



“Nature awaits”...Right in the heart of Houston lies a lush 155-acre forest, one of Houston’s greatest natural treasures.

The Houston Arboretum & Nature Center is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization. The grounds, facilities and educational programs are supported solely through memberships and private contributions.

Scout Programs at the Houston Arboretum

The Houston Arboretum & Nature Center is the perfect place for both Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts to work on their nature badge requirements. All programs are conducted by naturalists using the 155-acre sanctuary as our field laboratory.



Badge Workshops: 1½-2 hour programs that enable scouts to complete many of the requirements for a badge, interest project, or activity pin.

Fee: \$15 per scout; \$150 minimum.

Boy Scout Bird Study Badge \$25 per scout.

Forest Treks: 1 hour habitat hikes led by a naturalist.

Fee: \$5 per scout; \$50 minimum.

Full payment of workshop is required to reserve your date.

Chaperones: One chaperone per ten scouts is required.

Scout Workshops: 1 ½ -2 hour programs

Girl Scouts

Cadettes & Seniors

Interest Project: Wildlife

Investigate an Arboretum pond to identify plants and animals. Look for animal signs and document your discoveries. Learn about basic pond chemistry and test for dissolved oxygen and pH.

Interest Project: All About Birds

Build your knowledge and understanding of bird anatomy & identification, migratory patterns, and more. Learn how to use binoculars and what birds to look for in our area.

Build your own Interest Project

Girl scouts will have the opportunity to design their own nature interest project and gain a foundation for completion of that project here at the Arboretum.

Junior Badges

Earth Connections

Find out how to identify 10 local trees by their leaves, and study tree rings to discover their amazing lives!
Understand how plants and animals depend on each other by playing a fun and active game.

Your Outdoor Surroundings

Learn about outdoor careers from your naturalist guide. Classify, describe, and compare natural objects while hiking. Gain an awareness of the natural world inside the city of Houston.

Wildlife

Learn fascinating facts about wildlife in your area—their adaptations, the relationships between different animals, how to observe animals, and why some animals are threatened.

Brownie Try-Its

Eco-Explorer

"Eco" is short for ecology. Ecology is the study of plants and animals and their environment. Learn how plants and animals *always* need each other.

Water Everywhere

Earth is known as the "water planet". Find out about water and how it affects life on earth.

Animals

The animal kingdom is made up of many different creatures. Learn how they look, move, and communicate.

Daisies

Forest Trek (1 hour hike)

A one hour hike on the trails. Girls learn about observation skills and how to find evidence of animals.

Boy Scouts

Bird Study Merit Badge

Learn the importance of birds, how to identify them by sight and call, and how to use resources to refine your skills. 6 of 8 badge requirements will be completed.



Cub Scouts

Tigers:

Forest Trek (1 hour hike)

A one hour hike on the trails. Boys learn about observation skills and how to find evidence of animals.

Wolf:

Your Living World—

Achievement #7

Discover why it is important to take care of our environment. Learn how to reduce, reuse, and recycle at your house.

Bears:

Sharing Your World With

Wildlife-Achievement #5

See how a conservation organization takes care of wildlife and how to improve your own home habitat. Learn some birding skills and make a birdfeeder to hang at home.

Webelos:

Naturalist

Observe organisms in the wild and learn if they are producers, consumers, or decomposers. Be able to identify venomous snakes and poisonous plants in the area.

Forester

Understand the importance of the forest ecosystem and why its diverse wildlife depends on these plants. We'll identify some of these plants and learn how the forest is arranged.

**Eagle Scout candidates
contact us about doing your
project at the Houston
Arboretum.**

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To schedule contact the Scout Programs Manager at (713) 366-0425 or fill out the online Scout request form on our website: www.houstonarboretum.org.