

# Thank you for considering the Wetlands Institute in helping you to complete your recognition requirements!

## Attention Scout Leaders!

Bring your troop on a trip to the Wetlands Institute! Your troop will meet with one of our Wetlands educators to participate in a hands-on, interactive, and fun program while developing important skills. Cub Scouts can work on one of our themed programs while completing tasks to fulfill a Cub Scout or Webelo recognition. A visit to the Wetlands Institute is also an opportunity for Scouts to learn more about New Jersey's coastal ecology.

**Please be prepared for the weather! All activities involve some time outside, unless weather is severe.**

## What to Bring and How to Prepare

1. Wearing old clothes is best and don't forget jackets, hats, etc. Sun block is highly recommended, and bug spray is optional.
2. Foot protection is essential, especially in the water where we will be walking on jagged shells and rocks. Most water shoes are not adequate protection and flip-flops do not stay on feet in the water or mud. Sports sandals (waterproof sandals with straps) work effectively. Old submersible sneakers work as well. Occasionally, shoes are lost in the marsh mud! Please do not send your child in expensive shoes.
3. Programs are usually 3 hours long. A half hour lunch break will be provided if necessary, in which case, scouts should bring a bagged lunch.

PLEASE NOTE: Ticks are an ongoing problem anywhere in New Jersey and can be found almost anywhere out-of-doors. We will make every effort to minimize exposure, however there can be no guarantee that a child will not pick up a tick. Checking for ticks should be an ongoing daily routine when children have been outside. Authorities believe that ticks need 24 hours to imbed before they can convey Lyme disease. Checking carefully each night can avoid this problem. Please let us know if you would like more information about ticks and tick-borne illness.

For more information and to schedule a program, please email

Sue Slotterback, Environmental Educator at

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Non-badge educational programs are also available for Scouts.

Check out our website at <http://wetlandsinstitute.org/education/field-trips/> for details.



# Cub Scout Programs

at the



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## Program Themes for Tiger Cubs, Bear Cubs, Wolf Cubs and Webelos



Are your scouts “wild about wetlands and wildlife”? Choose a theme from the listing

below. Specific activities will be selected according to the rank, level and interest of the scout troop. Whether you are completing tasks for achievements, badges, and electives, earning Arrow Points, or working towards the Leave No Trace or World Conservation Awards, each theme will fulfill your requirements.

### ➤ **Becoming a Naturalist**



Following in the footsteps of early naturalists like Muir and Thoreau we will be making wildlife discoveries and sharing them with others. We'll be exploring the area, collecting specimens, creating a nature journal, or even starting our own mini-museum! - all while having fun learning about the wonders of the natural world.

### ➤ **Federal Junior Duck Stamp Program:**

#### **Connecting Scouts with Nature through Science and the Arts**

Studying nature and being an artist goes hand in hand. Scouts will work with a variety of art materials as they create and express their impressions of the world around them. We will be learning how to sketch, work with paint, and do crafts with natural materials as we learn about wetlands and their wildlife.



### ➤ **Lending the World a Helping Hand**

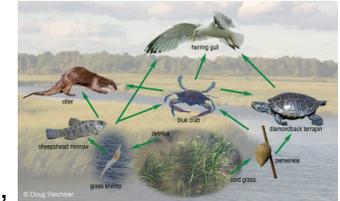
We all need water, air, shelter and food. Wildlife uses the same resources we do. Everything we do has an impact on our living world. We need to take care of our planet. What can we do to help wildlife and help ourselves at the same time? Through wildlife, water, and soil conservation we can shrink our footprint.



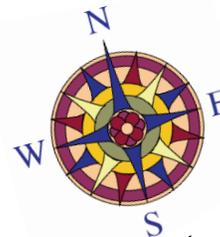
**Leave No Trace  
Award**

### ➤ **Ecology Explorer**

We share our world with wildlife. Birds, reptiles, insects, and marine life in our gardens, forests, beaches, and wetlands. We'll be investigating habitats, food chains, and weather while learning about the plants, animals, and the non-living resources they need to survive.



### ➤ **Finding Your Way**



Maps are not only useful tools for getting from one place to the next, they can be fun to create and fun to follow, especially when there is treasure to be found! Along with finding where we are, we'll be using our keen detective skills to map a course for discovery locating “letterboxes”, caches, or natural treasures hidden on the grounds. Bring your sense of adventure!



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