

SCOUTREACH CULTURAL DAY ACTIVITIES

Scouts BSA Merit Badges & Cub Scout Activities

Saturday, February 21, 2026



Alabama A&M University
Huntsville, Alabama

LEADERS PACKET

Pre-registration closes 5:00pm Wednesday, February 18, 2026

Final (14 January 2026)

PURPOSE: **ScoutReach Cultural Day Activities** is a Scouting America Greater Alabama Council annual event that encourages all Scouts and Leaders to explore and better understand some of the differences and similarities of the many cultural heritages of our great nation. It allows for a demonstration of the many various cultural activities that abound around the world. It also affords the boys an opportunity to complete some Scouts BSA rank advancement requirements and merit badges.

CONCEPT OF OPERATION

ALL ACTIVITIES WILL TAKE PLACE IN OR BE INITIATED FROM THE T. M. ELMORE GYMNASIUM ON THE CAMPUS OF AAMU

- Registration and check-in for all Scouts will begin at 7:00 am in the foyers of the T. M. Elmore Gym (Building 63).
- **Since we will have young ladies attending, whether in Cub Scouts or Scouts BSA for any girls in an all-girls troop. It is imperative that we adhere to the new Youth Protection Policy for adult female participation.**
- The Opening Ceremony is from 8:00am to 8:30am.
- **Morning Cub Scout and WEBELOS activities** will begin in the Gym from 8:45am and end at 11:00am. At 1:00pm all Cubs and Webelos should return to the gym to participate in the international cultural day activities fair.
- **Scouts BSA classes begin at 8:45 am in classrooms in various locations across the Alabama A&M Campus, including Elmore Gym, Morrison Building, and the Executive Airport in Meridianville.** Most will continue until 12:00 noon. American Cultures, American Heritage, and Entrepreneurship are the only Merit Badges offered in the afternoon as stand-alone MBs. Citizenship in Society is an all-day MB.
- **LUNCH** will be served in the West Campus Cafeteria
 - Cub Scouts will eat Lunch from 11:00am to 12:00 noon
 - Scouts BSA will eat Lunch from 12:00 noon to 1:00pm
- Between 11:30am and 1:00pm, all cultural and civic groups will set up their demonstrations, displays and exhibitions in the Gym and outside.
- **At 1:00pm, Cub Scouts are to report to the main floor of the Gym to participate in the International Cultural Activities Day Fair. Scouts BSA will report starting at 1:15pm.** This includes displays and demonstrations by civic and cultural groups as well as cultural dances. Scouts BSA may also initiate the work required for the American Cultures Merit Badge.
- **Afternoon merit classes (in addition to American Cultures)** will be offered again this year. We will also have the American Heritage and Entrepreneurship MBs offered (additional requirements for those MBs are described later). Since the focus of the day is Cultures, request scouts have previously completed American Cultures to sign up for other afternoon MBs. During breaks of these additional MBs, scouts will have the opportunity to walk the floor to visit the Cultural Displays scheduled for this year. Citizenship in Society is one exception, given it will be taught as an all-day MB.
- **The closing will be at 3:15pm.** This will consist of the leaders retrieving their unit packets from the registrar, accountability of all Scouts, attendance at the raffle, and dismissal at 3:30pm.

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ALABAMA A&M UNIVERSITY

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2026

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS AND EXPLANATION

<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>EXPLANATION</u>
7:00am - 8:00am	SCOUT REGISTRATION/CHECK-IN	PAGE 4
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1:00pm - 1:15pm	AMERICAN CULTURES M/B ORIENTATION	PAGE 9
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3:15pm - 3:30pm	CLOSING CEREMONY	PAGE 5-6/11

REGISTRATION

The Registration fee is \$15.00 for the first scout in the family and \$10.00 for the second or more scouts within the same family. The fee covers facility costs, lunch and patch. Adults and non-scout family members cost is \$10.00 if they want to eat lunch. Here are some important points:

