

# Boy Scouts of America

Unaka District  
Great Smoky Mountain Council



December 30, 2012

RE: Unaka Merit Badge College 2013

Dear Scoutmaster,

The Unaka Merit Badge College is less than a week away and plans are underway to make this the smoothest, most successful event possible. As you prepare your scouts for participating in this annual merit badge college, please keep in mind a couple of things:

- 1) Field Service Uniforms (Class A's) are required for all scouts and leaders. All scouts must be in uniform during the opening ceremony and at lunch. If the class is such that it's likely to get "messy" then I would suggest bringing some shop clothes in case they get really involved in their work! (automotive maintenance, animal science, metalworking, painting, welding).
- 2) For classes that will take place predominately outdoors, **PLEASE DRESS APPROPRIATELY FOR THE WEATHER**. Forecasters are calling for a clear, but cold day, so **LAYERED** clothing with gloves and a hat are appropriate. (animal science, golf, metalworking, space exploration, truck transportation)
- 3) Scouts enrolled in the **AVIATION** merit badge must obtain written permission from their parents to take part in the actual plane ride scheduled with the class. **PLEASE HAVE THE SIGNED FORMS AVAILABLE AT CHECK IN**. The consent form can be found on our web site at: [www.unakascouts.com/AviationConsentForm.pdf](http://www.unakascouts.com/AviationConsentForm.pdf)  
Pages 1-4 are for the parent to keep. Pages 5-6 must be turned in at registration.
- 4) All merit badges will have some writing component, so scouts should come prepared with a notepad and pen or pencil in addition to any content materials required (e.g., personal collection or home electrical/fire plan to show counselor).
- 5) Registration is from 8:00 to 8:45 am. Please reinforce with your scouts the need to be on time! Opening instructions and ceremony will be from 8:45 till 9:00 am. Classes start promptly at 9:00 am. We are not planning a closing ceremony and scouts are free to leave as their classes conclude, however, merit badge completion cards are collected by the registrar and will be given to the Scoutmaster as soon as all cards for the troop are available.
- 6) We have numerous classes that are taking place "off-site" so we are depending on

volunteers for transportation and leadership....please come prepared to help!

7) I've sent a final copy of the roster and invoice for your troop via email today. This invoice does NOT include the fee for adults in attendance (\$7) to cover the cost of lunch and patches. Please be prepared to pay this invoice in full during check in on Saturday.

As always, let me know if you have any problems. My cell number is 423- 309-8096. Also, Chris Agee, our District Executive will be available as a backup contact for problems. His cell number is 865-406-2528.

Yours In Scouting,

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