

# Scouts Program

We invite you to engage your scouts by visiting the Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve in Huntington Beach. This natural wonder will excite and inspire youth, giving them a greater understanding of the coastal environment through informal science based activities.

Experience *Bolsa Chica* like never before!

## PROGRAM ACTIVITIES



### Guided Hike of the Wetlands

**Description:** Explore the many wonders of the wetlands! Visitors get to experience the wetlands first hand during a guided nature hike and tour of our interpretive center. There is always something exciting on our trails! Participants will have the opportunity to see the diverse wildlife living at Bolsa Chica while learning about wetlands and their importance worldwide. Issues specific to Bolsa Chica will be covered. Topics include, but are not limited to, wetland ecology, plants and animals, adaptations, watersheds, and importance of wetland habitats for migration and flyways, human connections, flood control, pollution control, and endangered species.

**Cost: \$5.00 per scout and participating siblings\***  
**Total Time: Varies from 1-2 hours**

### Boy Scouts of America

Level	Achievement	Elective
Tiger Cubs	Tigers in the Wild (4, 7)	Sky is the Limit! (2)
Wolf Cubs	Call of the Wild (3) Council Fire (4b) Paws on the Path (6,7)	Code of the Wolf (2a)* Digging in the Past (3)* Finding your Way (5)* Spirit of the Water (1)
Bear Cubs	Fur, Feathers, and Ferns (1,3,4)* Paws for Action (3b)	A Bear goes Fishing (1)* Beat of the Drum (1)
Webelos	Webelos Walkabout (6,7)	Adventures in Science (2) Into the Wild (4, 5, 6, 7b, 8, 9a)
Second Class Scouts	Requirements #2, 5, 6	* If you are trying to fill one of these requirements please inform us when you schedule your field trip.
First Class Scouts	Requirement #6	

### Girl Scouts of America

Level	Award
Daisy	Green - Use Resources Wisely Rose - Make the World a Better Place
Brownie	Animals Eco-Explorer Plants Watching Wildlife
Junior	Earth Connections Wildlife
Cadet Senior Ambassador	Naturalist All About Birds Eco-Action From Shore to Sea Plant Life Wildlife



\*\*Please note that patches/badges/pins are not provided by Bolsa Chica Conservancy.\*\*

If you would like to schedule an outing, please visit [bolsachica.org/edu](http://bolsachica.org/edu) or contact Whitney (email: [whitney@bolsachica.org](mailto:whitney@bolsachica.org)).

## CRAFT ACTIVITIES

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The craft activities listed below will complement any of our program activities and help to reinforce concepts discussed during the visit. (Please note: costs listed are flat fees, we do not apply an hourly rate.)



### Fish Prints

**Description:** Get creative and learn about the marine life at Bolsa Chica! Scouts will learn about the different types of marine organisms living in the wetlands and then bring out their artistic creativity by making paint prints of a fish, shark, or ray!

**Total Time:** 20 minutes  
**Grade:** K & up  
**Additional Cost:** \$3.00 per scout

### Making Tracks

**Description:** Make a memorable impression at the wetlands! Scouts learn all about the types of tracks animals make at the wetlands and then make some of their own! Kids will be able to bring home these plaster impressions of tracks from animals at the wetlands and show off their tracking skills.

**Total Time:** 20 minutes  
**Grade:** 3rd & up  
**Additional Cost:** \$3.00 per scout

### Create-a-Critter

**Description:** Create your own unique animal in this craft activity! Designed to complement our guided hike, scouts will use sculpting clay to dream up a brand new animal and give it important adaptations for survival. Plus, they will have a great keepsake to bring home from their visit to the Wetlands!

**Total Time:** 20 minutes  
**Grade:** 3rd & up  
**Additional Cost:** \$3.00 per scout



## SERVICE PROJECTS

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Any visit can be coupled with a service project, as part of our Restoration Program. This activity may include: removal of invasive plant species, installation of native plant species, and/or trash removal from the Reserve. Service projects can last up to 1 hour.

## EAGLE SCOUT PROJECTS

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Life Scouts looking for an Eagle Scout project should contact the Conservancy at 714-846-1114 or [info@bolsachica.org](mailto:info@bolsachica.org).

\* In our attempt to maximize the Bolsa Chica experience, we are attempting to maintain a 15:2 scout to chaperone ratio. Additional chaperones are \$5 each.