- Registration is open as of January 13, 2026. This year, registration will again be completed using Tentaroo, the same method that units sign up for summer camp. This method will allow for better accuracy of registration, to include restricting registration for a MB that has reached its maximum limit for class size. Registration ends at 5:00pm on Wednesday, February 18, 2026. This allows a day to get the rosters printed out from Council, and to the registration committee prior to the event. The link for registration is the following:
<https://gac.tentaroo.com/admin2/events/4480/35692/ScoutReach-Cultural-Day>.
- Please note that once registered, there will be ***no refunds*** available if one cannot attend, although substitutions may be possible on the day of registration.
- ***Pre-registration is highly encouraged.*** Event leaders and MB Counselors need attendance information to plan morning activities and the lunch estimates. **Registration at the door is still \$15.00 per person, but late registration will likely result in desired merit badge classes not being available.**
- Scouts may also register at the door; however, they may only select merit badges classes that still have open slots.
- All participants must check in with Registration in the foyer of the T.M. Elmore Gym between 7:00am – 8:00am to receive class assignments and meal tickets.
- There will be two registration lines for Scouts BSA the morning of the event: one for check-in for all pre-registered scouts and one for new registrations. There will be separate registration tables for Cub Scouts in the gym foyer.

Opening ceremonies for the ScoutReach Cultural Activities Day will begin inside the Gym at 8:00am. ***Please come early and allow time to finalize registration so you can participate in the Opening Ceremony!***



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T. M. Elmore Building
Campus of Alabama A&M University

OPENING CEREMONY PROGRAM

February 21, 2026
8:00am – 8:30am

MASTER OF CEREMONIES	UESLC Representative
POST COLORS & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	Talakto District Scout Unit Talakto District Scouts
INVOCATION	Talakto District Scout
AAMU WELCOME	TBA Alabama A&M University
ANNOUNCEMENTS	UESLC Committee

*Door Prizes will be drawn from 1:00pm to 3:00pm with the **Grand Prize of \$50 dollars** awarded at the Closing Ceremony. YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN!*

CLOSING CEREMONY PROGRAM

3:15pm – 3:30pm

CLOSING	UESLC Representative
RETIRE COLORS	Talakto District Scout Unit

Cub Scout, Webelos, and AOL Schedule

7:00 - 8:00AM Pre-registration Check-in and At-the-Door Registration

Location: T.M. Elmore Gymnasium on the AAMU campus

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8:30 - 11:00AM Cub Scout, Webelos, and AOL Activities

Location: T.M. Elmore Gymnasium

Details: Cub Scouts, Webelos, and AOL scouts will participate in self-paced activity stations, which will be in a round-robin format. Since there are several stations, they may only have an opportunity to be at each station for about 15-20 minutes each. Chaperones and scouts should make sure they sign in at each station so the staff will know they attended/participated in that session.

11:00AM - 12:00PM Cub Scout, Webelos, and AOL Lunch

Location: West Campus Cafeteria (across the street from the gymnasium)

Details: See map in guide received at registration

1:00PM International Cultural Fair

Location: T.M. Elmore Gymnasium

Details: The Cultural Fair may include organizations representing the following Countries. ***Australia – Panama – Poland – Romania – Scotland – Thailand – Ukraine – Vietnam (note: list is subject to change)***. It will be held at the T.M. Elmore Gym with the activities running from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Each group will set up stations to share information and answer questions about their cultures and customs.

Note that the afternoon Cultural display sessions are **Free and Open to the Public**, so please let your neighbors know.

3:15 PM **Closing Ceremonies**

Location: T.M. Elmore Gymnasium

Extra help at the end with a quick clean-up is always appreciated! Please note events and activities are subject to change based on volunteer availability.

**INDIVIDUAL CUB SCOUT AND WEBELOS REGISTRATION
SCOUTREACH CULTURAL ACTIVITIES DAY**

NOTE: An adult chaperone must always REGISTER AND ACCOMPANY every two (2) Cub Scouts/Webelos and is expected to participate/help during all activities. Pre-registration cost is \$15.00 per scout (\$10.00 for additional scouts in same family) and includes activities, lunch, and an event patch. Adult Leaders, parents/family members can purchase lunch tickets for \$10.00. Registration can be completed through Tentaroo at: <https://gac.tentaroo.com/admin2/events/4480/35692/ScoutReach-Cultural-Day>.

Do NOT turn in or mail in registration to the Scout Office. It must be completed through JotForm. Online registration needs to be completed no later than 5:00pm, Wednesday, February 18, 2026.

Since the emphasis of the NEW Cub Scout Program is on “Having FUN!”, the adventures/activities are being worked for ScoutReach Cub Scouts Activities 2026, but will include, at a minimum:

STEM-related activities

Knots

And MORE!!

