

Thank you for considering the Wetlands Institute in helping you to complete your Badges!

Attention Scout Leaders!

Make your Journey come alive with a visit 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 and learning 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.



Brownie & Junior Girl Scout Programs at the



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Brownie Badges



Hiker Badge

Get ready, get set ,...Get Out & About! Follow the signs for fun and discovery in the GREAT OUTDOORS!



Bugs Badge

Bugs help us in lots of cool ways. Explore the world of bugs and learn more about these little creatures that do so much.



Painting Badge

Brushes ready?? Let's get creative with paint as we learn to see the natural world in a whole new way.



Pets Badge

Having a pet can be lots of fun. And keeping animals healthy and happy requires lots of responsibility. Find out what it takes to keep the Wetlands Institute critters "in the swim of things".



Senses Badge

How do we know what we know about the world?? Our senses tell us! We'll be exploring the natural world and comparing our senses to senses that wildlife have.



Letterboxer Badge

Follow the clues, make up a letterbox, and have loads of fun with this worldwide hide and seek treasure hunt game.

Junior Badges



Animal Habitats Badge

Food, water, shelter - every living thing "has to have a habitat to carry on." We'll explore coastal habitats and find out what makes a habitat a home for wildlife.



Drawing Badge

Take your drawing outside! Practice and improve your drawing techniques while creating a nature journal to record your wanderings and ponderings.



Geocacher Badge

GPS units can do so much more than just help us get from one place to another. Join an exciting treasure hunt! Search for the caches anywhere in the world and make your own cache to hide.



Camper Badge

Living in the out-of-doors is so totally fun! Get ready for your next outdoor adventure learning new camp skills, camp crafts, and even a camp song or two!



Flowers Badge

Flowers are red and flowers are blue, but they're so much more you'll discover, it's true! Looking under the petals, making art, and sending messages we'll find the secret to flowers' powers.



Gardener Badge

Have fun creating a garden for wildlife. From planning to planting, we'll explore how to design a habitat for birds and butterflies.