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Architecture	Excellent		12	12		1	2	3	I have three children and only one is in Boy Scouts right now, To fill up three Saturdays is too much and will eliminate me from being a volunteer. Also, I ran into conflicts with my Cub Scout's Pinewood Derby on the make up day.	<p>I didn't teach a class, as was in the bullpen assisting in classes when they weren't too deep or if someone needed a break.</p> <p>I love doing it at the school and it is a wonderful program for the scouts. The councilors are well versed and really brought a lot of enthusiasm to their classes.</p> <p>Cons: MBU ended over a month ago and one of the boys is still has no data on his class. At the April 1st deadline, only 40% of the badge work was entered into the system. We loose momentum and enthusiasm when there is a partial and the troop could have been working on that between MBU Sessions.</p> <p>In Lieu of reporting t in Double knot, please have it done through Scoutbook. it would eliminate a whole step of the Advancement Coordinator having to do data entry that the MBU Councilor has already done.</p> <p>Overall, well done and we look forward to doing it again next year!</p>
Architecture	Adequate	odd shaped desks	14	16	15	2	1	3		
Architecture	Poor	it was a nursing room. had little or no write up space and AV was poor.	14	14	12	1	2	3		
Art	Adequate	We were originally assigned to what turned out to be a hazardous chemicals closet, so we had to join rooms with the other art class.	12	14		3	2	1		
Art	Poor	It was a closet which stored chemicals	14	14		1	2	3		<p>This year was extremely hectic. Since my room was a closet, we combined the 2 Art classes. Giving us a combined group of more than 30 scouts, which required us to borrow desks from another classroom.</p> <p>Fortunately the other lead instructor and I have worked together for several years before.</p> <p>Both of us were quite surprised to find that we had three sessions not the three listed on line. When the third was added we should have received an email with the additional roster. It was a good thing that I always carry extra supplies so I could cover the extra 30+ scouts.</p>
Auto Maintenance	Excellent		16	18		1	2	3		Really enjoyed my fellow counselors and the kids!
Aviation	Adequate	Smartboards only work with google / no password available for smartboard wifi network	12	16	15	3	1	2	Start times need to be later!!! This year's start times were very tough on instructors and troops. Morning session starts should not be earlier than 8:30.	<p>7:45 am was too early for session start times, most of my session 1 Scouts had difficulty waking up.</p> <p>Overall organization was good, I thought traffic was improved over past years.</p> <p>Confused about requirements for multiple copies of records, please settle on either only the doubleknot report or just paper copies.</p> <p>The new requirement for a copy of the paper report appears to be someone with OCD, have never been required to do this.</p> <p>I think it was better to have fewer total merit badges offered.</p>
Aviation	Adequate	classroom	16	16		2	1	3		

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Bird Study	Excellent		12	14		1	2	3		What happened to the old way of earning merit badges when the scouts contacted the counselor and went from there. It seems as though we are leading the scouts by the hand and not permitting them to accept the responsibility of setting up their own appointments. I think this deprives the scouts of a valuable growth experience. Youth protection protocols should still be used.
Bugling	Adequate	It was awfully far away. Scouts struggled to get to class on time and I assume to other classes on time.	12	16		2	3	1		<p>There are classes that need stringent pre-requisites. Bugling is one of them. Scouts should own, or rent a trumpet, bugle, coronet or flugelhorn. Not a \$30 decoration they bought on EBay. They should have achieved playable fluency with that instrument. We had scouts with no Musical background, no experience playing any brass instrument. Learning the trumpet or bugle takes months if not years of practice. We can't teach it in 3 hours.</p> <p>These pre-requisites need to be published beforehand. Also possibly scouts could apply and are accepted to classes like this. Rather than drop the class on the first day or settle for a permanent partial.</p> <p>Everything else was great. Thanks for taking this on.</p>
Chess	Excellent	Limited disruption	16	16		2	1	3		
Cit in Community	Adequate	3-204 was a great room. On the second day we were moved to a room in building 2. This classroom was very tight for our purposes and the noise from the bathroom hand-dryer was a frequent problem.	16	18		1	2	3		
Cit in Community	Excellent		18	18		2	3	1	there is no need for a lunch break on days with single classes. Cut the time between classes to 10 minutes. It's too long of a day for many of the scouts. First class should be the shorter of the the classes as work has not been assigned	the tracking sheets were excellent this year. great improvement. it felt very micromanged being asked to turn in tracking sheets daily. Let the counselors be responsible for getting the info into the system as their time permits.