The adventures/activities will be conducted in a Round Robin manner. Cub Scouts will not be able to complete all the requirements for every area they visit but will receive a list of the requirements covered in each session they choose to attend. None of the adventures/activities are rank specific, but instead open to all ranks.

On JotForm, you will see the following options:

Total Number of Cubs/Webelos/AOL Registering X \$15.00
Total Number of Cubs/Webelos/AOL in same family as primary scout)
 X \$10.00
Total Number of Adult Leaders in Registration X \$10.00

Total Number of Adult Leaders Registering _____ x \$10.00
(At least one chaperone per every two Cubs/Webelos must register)

Additional Lunch Tickets Needed _____ X \$10.00

(Volunteers, Instructors, Siblings, Other Family
Members, etc.)

****No refunds are available. Substitutions are allowed.**

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SINCE THERE ARE NUMEROUS ADULTS AT THE OVERALL EVENT, AT LEAST ONE ADULT MUST BE PRESENT WITH THE TROOP ALL DAY FOR THE EVENT, ALTHOUGH TWO ADULTS PRESENT IS RECOMMENDED

Scouts BSA Merit Badge Classes

Most merit badge classes are scheduled from 8:30am until 12:00pm on Saturday morning, except American Cultures which will begin at 12:30pm with a mandatory orientation session at the Elmore Gym registration area. Most classes will be limited to 15 to 20 Scouts due to classroom space limitations. Requirements for all merit badges may be found in the current edition of the Scouts BSA Requirements pamphlet. Since completed merit badge requirements will be shown in Tentaroo, and leaders will be able to print out blue cards from their Tentaroo account, there is no need for scouts to have blue cards with them.

MERIT BADGE	INSTRUCTOR	Max Headcount	LOCATION
Aviation	Blake Mathis Saving our Flying Heritage	15	Huntsville Executive Airport 358 Bolling Rd, Meridianville, AL 35759
Citizenship in Community	Thomas Ross	20	T M Elmore Classroom # 2
Citizenship in Nation	Kirby Robinson	20	T M Elmore Classroom # 6
Citizenship in Society **(All day Class)	Mary Breedon Dave Stone	20	T M Elmore Classroom # 3 **(All day Class)
Citizenship in World	Tony White	20	T M Elmore Auditorium (morning)
Communications	Dr. Lillie Walker	20	T M Elmore Classroom # 7
Crime Prevention	HSV Police	20	T M Elmore Classroom # 4 (10:30am - 12:00pm)
Fingerprinting	Ronda Killingsworth (HPD)	20	T M Elmore Classroom # 4 (8:40am – 10:30am)
First Aid	Tom Cash	20	Morrison Building Room 101A
<u>AFTERNOON MERIT BADGES</u>			
American Cultures (1 – 1:15 Orientation)	Joe Pohuski	No Limit	T M Elmore Auditorium

American Heritage	LaVern Spearman	10	T M Elmore Classroom # 4
Entrepreneurship	Jason Cuny	20	T M Elmore Classroom # 6

* Must be registered for class no later than morning registration. Each Scout MUST also attend **both** meetings (orientation starting at 1:00pm **and** following the Cultural Activities to brief counselor on what has been learned.). This MB class may exceed the 20 Scout limit.

**** Citizenship in Society will be an all-day MB. Due to the nature of the requirements, it will be taught in small group. Two adult counselors are planned per group.**

*** American Heritage and Entrepreneurship MB Classes (Scout must have previously completed American Cultures MB to register for afternoon MB. A Scout is Trustworthy!)

Classroom assignments and first period reporting instructions will be provided at registration and again at the end of the Opening Ceremony.

Merit Badge Requirements: It is important that Scouts and leaders review the requirements for each merit badge and completion procedures for partially completed badge requirements. Not all requirements can be completed for many badges. Special instructions for certain badges follow:

American Cultures (class size unlimited): This merit badge is offered in the afternoon and requires the Scout's full participation in the Cultural Fair (1:00pm to 3:00pm). It is conducted under the supervision of MB instructors and Scout leaders. All requirements can be completed on site except #5, but the scout needs to check in and meet with the counselor after visiting the booths to get credit for requirements 1-4. Do not just leave.

American Heritage (Class size 10 max): Requirement 1 can be completed in class. The other requirements can be completed if the scout does research on them before class and prepares a response in advance to discuss during class.

