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**ALPHA PHI OMEGA TO HOST EIGHTH ANNUAL
MERIT BADGE DAY ON SUNY-ESF CAMPUS**

Syracuse, N.Y. — On March 31, 2007, the Syracuse University Hill will be home to more than its usual mix of students. 126 boys between the ages of 11 and 17 will enter SUNY-ESF's Marshall Hall for a crash-course in various skills, with a helping hand from more than 50 members of the Syracuse University/SUNY-ESF chapter of Alpha Phi Omega national service fraternity.

Between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., these boys, representing troops from the Hiawatha Seaway Council of the Boy Scouts of America can choose from over 20 different merit badges, including Citizenship in the Community, Graphic Arts, Pioneering, Surveying, Music, Communications, First Aid and Emergency Preparedness.

“This is the 8th consecutive year APO has hosted Merit Badge Day,” said President Kristen Vescera. “Phi Chapter goes into the surrounding community on a daily basis to do service projects. Merit Badge Day has always been a great way for us to extend our hand to local youth. We invite them up to the Hill for a taste of college and to teach them the skills they might not otherwise have had the opportunity to learn.”

Alpha Phi Omega is a national co-ed service fraternity. It is the single most representative undergraduate intercollegiate organization in the United States of America. For over seventy-five years, it has set the standard for college campus-based volunteerism. Phi Chapter was chartered on the Syracuse University/State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry campus in 1931.

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