



Alpha Phi Omega
University of Iowa
Iowa Memorial Union
Student Organization Offices Suite
Iowa City, IA 52242

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Dear Scoutmaster,

Alpha Phi Omega is a national co-ed service fraternity founded in 1925 on the principles of Scouting. Keeping with our Scouting heritage and spirit of service, the chapter hosts youth achievement days every year. Last year, our chapter served over 1000 youth from the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts in two separate events. This year, we hope to continue these traditions and bring more university resources together. At each of our workshops, boys will try and complete as many requirements for their badge of choice as possible during the allotted time, while still giving each requirement the time it deserves. As in the past, we will be offering adult training.

This year's workshop choices include:

American Business	Art	Aviation	Chemistry	Citizenship in the Nation
Citizenship in the World	Coin Collecting	Computers	Disability Awareness	Emergency Preparedness*
Energy	Engineering	Environmental Science	First Aid	Law
Medicine	Public Health	Public Speaking	Radio	Salesmanship
Space Exploration				

*Requires the completion of First Aid to be enrolled

A brother of Alpha Phi Omega or a community member will be teaching each badge. APO will also be providing the yellow cards (takes the place of the blue card) for each workshop. Merit Badge University will be held on Saturday, March 7th.

The schedule is as follows:

8:30 AM – 9:15 AM	Registration
9:15 AM – 9:30 AM	Opening Ceremony
9:45 AM – 11:45 AM	Morning Adult Workshop
9:30 AM – 12 noon	Scout Class
12 noon – 1 PM	Lunch**
1 PM – 3:30 PM	Scout Class
1:15 PM – 3:15 PM	Afternoon Adult Workshop

****PLEASE NOTE:** Scouts are responsible for lunch on their own, and will be released directly from class. Please make appropriate arrangements for meeting as a troop in advance. A list of area eating establishments will be made available when you check-in at the event. There will also be facilities available to sit and eat if your troop chooses to bring lunch, but there is to be no food or drink in the University buildings. If your troop will be traveling to Iowa City the night before or staying the night after and would like a recommendation for a hotel, please contact us.

Adult Leader Training Registration – 2008

The following **FREE** training classes are being scheduled

<u>Morning</u> 9:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.	<u>Afternoon</u> 1:15 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.
Boy Scout Advancement – Advancing to Eagle	Flag Etiquette
Troop Committee Challenge	Helping a Unit: Rebuilding a Troop
TroopMaster Fundamentals and the BSA Internet Advancement program	New Leader Essentials

Each session starts 15 minutes after the youth classes begin and participants will be released 15 minutes before the boys leave their classes. Pre-registration is required for these adult sessions so that enough materials can be provided. Maximum class size will be 20-25 depending on the classroom.

This year we will be switching to a new type of registration for both the adult and scout classes. We will be using the website www.meritbadge.info. In order to sign up for our event you first need to click on enter registration system, by clicking on that a new page will appear that will show all of the events that are available. In the upper right hand of the new page there is the option to register new users. If you are new to the website you must sign up as a troop leader, in order to register your scouts. Once you are registered in the system you can sign up for the event. Our two events are entitled APO MBU at the University of Iowa for the scouts event and Adult Training@ MBU at the University of Iowa. You do need to sign up for adult leader classes separately from scout classes.

Registration fee is \$8.00 per Scout. The fee includes all supplies needed for the classes and a participation patch for each Scout. **Registrations after February 21st will not be accepted.** Make checks payable to

Alpha Phi Omega, Omicron Chapter. Even though the registration is online the checks still need to be mailed. Please send the payment to

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Please remember that this is a Boy Scout event and **we ask that each troop provide 2 adults to follow Youth Protection Guidelines** (troops who do not follow these guidelines might not be asked to return in the future). After your registration is received and processed, we will be sending a confirmation along with each Scout's workshop assignment, important updates and other useful information. If changes need to be made in registration numbers, please contact me immediately, but changes cannot be guaranteed due to the sheer volume of Scouts. Changes will NOT be made simply because a Scout does not like which workshop they were assigned.

We look forward to seeing you and your troop on March 7th! Please feel free contact me through email with any questions or concerns.

Yours in Leadership, Fellowship, and Service,

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