Cit in Community	Excellent		12	12		2	1	3		
Cit in Community	Excellent		14	16		1	2	3		Maybe think about staggering lunch times. Location was not great for the entire group to have lunch at the same time. Very crowded and confusing for younger scouts.
Cit in Community	Excellent		16	18		3	1	2		
Cit in Community	Excellent		16	16		2	1	3	3 hours was enough	
Cit in Nation	Excellent		12	14		1	2	3		Break between classes of some sort to give teachers a break.
Cit in Nation	Excellent		14	18		1	2	3	This year was perfect EXCEPT that we absolutely need a week off between sessions. Important for badges with a field trip. And Scouts are busy - giving them two weeks to complete requirements is key to good performance.	Why are you asking about minimum-age requirements? You can't add or subtract to requirements - including setting minimum age. Yes, a 16-year-old will get more out of Personal Management than a 12-year-old, but we can't alter requirements under BSA policy.
Cit in Nation	Excellent	Plenty of seating	16	16	13	2	1	3	2 classes was a great format	<p>The directions for input into Doubleknot were excellent! The pictures and the button descriptions were right on the money. Truly outstanding!</p> <p>Also, there was less congestion in the halls when arriving. This was a plus.</p> <p>One drawback was the limited number of counselor check in stations. There were lines and one or two more tables maybe alphabetically would make it move a lot faster. Thanks</p>
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Cit in Nation	Adequate	Presentation from Screen Projector	14	16		1	2	3	I think combining in 2 weekends makes sense would not extend to 3 weekend	I enjoy teaching the class and look forward to teaching next year. I would also ask the scouts to fill out a survey at the end of session. What was the best and where we can improve.
Cit in Nation	Excellent		16	18		2	3	1		Well run this year, only concern is the troops that didn't distribute room assignments to the scouts resulted in many kids not sure where to go
Cit in Nation	Excellent		12	16		1	2	3		
Cit in World	Excellent	Foxborough 7 421?	16	16		2	1	3	The day was long for scouts.	It would have been more helpful to have ability to update the completed requirements as we went. Honestly, I did not like the team approach to teaching the merit badges, meaning grouping of all the merit badge counselor teaching the same mb and telling one person s/he is the lead for the group. (I like my co-teacher, but would have liked the option to choose my own second, as I have done in the past) my second did not have experience with the mb, but he was an interesting and nice guy. I like the idea of having the same expectations for homework/pre-work but felt that some people's opinions can be imposing and condescending. I am uncertain if I would teach at MBU again.
Cit in World	Excellent	comfortable, large enough for group management, electronic board a huge plus!	14	16		1	3	2		
Cit in World	Excellent	n/a	14	16	14	1	2	3	I would like option one to be 1 1/4 hours to give kids more time to get between class for a total teaching time of 4 hours similar to Eagle camp time.	I would have like a number to call an it person to my room when screen projected did not work. Overall I had a backup system and it worked out fine. Overall the team running the event did a fantastic job give the resources and number of scouts. could we do a scout text to instructors phone for a class sign in? Please do not go to four weekends that is too tough on all involved Thanks for doing a great job!
Cit in World	Adequate	Finding classrooms in the School is difficult for everyone	14	14		2	1	3	Less moving from class to class is better and less days better	Thank you for having MBU. Great for Scout Advancement.
Cit in World	Excellent		16	16	13	1	2	3		
Cit in World	Excellent		16	16		3	2	1	I don't really think a two weekend class schedule is viable. And I don't see the original OCC schedule which was week1 class, week2 class, week3 off, week4 class. These worked out real well.	
