

# Edwin B. Forsythe

## *National Wildlife Refuge*

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### *Boy Scout Activity Guide*

*Scout out what Forsythe has to offer!*



“The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law” (Boy Scouts of America). At Forsythe we can help you in your endeavor to help these young men investigate their backyards and see why they are valuable.



Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge is a place where boys can explore, learn new things, and even develop an understanding of the world around them. Whether it is their first outdoor experience or a continuation of an already discovered love, a trip to the refuge is always an exciting experience because of the variety and abundance of life to explore. Each new season brings with it a new natural encounter; be it migrating birds, wildflowers, and so much more.

No matter what ages your scouts are there is something for them to see and do here. Feel free to suggest an activity if we don't list it here in our guide. If we can make something happen for your boys we will!

*Leave No Trace*



We can help you teach outdoor ethics through the Leave No Trace principles. Though easily learned, these skills will endure. Not only are your scouts being trained in outdoor safety, they are seeing that there is value in protecting the world around them.

## Cub Scouts



Watch as your den or pack explores some of the Cub Scouts core values: citizenship, compassion, cooperation, resourcefulness, respect, and responsibility. The following opportunities for rank advancement are available at the Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge: electives, belt loops, activity pins, activity badges, and other opportunities for special awards.

### *Tiger Cub*

**Let's Go Outdoors** (D, G): Take a discovery hike with a naturalist and make some leaf rubbings.



### *Wolf*

**Go See It:** Visit a Nature Center and take a hike along a nature trail.

**#7 Your Living World** (D): Let us help you organize a clean-up and teach your Scouts the value of a litter-free planet!

Also Try:

- Family Fun Achievement #10
- Birds Elective (a, d)
- Outdoor Adventure Elective (b, c, g)

### *Bear*



**•Sharing Your World with Wildlife** Achievement (#5 c,d,e)

**•Take Care of Your Planet** Achievement (6,g)

**•Landscaping Elective** (c)

**•Photography Elective**

**•Water and Soil Conservation Elective** (6,a)

### *Webeles*



**Forester** (#3-4): Hike with a naturalist and learn how to identify trees and shrubs.

**Naturalist** (#4, 6-8, 10-11): Take a hike and make stops along the wildlife drive to see a variety of animals in the forest and wetlands. We will learn through games, demonstrations, discussions, and observations.

### **Academics & Sports**

Belt loops and activity pins with available resources to assist Scouts in their achievement.

## Boy Scouts



“Boy Scouting is designed to take place outdoors. Being close to nature helps scouts gain an appreciation for the beauty of the world around them. The outdoors is a laboratory in which boys learn ecology and practice conservation of nature’s resources” (BSA). Let us help you, help them connect with the world around them!

### *Tenderfoot*

**Requirement #11:** Identify poisonous plants. Learn how to treat exposure to them.

### *Second Class*



**Requirement #5:** Identify or show evidence of at least 10 kinds of wild animals.

- Requirement #2 (a)
- Requirement #4

### *First Class*

**Requirement #6:** Identify at least 10 kinds of native plants.

- Requirement #3

### *Star*

**Requirement #4**

### *Life*

**Requirement #4**

### *Eagle*

There are many possibilities for Eagle Scout projects at the Refuge.



### **Merit Badges**

A refuge naturalist can help your scouts with the following:

- Archery (#5-option A or B, #f-2)
- Bird Study (#5,7)
- Cycling (#8; 10 or 15 mile ride)
- Environmental Science (#3e-3)
- Fish & Wildlife Management (#6a,b)
- Forestry (#1, 2b, 5a, 8b)
- Hiking (#5)
- Insect Study (#4)
- Mammal Study (#3a or b)
- Nature (#4a-1, 4b-1, 4 6-2, 4g 1,2)
- Photography (#4b)
- Pioneering (#10)
- Plant Science (#5, option 3)
- Field Botany (a,b,c,d,e,f-1)
- Reptile and Amphibian Study (#8b)
- Soil and Water Conservation (#7a-2,3)
- Weather (8b)



**Three Special Awards that can be assisted by the resources at Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge are:**

**“World Conservation Award”**

Merit Badges: Environmental Science; Fish and Wildlife Management.

**“Leave No Trace Achievement Award”**

Requirement #4

**“William T. Hornaday Badge” and Bronze, Silver Medal**

6 required merit badges and 3-4 projects.

Just because you don't see an activity listed here, doesn't mean it can't be done at Forsythe! These are just activities we can help you with. Many others can be done on your own...

**To sign-up for a program:** Please call refuge headquarters at least two weeks in advance to schedule an activity. For reservations or more information, contact Don Freiday.

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