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, educational program while developing important skills, meeting requirements for badge work, and learning more about New Jersey’s coastal ecology.

The Wetlands Institute is here to help you complete your Badges!

Aquarium and Hands-on Exhibits View local marine life and interact with animals at the Aquarium Teaching Tank.

Terrapin Station Visit educational exhibits to learn about turtles and horseshoe crabs and then head over to the Turtle Basking Tanks and Horseshoe Crab Hatchery.

Nature and Birding Trail Explore the salt marsh on our ½ mile scenic walking trail and get a unique view of the wetland ecosystem from our 730ft-long elevated marsh walkway.

Wildlife and Habitat Gardens Stroll through our native plant gardens.

Observation Tower and Deck Climb our 3-story tower for amazing views of the wetlands and surrounding area.

Tidepool Shop Shop for nature related books, unique made-in-America gifts, clothing and toys.

Visit our website or call for a listing of our programs and events

For more information and to schedule a program, please email Sue Slotterback, Environmental Educator at sslotterback@wetlandsinstitute.org

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**Between Earth and Sky Journey**
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**5 Flowers, 4 Stories**
Let’s go on a wildlife safari to find what lives in the saltmarsh. Then we’ll visit the aquarium to see what it takes to care for the critters.

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**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.

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Part of a small troop?
For troops of less than 10 scouts, or single scouts, who want to work on a badge, many of our daily public programs touch on information required in several of the badges. So a visit to The Wetlands Institute may provide information and guidance. You can find information about our public programs on the Event Calendar on our website:
www.wetlandsinstitute.org

Are you ready to experience The Wetlands Institute like never before?
Pack your sleeping bag and join us for...

An Overnight at The Wetlands Institute

Outdoor STEM
Think Like a Citizen Scientist & Environmental Service Projects

Wildlife (including us!) depends on a healthy environment to survive. Clean water, healthy food, and safe cover; all in an adequate arrangement, are the basic necessities that make up an organism’s habitat. And all habitats are interconnected.

Environmental Service Projects offer opportunities to help others and improve the natural community on which we all depend; meet new friends and gain personal growth; and learn new skills and information; acquire work experience; and find out what’s involved with careers in the field.

Your time and efforts will make a ripple effect benefiting not only your academic needs and the needs of your targeted wildlife or wildlife habitat, but the needs of other organisms in the

Thanks for making a difference!