Climbing	Excellent	It was fine	14	16		2	1	3	Strongly prefer only 2 weekends. Pretty strong preference for one 90 minute class, because the 3.5 hours seems like more teaching time, but Kids in the last 2 periods this year were basically shot (unable to focus or pay attention).	Unlikely to participate if it's 3 weekends. Please think harder about driving and parking - stagger arrivals intentionally would be one option. You need to do whatever it takes to get cars off the main road ASAP.
Collections	Excellent		14	14	14	2	1	3		I think next time I would choose a merit badge that was a bit more involved as we finished nearly everything during the first weekend.
Communications	Excellent		14	16		3	2	1		
Communications	Excellent	N/A	18	18		3	2	1	Having double classes on one Saturday just doesn't work well. It is a long day for the Scouts and the MBU Counselors. It is better to have a the old schedule that work fine for all.	I understand that it is a difficult event to run so, I won't complain!

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Communications	Adequate		14	16		3	1	2	there should be a break to allow Scouts to complete homework etc.	thank you for your effort to run MBU. One final request is to consider the output to the units. I saw the Excel file and it looks difficult to read. I know there are limitations on how data can be outputted. Not sure if there are any other ways to provide output to units while accounting for the volume of scouts and merit badges.
Communications	Adequate	Had to move room around	16	16		2	3	1		
Communications	Excellent		12	12		1	2	3		
Cooking	Excellent		14	14	12	3	2	1	This years schedule was too long on the first day. The kids were not as engaged and I noticed that some of my troop members were saying how the first day felt like school to them	
Cooking	Excellent		14	18	13	2	3	1	Having an open weekend between class days helps with homework and projects. Three class days are better than two. 3.5 hours of class is better than 3.0. Many of the MBs, particularly Eagle required MBs, are rushed in an MBU setting, so the more time, the more thoroughly the MBs can be covered, which is the point.	I thought MBU went well, but the full-day version was exhausting - I don't know how much the scouts got out of the last afternoon class. I think the proposed schedules are improvements. As a unit leader, I would have liked to see more offerings, although that is not a criticism of the MBs that were, in fact offered. Our advancement chair might have some suggestions for the format in which results are reported, which are cumbersome (we sent over 35 scouts to MBU and the reports have hundreds of data points. If you are interested in details on this, please contact me. There also appear to be a pretty high rate of errors in the results, which happens, and we are trying to work that out with scouts and MB counselors. I will let you know if that goes well or poorly. Overall, MBU always amazes me - it is like a pop-up college that runs exceptionally well, which is much to the credit of those volunteers who organize it.
Cooking	Excellent		16	16		1	3	2	I like that the kids get a break from a class with the one hour sessions, some of these badges aren't a lot of fun and having it split makes it more digestible. making the breaks in between slightly longer might also be helpful, especially for classes like Cooking where we have a lot of prep work between classes, it also gives the kids a few more minutes to burn some energy.	We needed more help in the kitchen, it is a very long day and none of us even had a chance to sit or take a bathroom break if we wanted to keep up with the flow. The 1 or 2 times I was able to slip out for 3 seconds I was disappointed to see how many adults were milling around while we couldn't breath. We managed and this is not a complaint, just an observation. Overall, coming from an era where we were lucky to find MB counselors that were still active, never mind a huge opportunity like this to get bang OUT mb's, I think it's a great program! One small caution, I am sure that there is some pressure from leaders and parents to find ways to complete more of these MB's at MBU. I would not make it any easier than it already is. We are not doing these kids any favors if we do, in my opinion.
Cooking	Adequate	We needed a little more space for the scouts to work that we really didn't have.	14	14		3	2	1		
Cooking	Adequate	Had some noise issue that made it hard to deliver our message effectively. Was ok in the end.	18	18		2	1	3		

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Cooking	Excellent		12	12		3	1	2	Three Saturdays seems best. I have taught and assisted at three different MBU years and the two weekend option stresses everyone out and forces teachers to rush thru the curriculum. The kids seemed overwhelmed jamming everything in a shorter time frame.	I thoroughly enjoyed assisting with the cooking merit badge. However, there are WAY too many kids allowed to take this badge for MBU. We rushed them through and after speaking to the scouts they felt rushed and didn't get the hands on time they expected with prep and cooking. This should be limited to the number of kids that can get solid time for the hands on portion. We had 15 kids per class every 45 minutes and they had ten minutes each station max. Need more adult supervision as well. Kids using knives that some of which have NEVER done before. Suggest increasing number of adult supervision.
