Boy Scout Birding & Environmental Science Badge Weekend

August 22-24, 2025

Chincoteague Bay Field Station

Friday
August 22

5:30-7 PM Check-in _____ Education Center

7:00 PM Welcome & Introduction to Birding _____ Education Center Lab

Spend some time getting to know your educator and see what you will be doing throughout the weekend! You'll go over your schedule, then learn all about birding. Talk through the basics of bird identification, birding equipment, bird anatomy, and birding etiquette, before building a bird feeder to take your birding experience home with you.

Saturday
August 23

8:00AM Breakfast _____ Dining Hall

9:00AM Local ESVA Birding Field Trip _____ Education Center Lab

Bring your binoculars, bird guides, and field notebooks as we head out to local sites on the Eastern Shore to spot some of the awesome birds found in our region.

- Hat, sunscreen, water bottle
- Comfortable Walking Shoes
- Bug Spray

12:30PM Lunch _____ Dining Hall

1:30PM Kayak Excursion _____ Education Center Lab

Climb into our fleet of kayaks as we head out onto the water to view birds from a different perspective. As we venture through our local ecosystems, keep an eye out for the birds that may be hiding along the route!

- Clothes and shoes that can get a little wet
- Bug spray

5:15PM Dinner _____ Dining Hall

6:00PM Intro to Environmental Science _____ Education Center Lab

Learn the basics of Environmental Science! From pollution to conservation to career paths, you and your group will explore what it means to be an Environmental Scientist.

- Comfortable clothes and shoes
- Writing utensil

Sunday
August 24

8:00AM Breakfast _____ Dining Hall

9:00AM CNWR Visit _____ Education Center Lab

Visit the Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge and learn about restoration efforts from a Refuge Wildlife Biologist! Discuss how the Refuge has improved the habitat for endangered species, and the ways that humans can continue to preserve ecosystems for the future.

- Comfortable clothes and shoes
- Sun/bug protection
- Notebook and writing utensil

12:00PM Badge Approvals _____ Education Center Lab

12:30PM Check-Out _____ Education Center Lobby

Thank you for joining us!

Things to do Prior to Arrival

While all field portions and some knowledge components of the badge requirements, will be completed during the trip, there are some additional requirements that scouts will need to complete on their own time to earn their full merit badge.

Requirements Completed During the Trip:

Bird Study
Requirement 1
Requirement 2
Requirement 3
Requirement 4
Requirement 5
Requirement 6
Requirement 7
Requirement 8
Requirement 9

Environmental Science
Requirement 1
Requirement 3
Requirement 4
Requirement 5
Requirement 6
Requirement 7
Requirement 8
Requirement 9

Requirements Not Completed During the Trip:

Bird Study
Requirement 10
Requirement 11
Requirement 12

Environmental Science
Requirement 2
Requirement 10
Requirement 11

*Requirements not completed during the trip can be submitted prior to or upon arrival for review by a merit badge counselor. Please submit any materials to:

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