

## **Neal Smith National Wildlife Refuge**

### Brownies and Girl Scouts program offerings

The Rangers at Neal Smith NWR welcome scouts of all ages to participate in badge programs. Each of the programs listed below can be completed during one 3 hour visit to the Refuge. Visits are typically a Saturday morning (9am-12pm) or afternoon (12:30-3:30pm), or a Sunday afternoon (12:30-3:30pm). You must schedule a badge program at least three weeks in advance by contacting Megan Wandag at 515-994-3400 or [megan\\_wandag@fws.gov](mailto:megan_wandag@fws.gov).

Badge programs are free of charge, and supplies will be provided unless otherwise noted. Scouts should dress for the weather, as we will be spending time outside. Bring a water bottle, sunscreen and/or insect repellent, as needed. You may also bring a lunch and eat at the Prairie Learning Center before or after your program. Contact Megan with questions, or for more detailed information about a specific badge program.

The following badge programs are available:

#### **Brownies**

- Watching Wildlife
- Animals

#### **Junior Girl Scouts**

- Wildlife
- Ecology

#### **Senior Girl Scouts**

- Wildlife

Girls pursuing the Gold Award may contact us for opportunities to complete service projects.

We hold a Linking Girls to the Land event in March each year; check our calendar for the current date.

In addition to badge programs, scouts may visit the Prairie Learning Center, hike the trails, snowshoe in winter, and participate in special events in pursuit of various other merit badges. A list of special events for the current year is available upon request. Several throughout each year include a service component as well. Volunteers are also always welcome at Neal Smith NWR!