Cooking	Adequate	This rating is not a negative. Cooking requires practical and book teaching. Most important was having the cooking equipment available. Thus, the book teaching areas were not typical classroom settings, making this a little more difficult.	18	18		2	3	1	6 hours of instruction is too much for most Scouts. Also having the morning classes held, then a second round in the afternoon wastes a lot of time with Scouts milling about the school. Do 90 minute classes starting early with NO lunch break.	I we meet on three Saturdays, then single hour classes should be sufficient.
Cooking	Excellent	In the future I would like to know if we can have the classrooms across from the kitchen. It will give us a quieter area to talk and the Scouts will not need to stand for the entire class.	18	18		3	2	1	I would like to see cooking become a three period class. This will give us the time to prep the Scouts then execute the meal and then recap everything. Currently we are always in high gear and not giving the Scouts enough time to do the work or learn everything. Knife skills is only given about 10 minutes and it is one of the most important topics in the kitchen. Food handling is given only about 20 minutes and that is right up there with knives where we need them to know how to handle the food and keep everyone safe. When the Scouts make something, more often than not (in the past) they would not have the opportunity to eat it. Not right, what message are we sending? In general the more time we put into this the better it will be. I always look at this as it is Eagle Required, it is also a life skill, let's give it the time it deserves. This year I was able to have them do a great deal at home and that I will do again and always going forward. The more we can let them touch the food the more confident they will be handling it.	This is a great program. Everyone worked hard at putting a great program together. Nick was and is a great resource for the program. He was hands on and very visible each weekend. Ed Behn, and Bill Mill-Curran did a bang up job and need to be recognized for everything if it was not for the three of them working as a team at all times, the program (MBU its self) would not have been half as good and the Scouts loose out. We also had Lisa who was a constant when questions needed to be answered she did the running around and got the answer and returned the call or had Nick, Ed or Bill contact me. This is something I heard a lot from the other councilors. Next year is only going to be better. For a negative, in general we need longer periods and for Cooking more than one period. My look at this is you have Scouts who have elected to attend, they are our core. They want to move up and keep on going to the point of Eagle. Nobody is forcing them to be there; they have elected to be there. Let's give them a great training opportunity. Sorry for rambling, it was a great year for MBU and Scouting in general. Thank you all for your time in helping form a better America with the best program in the nation!
Crime Prevention	Adequate	My laptop was in the corner so I had to walk back and forth to advance the screen. The remote wouldn't work to click through my slides	18	18	14	2	1	3	Longer days are preferable to scheduling more weekends. Families with multiple children can face real scheduling challenges when attempting to volunteer for a month-long program.	Providing lunch was a great benefit. Would love an opportunity to teach 2 of 3 sessions so I could take an in-person leadership training for one of them. Would take on larger classes to make this happen.
Crime Prevention	Excellent		14	16	14	1	2	3		
Electricity	Excellent	We used 5-111 for experiment and 5-143 for class room sessions	16	16		2	3	1	Two one hour classes times three made for a long day. In the past we had take home work for each break. It was a little much to have it all done over one break considering other MB work.	The event has great value to the scouts in the Council. Perhaps having earlier registration deadlines will relieve some of the last minute pressures.
Electronics	Excellent		14	14		3	2	1	Long class times like 90 minutes is generally harder for the kid to keep attentive.	
Engineering	Adequate	having a working whiteboard and projector would have been great	16	16		2	1	3		Multiple lines for lunch would be good Better parking lot logistics Better communication leading up to the event, for those who have never done it, you don't have a clue as to how it works. This was my first year and it was very frustrating

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Engineering	Excellent		14	16		1	3	2	3.5 hrs needed for Engineering. 2 weekends better than 3 which is a bigger commitment.	Good job overall + lead counselor was excellent...
