

# Merit Badge Programs

Learn about wildlife and work towards your troop's goals!



Bring your scout group on-site or let us come to you!

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## Reptile and Amphibian Study Merit Badge

- Go over what makes something a reptile vs. an amphibian
- Meet and sketch our herp ambassadors and make your own identification sheet
- Discuss myths about reptiles and amphibians
- Learn about native species living in Wisconsin

## Insect Study Merit Badge

- Learn what makes an insect and insect
- Meet animal ambassadors and explore their relationships with insects
- Go outside and practice catching and IDing insects (weather permitting)

## Environmental Science Merit Badge

- Meet animal ambassadors and learn about the ecosystems they live in
- Meet and learn all about Jewel, our ornate box turtle, an endangered species in Wisconsin
- Learn about invasive species in Wisconsin
- Learn about the different jobs at WINC and how they help our local environment

## Mammal Study Merit Badge

- Go over what makes something a vertebrate vs. an animal vs. a mammal
- Explore classifications in the animal kingdom
- Meet mammal ambassadors and discuss their place in the food chain
- Learn how to help mammals living in your area

Our center is tucked away in nature. Visitors are welcome to walk the 3.5 miles of hiking trails surrounding our center before or after your program! Explore a restored prairie/oak savannah, a variety of forestland, an ephemeral pond, Henrietta Lake and Scuppernong Creek.

# Nature Merit Badge

- Discuss how plants are important to local animals
- Meet animal ambassadors and explore their place in the food chain
- Discuss Leave No Trace practices
- Go over protected species in Wisconsin
- Go outside and practice catching and IDing insects (weather permitting)



Merit badge programs are designed to be 90-minutes long and done at WINC- however programs can be adjusted to other locations and times as needed.

WINC does not provide the badge. Programs align with particular requirements for merit badges. For information on what criteria are being met, please reach out to: [education@helpingwildlife.org](mailto:education@helpingwildlife.org)

# Program Fee Chart

Program length	On-Site price	Off-Site price*
60 min	\$225	\$250
90 min	\$250	\$275

\*Off-site programs are charged an additional \$0.67/mile



## Ready to learn with us?

To request a program, please visit our website at [helpingwildlife.org](http://helpingwildlife.org), under the "Education" tab select "Request a Program". Fill out the form and specify your program of choice in the comment section.

## Concerned about the cost?

Our Leslie Kiehl WINC Education Program Fund is available to help groups pay for the WINC educational program fee if they are not able to afford all or some of this fee. More information can be found under the [Education](#) tab on our website.

## Need more information?

More information can be found on our website at [helpingwildlife.org](http://helpingwildlife.org), or feel free to reach out by email to [education@helpingwildlife.org](mailto:education@helpingwildlife.org) or by phone at [262-965-3090 ex 103](tel:262-965-3090)