Aviation (Class size 20 max): For 2026, the Aviation Merit Badge is again offered by Saving Our Flying Heritage (SOFH). It includes classroom and hands-on aviation training. The center point of the hands-on training will be a US Army, Vietnam-era Cessna 305D, mostly known as an O1 or L-19 Birddog. The class is limited to 20 Scouts and is scheduled to start at the **Huntsville Executive Airport in Meridianville (in the Flight Center Conference Room)** at 8:30am and end at 3:00pm. See attached map for detailed directions. Scouts must pre-register and should meet at the Airport classroom at 8:30am. Parents are expected to provide transportation to and from this event. Lunch will be provided at the airport. All requirements except 3 will be completed during the class. Requirement 3 (either 'a' or 'b') needs to be completed outside the event, whether before or after the event.

Citizenship in Community (Class size 20 max): Only requirements 1, 2, 4a, 6, and 7a/b will be completed during the class. All other requirements (3, 4b/c, 5, 7c, and 8) will be discussed during class, but need to be completed outside the event due to the nature of the requirement.

Citizenship in Nation (Class size 20 max): All requirements except number 8 will be completed during the class. Requirement 8 needs to be completed outside the event; although if the Scout writes his Congressperson or Senator (per the requirement) and brings the letter and the response to the class, they will get fully signed off then.

Citizenship in Society (Class size 20 max): These instructions are critical: Requirement 1 is mandatory to complete before class as it forms the foundation for the rest of the merit badge. Scoutmasters – make sure your scouts and parents understand this requirement. They must come to the session with that work done. Period. It doesn't take long, but the requirement is clear.

Requirements 2, 7, and 8 require some research and may result in being left as a partial. All other requirements can likely be completed, depending on preparation and contributions from the scouts. These include: 1 (if research completed prior to class), 3, 4, 5, 6 (in pairs), 9, 10, and 11. Please understand that the small group discussions during this class may be very sensitive in nature and may make some scouts feel a little uneasy to discuss. As such, there will be ground rules established by the counselors around respect and trust. The counselors will ensure a safe environment, and monitor that it stays that way, since it is critical to allow scouts to open up and talk about their challenges in a non-threatening environment.

Citizenship in World (Class size 20 max): Only requirements 1, 2, 3, and 5 will be completed during the class. Requirement 7e can be completed by visiting the cultural displays in the gym that afternoon. All other requirements need to be completed outside the event.

Communications (Class size 20 max): Only requirements 1c/d, 2, 3, 6 (start), and 9 will be completed during the class. All other requirements (1a/b, 4, 5, 6 (completion), 7, and 8) will be discussed during class but need to be completed outside the event due to the nature of the requirement.

Crime Prevention (Class size 20 max) – Taught between 10:30am – 12:00am: This class will be taken during the morning session as can be conducted back-to-back with the Fingerprinting MB – if the scout needs both. Scouts will need to sign up for both classes. The troop must plan for proper supervision if Scouts are not in a classroom. Only requirements 1, 3, 6a, 8, and 9 will be taught during the class. All other requirements need to be completed outside the event.

Entrepreneurship (Class size 20 max): Requirements 1, 2, and 4 can be completed in class. The other requirements can be completed if the scout does research on them before class and prepares a response in advance to discuss during class.

Fingerprinting (Class size 20 max) – Taught between 8:40am – 10:30am: This class will be taken during the morning session as can be conducted back-to-back with the Crime Prevention MB – if the scout needs both. Scouts will need to sign up for each class, if they desire to complete both. The troop must plan for proper supervision if Scouts are not in a classroom. Fingerprinting MB can be completed on this day if the Scout passes a written test.

First Aid (Class size 20 max): The specific requirements that can be completed in class are currently TBD, as it has been several years since the First Aid MB was taught during Cultural Day. Key for scouts is that they should review requirements ahead of time and “Be Prepared” to discuss or demonstrate what can be reasonably completed during a 3-1/2 hour period of instruction.

LUNCH: The price of lunch is included in the registration fee. If you are not registered and wish to eat you must purchase a Lunch ticket in the Registration Area. Lunch will be served in the Ernest Knight West Campus Living and Learning Complex Cafeteria (Building 63) between 12:00am and 1:00pm. You must have a lunch ticket to be served.

