
scout workshops

The Nature Museum offers creative, hands-on science and nature workshops to enhance your Boy and Girl Scout badge programming. Scout groups of 10 or more can register for one of four workshops listed below.

Scout workshops are 45 minutes long and available Monday—Friday from 2 to 5pm at the Museum.

Bugs Alive

Observe live insects from the Nature Museum's collections! Scouts will learn more about the ways that these animals move, eat, and protect themselves from danger. Each scout will have the opportunity to compare and contrast several different live insects.

Animals Up Close

Meet two live animals from the Nature Museum's collections! Scouts will observe the animals' features and movements and use critical thinking skills to compare and contrast the animals' bodies, behaviors, and habitats.

Ecology Rangers

Go outside and observe prairie, wetland and urban woodland ecosystems! Scouts will increase their knowledge of Illinois ecosystems by observing living and non-living things on the Nature Museum grounds and by evaluating how the parts of each system interact and work together.

Worm Investigations

Get an up close look at the red worms that work at the Nature Museum! Students will observe red worm behavior and investigate environmental preferences. Students learn how these worms can recycle food and paper waste and then practice classifying items that can and cannot be fed to red worms.

Outdoor Workshop (available from May 1 – October 31)

Please note that outdoor workshops will be taught rain or shine (excluding dangerous weather conditions). Please make sure that you and your students are dressed appropriately and prepared to spend 45 minutes outdoors.



How to Register

Visit naturemuseum.org/scouts to complete an online registration form. For more information or for special requests, e-mail scouts@naturemuseum.org.

Cost & Payment

Workshops have a maximum of 30 participants. Groups with workshops containing more than 30 scouts without prior approval will be charged for an additional workshop.

- \$135/45-minute workshop
- Payment is due 14 days before the date of the visit or visit will be canceled.

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