



'Reptiles & Amphibians'

Merit Badge Workshop for Boy Scouts

Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association

31 Titus Mill Road, Pennington, NJ 08534

www.thewatershed.org

Friday, June 3, 7:00-9:30PM

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\$30.00 per Scout (boys 11 -17 years old)

Join Education Director and BSA Merit Badge Counselor Jeff Hoagland for a *nocturnal* workshop covering badge requirements for the 'Reptiles and Amphibians' merit badge. Beginning at the Watershed Center on the Watershed Reserve, we will explore – and disprove – common myths surrounding these animals and meet some resident critters. Then we will *hike* to our pond on Wargo Road for nighttime encounters with the local amphibian population! **NOTE:** Pick up at the end of this workshop is at the pond house, 261 Wargo Road, NOT the Watershed Center.

The workshop will cover requirements 4, 5, 6 and 9a. Recommendations will be given on how each boy can finish the remaining requirements to earn the badge. Waterproof boots and a flashlight are required. We will be walking in shallow water.



What to bring/wear:

Most of the workshop will be conducted out-of-doors, please dress for the weather (i.e. dress in layers, waterproof boots are required, rain gear if needed). Each boy should bring in a backpack:

- Flashlight
- BSA 'Reptile and Amphibian' merit badge pamphlet
- Pre-workshop assignments, especially requirement #10
- BSA merit badge Blue Card, signed by Scoutmaster ahead of time
- Journal/pencil for recording observations and sketching
- Refillable water bottle
- Signed parent consent form

How to Register:

Call the Education Department, **609-737-7592**. Pre-registration and payment is required for this workshop. Registration is by individual Scout.

Before the workshop, each scout should:

1. Review 'Reptiles and Amphibians' BSA merit badge pamphlet.
2. Complete and be ready to discuss the following requirements: 2, 3a-e, 7 and 10.
3. For requirement #10, each boy should write 5 myths or superstitions about reptiles or amphibians on an index card. On the other side of the same card, write the correct explanation for each misconception. Bring this with you to the workshop.



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