

Wetlands Institute Programs for Junior Girl Scouts



Thank you for considering the Wetlands Institute in helping you receive your Girl Scout Badge!

In order to obtain a badge, the troop will complete six activities listed by the Girl Scouts hand book. The Wetlands Institute has specifically chosen these activities for each badge based on the resources that we have. If you have any questions, please call the Wetlands Institute at 609-368-1211.

What to bring and how to prepare

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

1. Wearing old clothes is best. Don't forget jackets, hats, etc. Sun block is highly recommended, bug spray is optional.
2. Foot protection is essential, especially in areas with water due to jagged shells and rocks. Most water shoes are not adequate protection and flip-flops do not stay on little feet in 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.
6. Girls do not have to bring a bagged lunch. Programs are usually 1.5-2 hours long. If you'd like to eat at the Institute after your program that's fine. Please notify us ahead of time.

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 this danger, 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 me know if you would like more information about ticks and tick-borne illness.

Programs Offered from the Jr. Girl Scout Badge Book

“Earth Connections” Program

- Activities:**
1. Be an Ecologist: Your Study Area
 5. Eco-Games
 6. Saving Animals and Plants
 7. Adapt or Perish
 8. Plants and People
 10. Earth as an Ecosystem

“Wildlife” Program

- Activities:**
3. Creature Feature
 4. We are Family
 5. Touch-Me-Not
 6. Staying Alive
 7. Take a Closer Look
 8. Animal Watcher

“Your Outdoor Surroundings” Program

- Activities:**
4. To Protect the Environment
 5. An Outdoor Hobby
 6. Classifying Outdoor Objects: The Artist and Scientist
 7. An Outdoor Career
 8. What Do You See?
 9. Take a Nature Hike!

“Water Wonders” Program

- Activities:**
1. It’s in a Cycle
 2. The Water You Drink
 4. Life Underwater
 5. Water Food Chain
 10. Water Comparisons

Non-badge educational programs are also available for Scouts. Please check out our website at <http://wetlandsinstitute.org/education/field-trips/> for details.