Environmental Science	Excellent		14	16		1	3	2	New England weather is tough.	Great job again!! Thanks for everything!!
E-Prep	Excellent		14	16		2	1	3		
E-Prep	Adequate	The space is fine teaching, is it excellent no. None of the spaces would be excellent. I love the location of the room because of easy access to outside which is needed for some of the requirements.	14	14		2	3	1	Maybe for make the classes 70 minutes. It would be better to have 3 equal class sessions in options 3 and 1. 2 Sessions of 90 minutes in option 2 would be very hard.	I checked yes for an age requirement. The real issue for us teaching E-Prep is they Must have First Aid Completed. Too many of the scouts did not have it and they struggled with many of the things. It must be a hard requirement to join the class. If they don't have it we should be able to ask them to leave the class. A little older is better for this MB just because of experience.
E-Prep	Adequate	The space was clean an organized and we did not have to modify the layout for our usage.	16	18		3	1	2	I think there needs to be more time between the events to ensure that the scouts have enough time to finish their assignments.	I think in general that the allotted time to teach the merit badges for the students is pretty low. I think more time in the class would be beneficial in many circumstances. Merit badges are designed to teach and practice new skills and if there isnt enough time then all the scouts are doing is checking off boxes. My big complaint about the location where the MBU was taught was the lunch situation. There just wasnt sufficient seating for scouts, parents, and volunteers. On one day I wound up sitting in the middle of the lunch room on a dirty wet floor and many other people did as well. there were sufficient numbers of tables stacked up around the exterior of the room. It would be helpful for future events.
First Aid	Excellent		18	18		3	1	2	For First Aid with double periods none of the options presented are ideal. Better to have three days with 2 hrs each day...	Something is wrong with the scorekeeping /results data. Maybe people do not understand how to enter things properly or the results are getting skewed when translated from raw form to the "blue" cards. Since I myself struggle with this as I do it only once a year somebody above my pay grade will have to figure it out. Disregard my entries on class size (there should be an N/A box) as First Aid can handle about 80 scouts.
First Aid	Excellent		18	18	12	1	2	3	My choices coincidentally lined up 1-2-3. I think 2 weekends would be easier on families as a whole, and easier on the scouts to manage.	The area used by the First Aid MB crew was also used by everyone there, as a convenient place to eat lunch. (Lots of tables) Also, the way we were using the spaces available to us caused a lot of congestion. I think that would happen in any school that might be used for this activity. Limiting class size would require more counselors. What is the usual class size in that school? (Available seats per room) Prerequisites and homework(Appropriate to the badge) might help counselors to make better use of time available on weekends. Some counselors may be better with smaller (or larger) class sizes.
Fly Fishing	Adequate	The space works well. However not announcements or bells can be heard at the sight. Students can have a difficult time finding it and were directed to the wrong location on the first day.	12	12		3	2	1	I do not particularly like any of the above options, in a three week schedule it would be best to put the break week in week 3 of 4 so our off sight works best. Option 1 with the split classes on the same day has been a disaster to teach the last two years, might as well cancel the second class as kids are too fried to concentrate. With the materials we are trying to teach option 2 is better than 1 as we will not loose as much time to kids arriving and needing to get settled, might want change to Wk1-No Class(as this is where we have most weather issues), Wk-2 90min Classes, Wk-3off unless wk-2 had snow, wk-4 90min Class(by the end of March we should be good on weather possibly put a hold on 1st wk in april for a second snow date).	Randy & I need a third adult to make the class run smoothly. Even an adult unfamiliar with fly fishing would be a huge help especially when we were assigned 10+ scouts. We ran into the problem with only the two of us that if either one of us needed to use the restroom between classes we would either need to both leave the room or tell scouts they needed to wait outside of the building.
Genealogy	Excellent		14	16		1	2	3		
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Home Repairs	Excellent		16	16		1	2	3		
Home Repairs	Excellent		12	16		3	2	1	I would either reverse weekend 1 and 3 for Option 1, or reverse weekend 2 and three for Option 3.	I appreciate the work that goes into planning MBU, but it still seems that just trying to check in each weekend morning is a madhouse, with nothing posted on the columns as to which table you should go to, as well as keeping the Scouts separate from the counselors trying to check in.