DISPLAYS AND DEMONSTRATIONS: The Cultural Day Fair provides an opportunity and encourages a better understanding of the differences and similarities of the many culture heritages of our great nation. Organizations representing the following Cultures are invited to the Fair: ***Australia – Panama – Poland – Romania – Scotland – Thailand – Ukraine – Vietnam (note: list is subject to change)***. However, this list may change based on schedule availability.

Note that the afternoon Cultural display sessions are ***Free and Open to the Public***, so please let your neighbors know.

SECURITY AND SAFETY: The Campus Police Chief has requested that all Scouts and Scouters utilize only the overpass when crossing Meridian Street. All Youth must be accompanied by an Adult Leader. There will be monitors stationed in the bathrooms to ensure safety and proper conduct while utilizing the washroom facilities.

CLOSING ASSEMBLY: Scoutmasters and Cubmasters should pick up Merit Badge requirements and Activity forms respectively, if available. Colors are to be retired, closing remarks made, and clean-up completed.

Directions to Alabama A&M University Campus

IF COMING FROM HUNTSVILLE:

Go North on Memorial Parkway to Winchester Road

Turn right (east) on to Winchester Road and travel one block to the intersection of Winchester Road and Meridian Street. You will pass the UPS Building enroute to the first light. Turn right onto Meridian Street. You are now going south on Meridian Street. Travel under the pedestrian overpass to the first traffic light. Make a right turn and park in the parking lot between the football stadium and the TM Elmore Gym Bldg.

IF COMING FROM MERIDIANVILLE, HAZEL GREEN OR FAYETTEVILLE:

Go south on Hwy 231 (Memorial Parkway) until you reach Winchester Road.

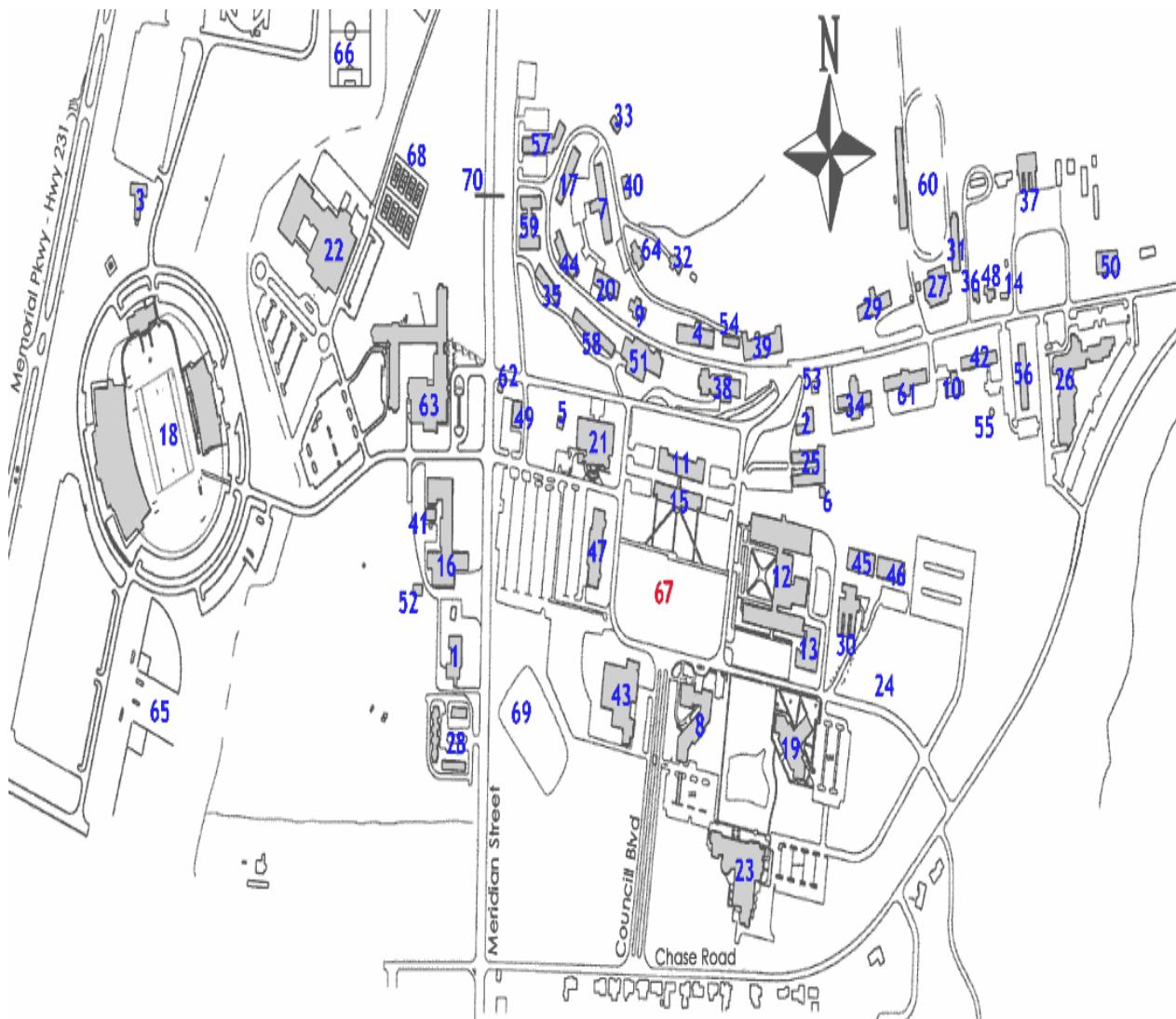
Turn left (east) on to Winchester Road and travel one block to the intersection of Winchester Road and Meridian Street. You will pass the UPS Building enroute to the first traffic light. Turn Right on to Meridian Street. You are now going south on Meridian Street. Travel under the pedestrian overpass to the first traffic light. Make a right turn and park in the parking lot between the football stadium and the T. M. Elmore Gym Bldg.

