



2023 Merit Badge Workshops

Environmental Science Merit Badge (Scouts Ages 13+ Only)

January 14, 2023 and July 15, 2023

Study a range of environmental science topics and issues including: The importance of bees to pollination, defining ecosystems, oil spill clean up techniques, field study comparison or different ecosystems, and more!



Bird Study Merit Badge

February 25, 2023

This workshop is all about birds! Learn how to use binoculars, practice bird identification, listen for bird calls, make a bird feeder, and more.



Nature Study Merit Badge

April 8, 2023

The Nature Study Merit Badge covers a little bit about many nature subjects including birds, mammals, reptiles, amphibians, and plants. Discover why different kinds of animals and plants are important to each other and to us!



Soil and Water Conservation Merit Badge

May 27, 2023

Investigate the importance of soil and water for plants, animals, and humans alike. Participate in a conservation project, perform an experiment on how water flows through soil types, observe soil and water conservation practices at the Dunwoody Nature Center, and more!



Sustainability Merit Badge (Scouts Ages 13+ Only)

June 24, 2023

Scouts will do a good turn for the Earth as they learn what they can do to live more sustainably. The Scout undertakes projects to understand the big picture regarding topics such as water, food, energy, and transportation, as well as waste reduction, species decline, and world population.

This Merit Badge requires a significant amount of work after the workshop date. Scouts will be required to attend a follow up meeting to show their completed work to the counselor.





Reptiles and Amphibians Merit Badge

August 26, 2023

Reptiles and amphibians aren't as gross and scary as many people think! Learn how to identify different reptiles, distinguish between venomous and nonvenomous, debunk common myths, and more.



Insect Study Merit Badge

September 16, 2023

During this workshop, observe insects in their natural habitats, including a live beehive! Identify what makes certain insects helpful and other harmful to humans, why insects are important in the food chain, and more. Outside of the workshop, observe an insect transform from larva to adult during metamorphosis.



Forestry Merit Badge

October 7, 2023

Practice tree identification in the field, learn ways to best manage forest resources, hear from a local forester about careers in forestry, hike along the Dunwoody Nature Center's trails to identify tree hazards, and more!



The Dunwoody Nature Center's Merit Badge workshops have been designed for the scout to be able to earn their badge by the end of the session. This will require completion of pre-requisites assignments. Satisfactory completion of the activities during the workshop will be verified with an interview at the end of the workshop. Scouts are encouraged and should read the official Merit Badge pamphlet prior to the workshop. All materials necessary for the day will be provided by the Nature Center.

All workshops will take place **in person** at the Dunwoody Nature Center, **5343 Roberts Dr, Dunwoody, GA 30338**.

Registration for each workshop opens the month prior to the workshop date. To register & view prerequisites, please visit our website at www.dunwoodynature.org/scout-merit-badges/.

All workshops are \$25 per scout, except Environmental Science is \$30.

Any questions? Please contact Program Manager Mary O'Kerns at maryo@dunwoodynature.org or 770-394-3322.