Journalism	Excellent		12	12		2	1	3		
Model Design	Excellent	had full size models in the class room	12	14		1	2	3		
Music	Excellent		12	14		2	1	3	The two weekend option is the better option as most Scouts will have other commitments like sports, music, etc. that they want/need to attend.	I had a great time teaching the Scouts in my first year as a merit badge counselor and Assistant Scoutmaster. I agree with the communication issues that came up prior to MBU. I was a little confused over the process of recording the Scouts' completed requirements, so I think publishing an e-mail (or two) covering the procedure would make things a little smoother. Otherwise I hope to do it again next year!
Nuclear Science	Adequate	A science lab room would have been nice. Also needed white board markers. But it was certainly adequate.	14	16		1	2	3		Please carefully sanity check room assignments. There was lots of confusion the first day with kids assigned to multiple different classrooms that didn't even exist. Made for a late start the first day.
Nuclear Science	Adequate	I could make use of room with lab benches, like a science classroom. But, I'm able to work around and make due with the desks in the history classroom I have.	12	16		1	2	3	For STEM badges begin delivered to a group with diverse intellect and maturity, managing the scouts' attention span is a big deal. A 90 minute block of instruction is 30 minutes wasted for most of these scouts. The mid-day break on Day 1 is pretty clutch. It's a long punishing day on instructors, but it would be worse to have an easier day that's wasted. I still like the 90 minutes on the last day because we need the extra 30 mins to catch all the logistic loose ends on sign-offs, etc. Option 1 is painful, but good.	1. Regarding the minimum age question: I said "no minimum", because I've seen plenty of impressive 10-11 year olds handle the nuclear science material as well as some 17 year olds, but those were all very "sciencey" scouts who had really already gone and learned most of the material on their own already, independent of anything to do with BSA. So I wouldn't want an age limit, but if you can think some way of tagging courses like mine with a "PG-13" warning, that would be very cool. It's not a safety issue, like riflery or welding, just a question of whether the scouts are getting anything whatsoever out of the discussion their peers are having in the classroom. 2. There was confusion on the correct room number for my class which we tried to fix ahead of time, but was still wrong in the printed materials on MBU day 1. Everything worked out fine, so things are "good enough". You guys are doing an amazing job already, but if you're looking for something to fix, to go from good enough to perfect, there's an issue for you. 3. Some of the materials I bring are quickly perishable (dry ice; evaporates over the course of a few days) and a little tricky to transport in my car (can't have a sealed lid, or the evaporating gasses will blow it off), and I live almost an hour from Easton. I don't know if any other instructors have a analogous issues (food for cooking, maybe?), but if there were a way to have the vendor deliver it to the School the night before, so that I didn't have to acquire and then transport it myself in the few days before MBU,
Path to Scout	Excellent		18	18		1	2	3	all of these schedules are completely unworkable for families with college students who go away for spring break. Wk 3 off is needed in order to be able to take the 2 weeks off in March for spring break vacations. As it is families can't leave until MBU wk 2 is over for break.	
Path to Scout	Adequate	The flag pole by the running track was missing a snap hook. We had to improvise and ended up using a carabiner.	18	18		3	1	2		When are we likely to see the results data from the 2019 MBU?

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Path to Scout	Excellent	It was great to have the gym for P2S. We had a lot of flexibility & were able to keep the kids moving.	14	14		3	2	1	We had the youngest group, so this may not apply to everyone... but it was tough to keep scouts focused at the end of that first long day (the long day completely broke 2 kids - 1 of ours and 1 from MB classes who became ours 1/2 way through the day). It was like a full day of school on a Saturday. :(For results recording: when a MB has options like, "do 2 of 4," we need all 4 options to be available in the results system. Specifically, I recorded results for Music MB. The scouts worked on 3c & 3d in class. Only 3a and 3b were available to check off in Doubleknot. If scouts completed both, it doesn't matter if the incorrect options are recorded, because they completed the requirement. But if scouts did not complete BOTH parts of requirement 3, they have more to work on when they return to their troop. We need the troops to know that scouts completed 3d - so if they want to do 3a or 3b, those are still an option. I have tried to get help with this (including asking just for email addresses so I can inform troops directly) and after several attempts, still have not been able to get accurate info to troop representatives. So an entire month after MBU, some troops have inaccurate Music MB results.