IF COMING FROM ARDMORE OR ATHENS:

Connect to Memorial Parkway in Huntsville. Follow instructions as if coming from Huntsville AL

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AAMU Campus Map Legend

1 Crump Agricultural
Mechanics Building
2 Old Band and Drafting
Building
3 Old Barn and Silo
4 Bibb Graves Hall
5 Boiler #1
6 Boiler #2
7 Buchanan Hall
8 School of Business
9 Carnegie Library
10 Carpentry Building
11 Carter Science Hall
12 Carver Complex
13 Carver Annex
14 Councill Credit Union
15 Chambers Science Bldg
16 Councill Training Center
17 W. H. Councill Hall
18 Louis Crews Stadium
19 Dawson Building
20 Drake Dining Hall
21 Drake Memorial Learning
Resources Center (Library)
22 T. M. Elmore Gym
23 School of Engineering
24 Ag Research Center Bldg
25 Foster Irradiation Center

26 Foster Living Learning Complex
27 Frank Lewis Gym
28 Gravitt Apartments
29 Grayson Hall
30 Greenhouses
31 Gym Annex
32 Hillcrest (President's Home)
33 Honors Building
34 Hopkins Hall
35 Hurt Hall
36 Infirmary
37 E Kendrick Maintenance Facility
38 Ralph H. Lee University Center
39 McCalep Vocational Building
40 McCormick Building
41 Mechanical Engineering Annex
42 Morris Hall
43 Morrison Building
44 Palmer Hall
45 T. G. Parker Building
46 T. G. Parker Annex
47 Patton Hall
48 Polk Cottage
49 Post Office
50 Poultry Science Building

51 Prentice Dining Hall
52 ROTC Skills Center
53 Campus Police Office
54 Old Security Office
55 Old Silo
56 Stephens Hall
57 Terry Hall
58 Thigpen Hall
59 Thomas Hall
60 Old University Stadium
61 Walker Wood Hall
62 Water Pump House
63 Dr. Ernest L. Knight West
Campus Living and
Learning Complex
64 State Black Archives
65 Baseball and Softball Field
66 Soccer Field
67 The Quad
68 Tennis Courts
69 The Duck Pond
70 Covered Footbridge

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Aviation Merit Badge

The Aviation Merit Badge will be held at the Huntsville Executive Airport in Meridianville. Specific directions are as follows:

- Take Memorial Parkway North to Meridianville
- Turn east off of US-431 North onto Meridianville Bottom Road.
- After looping around south end of runway, turn left on Bolling Road
- Follow Bolling Road until you come to Yulista's M-5 facility (first Hangar on the left after you turn onto Bolling Road)
- The Aviation MB will be taught in Yulista's facility, Flight Center Conference Room