



Boy Scout Programs at the Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden & Bird Sanctuary

The Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden and Bird Sanctuary is a spectacular 15-acre garden in Minneapolis with trails meandering through woodlands, wetlands and oak savannas. This natural setting showcases over 500 plant species and 140 migratory birds.

The Garden offers programs for Boy Scouts of all ages from Cub Scouts to Boy Scouts. Each program meets some of the requirements for badges and are listed in the program description. Any program can be tailored to meet your troops specific requirements.

Program Availability

The Garden is open from April 1 to Oct. 15. Programs are available seven days a week.

Group Size

The Garden requires a minimum of eight participants to schedule a program. To ensure the best experience, one naturalist is scheduled for every 10 participants.

Cost

The cost is \$4 per participant per 90 minutes. Boy Scout Badge Workshop programs are \$10 per participant per 2.5 hour workshops. Chaperones are free of charge.

The Naturalists

Our naturalists have a combination of 20 years experience teaching in the Garden. It is no exaggeration to say these experts bring their passion and excitement into the Garden every day.

Scheduling Your Group

Programs are 90 minutes hours long. Groups may schedule more than one program per visit. All programs can be adapted to fit the needs of your troop.

Please schedule your visit at least two weeks in advance.

To schedule a program:

Phone: 612-363-4722

E-mail: Iborer@minneapolispark.org

Cub Scout Programs

Quaking Bog Tromp - 1 hour

Discover a true quaking bog right here in the city. Learn the characteristics of a wetland and how bogs are formed. Feel sphagnum moss, watch water striders, walk across the floating bridge, and see carnivorous plants all within our Quaking Bog.

Program fee is \$3 per scout.

Birding 101 - 90 minutes

Come to the Garden to learn a new hobby – bird watching. Learn how to use binoculars, spot birds and identify them through sight and sound. Our naturalist will teach you the tricks of the trade and start you off on your birding adventures.

Rainbow Hike - 90 minutes

How many colors can you find at the Garden? Take a walk through our Garden trails and see how many different shades of greens, reds, yellows, purples and more you can see. Walk through the woodlands, wetlands and prairie drawing the many colorful plants and animals that live in the Garden.

Sensory Hike - 90 minutes

Did you hear that bird singing? Do you see the leaves rustling in the wind? Can you smell the purple flowers? Can you feel how rough the tree bark is? Take a walk and use your senses to explore the Garden. Try a fun scavenger hunt for the senses.

Garden Homes Hike - 90 minutes

Find out who lives in the Garden on a hike through our three habitats – woodland, wetland, and prairie—and who is just passing through. Look for mammal homes, bird homes, insect homes and arachnid homes.

Boy Scout Workshops

These badge workshops can be scheduled as half-day events or over a series of scheduled programs. The fee for these workshops is \$10 per scout for a 2 to 2.5-hour program.

Nature of the Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden - 2 to 2.5 hours

During your visit to the Garden learn about the connections plants and animals have and our own connections to nature. Learn to identify native plants and even a few rare ones. Use binoculars to locate some of the over 100 bird species that live in and visit our Garden. *Bring snack, field guides, binoculars (optional), clipboards (optional). Meets the requirements of the Nature Badge: 1, 2, 3, 4a, 4g & Gardening Badge 4*

Birding at the Garden - 2 to 2.5 hours

Want to learn how to use binoculars? Curious about that bird call you hear every day? Come out to the Garden and learn our native birds as well as the migrating visitors. *Bring snack, field guides, binoculars (optional), clipboards (optional). Meets the requirements of the Bird Study Badge: 3, 4, 5, 7a*