

Boy Scout Merit Badges

For all Merit Badges:

Please bring a backpack, water, a snack, and your signed blue card. Please arrive 10 minutes before class begins for check in. Add Hidden Valley's address and phone number to your blue card.

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

(6 - 6 ½ hours)

Join us for games, hiking, and discussion on the science of caring for our environment.

PREREQUISITES:

- A) 3E, #1 OR #2 - Bring to class a report on your endangered, threatened, or delisted species - make sure you spell check and reread for clarity. Be ready with a quick check off list of your findings to give an oral report to the group.
- B) Bring a photograph that you have taken (8 1/2" x 11") of an area that shows erosion (you will need the surrounding area in your picture as well). Be ready to explain why you think the area has eroded and what might be done to help alleviate the erosion.

\$15

Nature

(3½-4 hours)

Love nature? Learn about birds, mammals, reptiles and amphibians, plants, soil, and rocks.

Prerequisite:

4a2 - Make and set out a birdhouse OR a feeding station, OR a birdbath. List what birds used it during a period of one month. Scout may bring picture of his house, station, or bath, along with a list of birds seen, to class. He may also build a birdhouse during class, set it up at home, and bring in his bird list a month later for signing off. \$10

Mammal Study

(3½ - 4 hours)

Learn about mammal classification and food chains. Complete a project to help the mammals of our area

Prerequisite:

3c - Write a simple life history of one non-game animal. For details, see Mammal Study merit badge booklet. \$10

Reptile and Amphibian Study

(4 hours)

Alligators or crocodiles? Toads or frogs? Study the fascinating world of reptiles and amphibians.

Prerequisites:

- A) 8a OR b - bring proof of reptile OR amphibian observation.
- B) 9c - bring pictures of three reptiles or amphibians with a few notes on each - be ready to give a brief talk about each one. \$10

NEW HOMESCHOOL OPTION!!

Complete your environmental merit badge and earn credit for Jr. or Sr. High Science as you take an in depth look at the factors which make the environment work and discover ways that the world around us can be preserved and protected. Classes will be held twice monthly for a total of eight sessions as you experiment, explore, play games, and hike here at Hidden Valley. Check our website for dates, times, and fee. (No prerequisites - a small amount of homework will be assigned.)

Classes will be offered throughout the year. You may also reserve your own time and day.

Cost for reserved classes:

Environmental Science: \$150
minimum for 1-10 scouts;
\$15 for each additional scout.

*Mammal Study,
Nature and Reptile and
Amphibian Study:* \$100
minimum for 1 - 10 scouts;
\$10 for each additional scout

BOY SCOUT

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Offered at Hidden Valley Nature Center



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