturday, March 25th, 2023, on the campus of Mississippi State University (MSU). Registration for the merit badge college is \$15.00 per Scout. This fee includes a patch, and any course materials. Registration and sign up for classes can be completed at <https://www.natcheztracecouncil.org>.



Lodging

Scouts and leaders who wish to arrive prior to Saturday can reserve camp space at Camp Seminole, located at Camp Seminole Road in Starkville, 9 miles (about a 15-minute drive) from campus. Check-in at Camp Seminole will take place at the Admin building from 6:00PM to 9:30PM, Friday, the 24th. Leaders or families who need to pay registration fees or make registration adjustments may do so at that time. No meals will be provided at Camp Seminole so scouts should plan accordingly. Starkville has several dining options.

MSU Baseball

If you live in or near the Golden Triangle area or if you are staying at Camp Seminole Friday, you are welcome to attend the MSU Baseball game against Vanderbilt at 6:00PM. Tickets are \$10 each if you visit <https://tinyurl.com/4s53f9ra> and use the promo code **TRACE**

Day of Event Schedule

Late/Day-of registration will begin at 7:00AM on Saturday, the 25th, at the Dave C. Swalm School of Chemical Engineering (ChE) located at the South end of the Drill Field at MSU. Orientation and opening ceremony will begin at 7:30AM at Swalm. Scouts will be told at that time the location of their classes and will be assisted in arriving at them.

Merit badge classes will be offered over two sessions or Timeblocks. The first session, Timeblock 1, will take place from 8:00AM to 12:00Noon. Second session, Timeblock 2, takes place from 1:00PM to 5:00PM. Some merit badges will be offered in only one session (Timeblock 1 or Timeblock 2). Other merit badges may require attendance over both sessions. Lunch will take place from 12:00Noon to 1:00PM and will be on the Scout's/Troop's own so cash should be brought for the day. Chik-Fil-A, Panda Express, Steak 'n Shake, Subway, Starbucks, Perry Cafeteria, Fresh Food Cafeteria are all located on campus. Various other restaurants are available a quick drive away from campus.

Upon completion of the day, scouts and leaders will regroup at Swalm to receive completion reports, which can be provided back home to the scout's Troop Advancement Chair.



Class Registration

Units or individuals should complete registration prior to the event by visiting <https://www.natcheztracecouncil.org>. Once a merit badge class reaches capacity, it will no longer be visible on that registration site. For further information or for any issues, please contact Merit Badge College Coordinator Gary Smith, at garyl.smith@scouting.org or 662-518-0723. Please contact Natchez Trace Council, at 662-842-2871, if you need registration assistance.

Merit badge instruction will follow the requirements listed by the Boy Scouts of America for each class. Your merit badge selection options are listed in the chart below. While every effort will be made to help Scouts complete as much of each badge as possible, some requirements simply cannot be completed in a single day. Instructors/Counselors may contact class participants beforehand to request any prerequisites or advance work that may be needed prior to class day. On the day of class, each Scout will receive a folder that contains merit badge workbooks for their respective badges.

Merit Badge Selection Options

When registering for merit badges online, the following two options are available.

OPTION 1. Pick one class from Timeblock 1 and one class from Timeblock 2.	
Timeblock 1 (8AM to 12PM)	Timeblock 2 (1PM to 5PM)
Animal Group (Animal Sci, Dog Care, Horsemanship, Pets, Reptiles & Amph, Vet Med)	Animal Group (Animal Sci, Dog Care, Horsemanship, Pets, Reptiles & Amph, Vet Med)
Architecture	Chess
Chemistry, Engineering, Pulp Paper	Citizenship in Nation
Citizenship in Nation	Citizenship in World
Family Life	Family Life
Landscape Architecture	Genealogy
Insect Study	Surveying
Forestry	Sustainability
OPTION 2. Choose one of the following which will need both Timeblocks 1 and 2 to complete.	
Archeology	
Communication	
Cycling	
Environmental Science	
First Aid	
Orienteering	
Plumbing	

Merit Badge Completion and Progress Reports

Any merit badge work not completed that day can be resumed with their Troop's own instructors. We can also suggest possible merit badge instructors to help. Merit badge requirement completion information will be entered in Tentaroo, the registration platform, and available for access by leaders



or parents within seventy-two hours after the merit badge college concludes. Unit leaders are responsible for following up with Scouts/families on merit badge completions and award presentations.

Volunteer Assistance Needed

We ask adult leaders and parents to assist us in providing additional coverage for merit badge classes. All classes are required to have at least two adults (18 or over) present. All our instructors are volunteering their time to provide a great program for our Scouts, so extra supervision and support are appreciated!

Behavioral and Dress Expectations

Scouts are expected to attend and engage in the merit badge classes for which they have registered. All participants are expected to abide by the Scout Oath and Law during the merit badge college. Any participant whose conduct does not meet this standard may be asked to leave a merit badge class (without receiving credit) and/or the event. Scouts, with the assistance of their leaders or parent(s)/guardian(s), are responsible for arriving at their scheduled classes on time. Scouts should wear the BSA field (“Class A”) uniform at the event.

Getting Around Campus and Starkville

All Scouts and leaders will be presented with a map of Mississippi State University at check-in at the merit badge college. Additionally, Scouts will receive a schedule with building and room numbers or meeting locations for each of the merit badges for which they are registered. The link for the interactive campus map is <https://map.msstate.edu/>

