


Junior

4th – 5th Grade

<p>Badge</p> 	<p><u>Animal Habitats</u></p> <p>Join a SCT educator to explore the wildlife in and around the Fayette Environmental Education Center. We'll learn the difference between domesticated animals and wildlife, explore their habitat and think about some of the things they may have in common. Then we'll identify at least 3 animals and learn all about them, including a SCT ambassador animal. Then learn about an endangered habitat, right here in Georgia! We'll discuss the Longleaf Pine ecosystem, its history and the animals that depend on this habitat to survive and what's being done to protect it. We'll wrap up the program with a quick conservation project to protect the habitats around SCT.</p>
<p>2 hour program</p> <p>\$20/scout \$25 w/patch</p>	<p>Step 1: Find out about wild animals</p>
	<p>List wild animals near your home, meeting place or school (30 minutes):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walk the trails with a nature journal and make note of the wild and domestic animals in and around the nature center • Ask the SCT Educator why they live here, if they interact with humans and more!
	<p>Step 2: Investigate an animal habitat</p>
	<p>Explore an animal habitat near where you live (30 minutes):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore in the Nature Center for animals that live there • List some features of each animal and some of the things these animals have in common
	<p>Step 3: Create an animal home (available on request)</p>
	<p>Check out baby-animal habitats (20 minutes):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invite SCT Animal Tech to speak on box turtle research and learn about turtle nests, what makes a good nest, what makes a bad nest, and ways we can help to protect these animals
	<p>Step 4: Explore endangered habitats</p> <p>Why is it endangered, what's happening to the animals, what are people doing to help and are the animals able to adapt? (45 minutes)</p>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn about the endangered Longleaf Pine Ecosystem in Georgia • Discuss the unique habitat and the animals that live there
	Step 5: Help protect animal habitats
	<p>Help clean up an animal habitat</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walk around the nature center and pick up trash that does not belong • Or help cut back wisteria, an invasive vine