Path to Scout	Excellent	Plenty of room , nice facility	18	18		2	1	3		
Path to Scout	Excellent		18	18		3	2	1	The very early start time was a challenge. several of the scouts found the double session to just be too much/too long for them. Others did fine.	The answers for my number of students per class don't really apply to the Pathway to Scouts Situation, they were required fields so take those with a grain of salt. We found that we had an excess of time and so we moved on to some additional requirements, which should be taken into consideration when planning next time. If there is anyway for Troops to notify us of special learning situations/ accommodations needed by scouts that would help. In some situations the Scout would benefit from having someone from their Troop/a parent who is familiar with them attend to facilitate.
Path to Scout	Excellent		12	12		3	1	2		For Path to Scout, instructors who are assisting with the different stations should be provided with more clear instruction on which skills/requirements they will be teaching at least one week prior to starting MBU so that they can prepare. There should also be a point of contact for any questions about which requirements specific individual Scouts completed after MBU.
Path to Scout	Excellent		14	16		3	1	2		When we received our merit badge info (completions and partials), we did not get the information from the Path to Scout. The leaders were looking to give credit for the rank in addition to a scoutmaster conference right away, but were unsure if all the requirements had been met. No paperwork results came for the Path to Scout participants. They also worked on Tenderfoot requirements and it would be great to see what skills they may have been checked off on. I worked at Path to Scout, so I know that all the requirement sheets were gathered, but after that????
Path to Scout	Excellent		14	18		3	2	1		
Path to Scout	Adequate	very loud and no projector	14	16		1	2	3	The double days are tiring for the Scouts, but I think maybe more would miss days if there were 3 weekends used	
Path to Scout	Excellent	With under 100 scouts, the space in the gym and the track was perfect. Multiple smaller groups running individual sections of the scout rank requirements allowed for us to all work with plenty of space and no concerns of space limitations. To your question about number of scouts, we averaged 8 - 12 scouts per group.	12	12		1	2	3	For the path to scout, groups worked at stations that were 15-20 minutes per stop, so, large groups could complete all stations by the end of the day. Three weekends becomes very difficult for parents with children that have various activities. Fewer days is better, to allow for easier family weekend planning.	I enjoyed this venue, and the program was extremely well run. I look forward to supporting the event again next year.
Personal Fitness	Excellent		18	16		2	1	3		

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Personal Fitness	Excellent		18	18	12	1	2	3		I noted that the checked boxes on the final printout distributed to parents was different than what I input into double knot.
Personal Management	Excellent		16	16		1	2	3		Emphasize car pooling. Difficult to move that many people/cars smoothly.
Personal Management	Excellent		14	14	15	1	2	3		
Pets	Excellent		16	18	13	2	1	3	Pets class does not require more time. Also NO LUNCH. For option 1 during week 2 and both weeks for option 2. It was a waste of time and would have Preferred to get out earlier in the day.	Love the 2 weeks vs 3 weeks. As volunteer it was much better.
Photography	Excellent		16	16	13	1	2	3	Having a weekend between the two sessions helps with the 'homework' required in the Photography Merit Badge	Scheduling the Pets merit badge next door to the Photography merit badge is terrific as one of Photography requirements is to take a picture of an animal. The assigned room also worked great in facilitating another requirement - to take a picture of nature as we have views of a tree from the room. The number of students per class was just right. It is tricky to make sure we have verified each of the student's requirements as complete. I feel that more students makes it more difficult to keep accurate records. Scout name tags would be helpful. Having access to Double Knot from the classroom was helpful in recording requirements after each class.
