

# Insect Study Merit Badge

Welcome to the Insect Study Merit Badge program at Hidden Pond Park. The program is held at the Nature Center located at 8511 Greeley Boulevard, Springfield, VA 22152.

## **Below is the recommended homework to be completed before the program:**

We recommend that you download the merit badge worksheets from [meritbadge.com](http://meritbadge.com) and bring these worksheets to class. These worksheets help scouts organize their homework and classwork.

### Requirement 4.b

Begin making a scrapbook of the insects observed in 4.a, not all 20 may be found on the day of the program.

### Requirement 5.b

Describe some general methods of insect control.

### Requirement 11

Find out about three career opportunities in insect study. Pick one and find out about the education, training, and experience required for this profession. Discuss this with your counselor, and explain why this profession might interest you.

## **What to bring to the program:**

- Bring a digital camera and/or a drawing pad and pencil. Please ensure the camera is ready to take photographs (batteries, memory card) and that you know how to use the camera.
- Bring your blue card.
- Bring your completed homework. It is OK if you cannot complete the homework before class. You can bring completed homework in at a later date for sign-off.
- Bring/wear weather appropriate clothing/outerwear. We will not go outdoors in heavy rain or thunderstorms. Boy Scout uniform not required.
- Bring a pencil and pen.
- Bring a flashlight, if the program is held after dusk.
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- Bring a snack and drink or money to purchase some at the visitor center. Bring more substantial food if your program is longer than four hours.

## **Homework to be completed after the program:**

The merit badge counselor will do a demonstration or explain the process for completing the final merit badge requirements. Your scout must provide evidence of completion in order to obtain blue card sign-

off. Digital photographs of your scout doing the element and a picture of the completed requirement will be sufficient evidence.

If your scout has a strong understanding of the requirement, he is welcome to complete this requirement at any time. Remember to document work and completion via digital pictures.

#### Requirement 7

Raise an insect through the complete metamorphosis from its larval stage to its adult stage (e.g. raise a butterfly or moth from a caterpillar).

Once the prework, class work and post homework are completed, all elements of the merit badge will be complete.

If your scout needs blue card sign-off after the class date, please call 703-451-9588 to arrange a time to meet with a merit badge counselor.

We're looking forward to working with your scout.

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