

Badge Workshop Descriptions

GIRL SCOUTS

Brownies

Hiker: Join us as we learn to read maps and choose the appropriate gear to keep us comfortable on the trail. Afterward, we'll test our new skills on the trail.

Senses: It's a big world out there! In this workshop, we'll discuss how our senses help us discover the wonders around us.

Bugs*: They may be tiny, but they have a significant presence! Explore nature from a bug's point of view and learn why these animals are so important in our world.

Outdoor Adventurer*: Are you ready for big adventures? In this workshop, we'll explore Alexandria's Naturescape, paddle Pleasant Lake, and take to the trails with our newfound outdoor skills.

Juniors

Animal Habitats: Animals come in all shapes and sizes, and so do their homes! Meet the residents of the Wild Wonders Wildlife Park and discover what they need to make their habitat a home.

Camper: Take only pictures, leave only footprints. Practice your survival skills in this outdoor class so you can learn to leave no trace while camping.

Gardener*: Test your green thumb and design your dream garden as we learn gardening tips and tricks.

Junior Flowers*: Roses are red, violets are blue, here at HNC we're waiting for you! Discover hidden meanings of flowers, how flowers grow, and how these blooming beauties can keep us healthy.

Cadettes

Cadette Archery: Fire when ready! Join us for a two-hour archery workshop. We'll review equipment and form, and take on some wacky challenges.

Night Owl: What happens when the sun goes down? Join us for an evening program at the Howell Nature Center, where we'll meet nocturnal animals and uncover the mysteries of the world at night.

Trees: Green trees around us, blue sky above. We'll take in the beauty of trees during a hike at the Howell Nature Center. Then we'll explore myths and stories of trees in our lives.

Trailblazing: Lace up your boots and get ready to hit the trail. We'll develop skills as a team, practice building fires and play games around the campfire.



Seniors

Sky: Auroras. Binary stars. Constellations. The night sky is full of beautiful sights that we'll explore in this evening program.

Paddling:** We'll teach you the strokes, but you chart the course in this aquatic adventure. Our staff will guide girls through basic and advanced canoe techniques as they explore Pleasant Lake.

Adventurer*: Discover the ecology of the Howell Nature Center and why invasive species place that ecosystem at risk. Do your part to help by completing a service project onsite, then end the day flying high on our Glacier Valley Eco Zip Tour.

Ambassadors

Water:** Take action in a mock Town Council meeting where you'll investigate and debate current water. Afterward, we'll see examples of beautiful artwork inspired by water, and paddle Pleasant Lake.

**Only available April-October*

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Packing List

- Signed Minor Waiver for each Scout, leader and/or parent/chaperone Adult Waiver
- Comfortable closed-toe walking shoes
- Outdoor clothing – be ready for rain or shine!
- Sack lunch & water bottle
- Sense of fun and adventure!

Note: A Howell Nature Center patch is included in the registration fee. Girl Scout insignia must be obtained through your leader or council.

Extra educational/recreational/environmental education programs include: live animal presentations, Heifer Global Village tours, archery, canoeing and more.

Custom Badge Programs

Looking to build a custom Day Badge Workshop or Overnight Program? Contact reservations@howellnaturecenter.org to create your custom experience.

Day Badge Workshops – Starting at \$12/Scout (10 Scout min)

Two Days, One Night without Meals – \$65/Scout

Three Days, Two Nights without Meals – \$95/Scout

Please Note: Our preference for workshops is that the Scouts earning the badges and a responsible adult are the only ones to attend. It's often easiest for a Leader to bring the Scouts and be that responsible adult. By doing this, Scouts are better able to focus on satisfying the badge requirements within the limited time our staff have to spend with them.

