

Dear Boy Scout Parents:

Your child has been registered for our Reptile and Amphibian Study Workshop. This letter will provide you with some important information to prepare for your arrival as well as inform you of our cancellation policy.

Upon reservation, a workshop deposit fee was paid to reserve your spaces (\$12 for Boy Scouts). **You have until one month prior to the event to cancel your reservation and receive a full refund. After this month deadline, workshop fees will not be refunded.**

Be sure to notify your group leader how many parents and/or siblings will be attending that day. Adults and siblings must be included in the reservation in order to receive the group rate. **Individuals must pay admission upon arrival. Payment will NOT be accepted for individuals that have NOT arrived.**

The following activities must be submitted after the workshop via mail or email:

Requirement 4. Explain how reptiles and amphibians are an important component of the natural environment. List four species that are officially protected by the federal government or by the state you live in, and tell why each is protected. List three species of reptiles and three species of amphibians found in your local area that are not protected. Discuss the food habits of all 10 species.

Requirement 8. Do ONE of the following:

a. Maintain one or more reptiles or amphibians for at least a month. Record food accepted, eating methods, changes in coloration, shedding of skins, and general habits; or keep the eggs of a reptile from the time of laying until hatching; or keep the eggs of an amphibian from the time of laying until their transformation into tadpoles (frogs) or larvae (salamanders).

b. Choose a reptile or amphibian that you can observe at a local zoo, aquarium, nature center, or other such exhibit (such as your classroom or school). Study the specimen weekly for a period of three months. At each visit, sketch the specimen in its captive habitat and note any changes in its coloration, shedding of skins, and general habits and behavior. Find out, either from information you locate on your own or by talking to the caretaker, what this species eats and what are its native habitat and home range, preferred climate, average life expectancy, and natural predators. Also identify any human caused threats to its population and any laws that protect the species and its habitat. After the observation period, share what you have learned with your counselor.

**** If you have any further questions about merit badge requirements contact Michelle Morici
215-405-1556 or morici@ansp.org ****

On the day of your Workshop Program, please enter using the 19th Street Entrance **at least 30 minutes prior to your program**. See your group leader for directions to The Academy and parking information. You may store lunches, coats, and other articles in the Commons Room, located on the ground floor near the 19th Street entrance.

To maximize scout participation in the workshop we ask that no more than one adult per ten scouts attend the workshop room. Additional parents and siblings may be asked to visit the exhibits during the scout workshop.

Please note: badges / pins will not be distributed by the Academy.

If you have any other questions regarding your reservation, please contact the Reservations Office at 215-299-1060.

Thank you for participating in our Scouting Program, enjoy your visit.

Reservations Office

Weekdays 215-299-1060

Weekends 215-299-1019

E-Mail: reservations@ansp.org

Reptile and Amphibian Study Merit Badge

Requirement 4

How are reptiles and amphibians an important component of the natural environment?

List four species protected by the federal government or the state you live in. Then explain why they are protected (ex: habitat loss, pet collection, etc.)

Species	Why is it protected
1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____
4. _____	_____

List three species of reptiles and amphibians that are not protected in your area.

Reptiles	Amphibians
5. _____	8. _____
6. _____	9. _____
7. _____	10. _____

For all ten species name at least one thing they like to eat.

1. _____	6. _____
2. _____	7. _____
3. _____	8. _____
4. _____	9. _____
5. _____	10. _____