Programming	Adequate	Needed faster WiFi. No easy way to connect laptop to screen projector.	14	16	14	1	3	2		Would like the announcements of session start and end times, it was helpful. Thank you all the folks who put in so much work to make this happen.
Public Speaking	Excellent		14	16	13	2	1	3		Too many Scouts came away from MBU with partials. Not the best outcomes considering time and effort. We should work to be sure all merit badges offered can be fully completed during MBU.
Reptile and amphibian	Adequate	Had difficulties with the tv and sound. But space wise was perfect.	14	14	14	2	1	3	For the class I was in, there was not enough material to cover for the time slots. The class really only needed maybe 4 hours total to complete the badge, as long as the scouts did their prerequisites.	My one and only complaint is ... before you open registrations, it would be really helpful to know the prerequisites before you actually sign up for a class. Scouts can get a much earlier start if the prerequisites are listed in advance, also knowing what the prerequisites are may determine if a scout would even want to take a certain badge. Otherwise, I think everything else went rather smoothly.
Robotics	Adequate	We did not have access to any of the media devices in the classroom. We had to prop up a projector on a table and project onto a white board.	12	16		2	1	3	For Robotics it's hard to do a double session in one day because what the kids work on in the morning class has to be disassembled for the other morning classes. Therefore, when they come back in the afternoon they have to start from scratch.	
Space Exploration	Adequate	Unable to connect into the school's internet and use of the smartboard.	16	16		3	1	2	In any combination, three 60 minute classes work the best.	A double session day only works for Space EX because sessions 2 and 3 are activities. Even then, by the time the afternoon session occurs, my Scouts, most of whom are in 6th through 9th grade, are extremely tired. Last year and this year I had Scouts who were falling asleep regardless of the activity.
Sports	Adequate		12	12		3	1	2	a "double session" was not the way to go, scouts (and some adults) had difficulty focusing and paying attention by the end of the day. classes also started too early in the day for those who are not local.	anticipating this, I asked all 3 sections of my class what THEY thought. I feel since this is for the scouts, you NEED to hear from them, not just the adult volunteers. It was virtually unanimous that regardless of 2 weeks or 3, a week off between is a MUST. reasons were to enable time for school work, activities--including Scouting, etc... those who preferred 3 weekends thought the extra time would allow for better quality work, more time to prepare, etc.

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Theatre	Excellent		12	12		1	2	3	I thought it worked well this year.	Theater is very hard to do with too many students. There are challenges in trying to get everyone involved if there are more than ten students. Twelve should be an absolute maximum.
Traffic Safety	Adequate	electronic whiteboard takes up too much space at the front of the room. I would be glad to go electronic myself, but we would need to know in advance what we need to supply, and have instructions on how to work the system	18	18		3	1	2	Most badges need as much time as we can give them. Partials because we don't have time to cover the material should never happen. The 2-week schedule we did this year is more of a pain for my schedule (not able to get any errands done), and a long day for everyone involved.	This is the 2nd year in a row that I have heard about or experienced MBCs not turning in their "grade" sheets. There needs to be some mechanism in place to eliminate this. It isn't fair to the Scouts when they attend their classes and complete their assignments, but don't get the MBs they earn.
Traffic Safety	Excellent		16	16		1	2	3		
Woodworking	Excellent		16	16		2	3	1		The woodworking class should have additional class time, quite a few scouts do not have access to tools or space to attempt there project. I brought in material and hand tools without out them I'd say slim chance on 80% wouldn't have a project to work on. I also think with the fee for Mbu that some sort of reimbursement for material would help out, the trade type merit badge requires more than paper type material there is a hire cost .I was not to surprised that theses young scouts did not come prepared being in the trade I see this every day. Thanks Chris Pierce ps. Thank you for inviting me to help out at mbu I really enjoyed it ! Hopefully I can be of assistance in the future!
Woodworking	Excellent	Amazing amount of resources available for woodworking	12	12		1	3	2		Very difficult to get all of the woodworking requirements completed in the allotted time.
Woodworking	Excellent		14	14		1	3	2	More time and longer classes are better in the classroom for wood working.	