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

Attention Scout Leaders!

Make your badges 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.

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

Adult $8 • Children $6 • Members Free
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The Wetlands Institute Instructor is a registered Boy Scout Merit Badge Counselor and will be able to sign the Scouts’ Blue Merit Badge cards for the following Merit Badges:

- **Bird Study**
  - Birds are the most watchable wildlife, offering everything from a pleasant glance, an enjoyable hobby, or a rewarding career. We’ll practice using binoculars and field guides, and head outside to observe the birds of the salt marsh.

- **Fish & Wildlife Management**
  - Discover fish and wildlife management in NJ through the study of our wetlands. We’ll cover current threats to NJ species, management basics, and ways scouts can help wildlife. A wildlife walk and seine netting activity (weather permitting) lets scouts see some of the species in our protected salt marsh.

- **Geocaching**
  - GPS units are great tools for helping us get from one place to the next without using a traditional paper map. But they can also be used to locate “caches” hidden anywhere in the world through this exciting treasure hunt game.

- **Insect Study**
  - Insects and their arthropod cousins are around us all of the time. Yes, some are pests, but most are very beneficial, and all are totally interesting.

- **Nature**
  - Explore the relationships between plants and animals, construct a food web, and build a birdhouse to take home. We practice observing nature by looking for signs of the birds, reptiles, fish, and other animals of the marsh.

- **Oceanography**
  - Explore the branches of Oceanography, practice measuring the properties of water, and take a closer look at live plankton! Part of the lesson takes place at the beach or the Institute’s floating dock.

- **Plant Science**
  - Plant scientists use their curiosity and knowledge to develop questions about the world of plants. Then they try to answer those questions with further observations and experiments in the laboratory and in the field.

- **Reptiles & Amphibians**
  - Developing knowledge about reptiles and amphibians leads to an appreciation for all native wildlife. Understanding the life cycle of a reptile or amphibian and knowing about venomous species can help Scouts to be prepared to help in case of an emergency.

- **Soil & Water Conservation**
  - Conservation isn’t just the responsibility of soil and plant scientists alone. It is the duty of every person to learn more about the natural resources on which we live depend so we can help make sure these resources are used wisely and cared for properly.

- **Sustainability**
  - EAGLE REQUIRED MERIT BADGE
  - Identifying and evaluating our impact on natural resources is the first step in understanding what we can do to make a difference.

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**Programs Boy Scout & Cub Scout**

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**

Non-badge educational programs are also available for Scouts. Check out our Education webpage at wetlandsinstitute.org/education/ for details.

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

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

Traditional In-person Program Prices: $10 per Scout member while troop leaders and chaperones are free!
Group Size: Minimum of 10 Scouts per program.

Virtual Program Prices: $75 Virtual Program Fee plus $8 per participating Scout member while troop leaders and chaperones are free!
Group Size: Maximum of 25 Scout members per program.

Looking for an Advisor on a Badge or Service Project? Contact us to book a FREE 20-30 minute consultation. If possible, a donation of $20 to the Education Department would be appreciated.

Registration Procedure: Reservations are made by email (preferred) or phone on a first come first served basis. To book a program, please email Sue Slotterback at sslotterback@wetlandsinstitute.org

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 world.

Thanks for making a difference!