



# Scout Programs

The Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association offers guided scout programs designed for specific age groups and interests. Our educators can help your scouts earn badges while exploring different habitats of the Watershed Reserve.

## Cub Scout Programs



### Tiger Cubs

#### **Let's Go Outdoors – Achievement #5 (Req. d, f, g)**

Take a hike with one of our naturalists to watch the weather and make a leaf rubbing. Afterwards, visit the Nature Center.

### Wolf Electives

#### **American Indian Lore – Elective #10 (Req. a, d, e)**

Learn about the Lenni Lenape peoples of New Jersey through stories, games and a hike. We will also make a native tool.

#### **Birds – Elective #13 (Req. b, d, e)**

Explore the fields and forests of the Watershed Reserve for the birds that make their homes here. We will identify species, compare their habitats, discuss their lifestyles and examine their nests. We will also record the birds we see.

### Bear Achievements/Electives

#### **Sharing Your World With Wildlife – Achievement #5 (Req. a, c, d, e)**

Hike a trail at the Watershed Reserve with one of our naturalists to enjoy the season and discover the many animals and plants that make their homes here. Find out what a wildlife conservation officer does and why animals become extinct. Afterwards, visit the Nature Center.

#### **Weather – Elective #2 (Req. c, d, e)**

Learn the clues to forecast the weather, identify cloud types and take a hike to find the effects the weather has on the environment. Find out how a barometer works and make a rain gauge measuring tool.

#### **Nature Crafts – Elective #12 (Req. a, b, c, e)**

Find natural items on the Watershed Reserve that can be turned into creative crafts. We will take a hike to gather leaf and seed materials.

#### **Water and Soil Conservation – Elective #15 (Req. d, e)**

Find out how your den can help with a Watershed Association reforestation or stream bank restoration project. **Note: No fee for this program**

### **American Indian Life – Elective #24 (Req. # a, b)**

Learn about the native peoples of New Jersey—the Lenni Lenape. We will take a hike to help us understand their culture and play some Native American games.

## Webelos

### **Forester (Req. #2, 3, 4, 5, 6)**

Take a hike around the Watershed Reserve and learn to identify trees and plants that are useful to both humans and wildlife. We will discover the secret lives of trees and their life cycle through games and role-play.

### **Naturalist (Req. #3, 6, 7, 8)**

Discover the plants and animals that call the Watershed Reserve home, as we take a hike of discovery. We will learn about the web of life and visit the field and forest to see what animals are making their homes there. Afterwards, visit the Nature Center.

## Girl Scout Programs



## Brownies

### **Animals Try-It (Req. #2, 3, 4, 5)**

On a guided hike of the Watershed Reserve we'll observe local wildlife. We'll find out how they move, learn about their adaptations for survival, and play a game about animal communication.

### **Outdoor Adventurer Try-It (Req. #3, 5)**

Discover the fun of nature and the outdoor world through a guided hike with a naturalist here on the Watershed Reserve. We will explore using our eyes, ears and noses as we make our way down the trail. We'll look for the colors of nature and use magnifying glasses to find some very tiny animals. A nature scavenger hunt tops off our day.

### **Watching Wildlife Try-It (Req. #1, 2, 4, 5, 6)**

Take a hike with one of our naturalists to find the animals that make the Watershed Reserve their home. We'll listen to animals communicating, observe earthworms and ants, and find out what the Watershed's animals eat.

### **Water Everywhere Try-It (Req. #3, 5)**

Meet at the Watershed Pond House to explore the pond and the critters that live there. We will find out why water is so important, the journey that it takes and what lives under its surface.

**Seasonal: April through October only**

## Junior Girl Scouts

### **Earth Connections (Req. #1, 4, 5, 7, 8)**

Study an ecosystem to discover the interaction of plants, animals, soil and temperature. In this program we'll play a game, identify native trees, read tree growth rings and learn about plant and animal adaptations.

**Eco-Action (Req. #2, 8)**

Find out how your group can help with a Watershed Association reforestation or stream bank restoration project. **Note: No fee for this program**

**Finding your Way (Req. #2)**

Learn to travel through unknown territory by navigating the Watershed's Compass Course. (#2)

**Seasonal: November through March only**

**Water Wonders (Req. #1, 2, 4, 5)**

Explore the watery world of the Watershed Pond. We will learn about the water cycle and use a seine and plankton net to explore life in the pond. **Seasonal: April through October only**

**Wildlife (Req. #1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 10)**

Traverse the trails of the Watershed Reserve to learn what plants and animals make their homes in the field and forest. We will play an animal adaptation game and learn our state symbols as well as endangered animals. Using binoculars or magnifying glasses we will identify and observe plants and animals in their habitats and learn which ones we should avoid!

## Scout Projects

A limited number of openings are available for Boy Scouts seeking an Eagle project or Girl Scouts seeking an Interest Project.

## Program Fees

**Weekday Program** - \$30 plus \$2 per student

**Saturday Program** - \$50 plus \$2 per student

*Badges for Scout programs are NOT included and must be ordered by troop leader*

**Troop Size:** 15 scouts maximum

**Chaperones:** (1) required (minimum), more welcome at no extra charge

**Program Length:** 1 ½ -2 hours

**Reservations:** For more information or to book a program, contact the Nature Center Manager at (609) 737-7592.