



TOOLKIT FOR SCOUT LEADERS

There are so many opportunities for scouts of all ages to learn about the work and living legacy of Frederick Law Olmsted— and even earn badges and awards in the process! Here are some badges, activities and projects for your troop.

RESOURCES AND ACTIVITIES

Coloring Page

Get creative! Here's one for scouts K-4— or the young at heart! Introduce your younger kids to Olmsted through coloring pages. Chicago artist David Lee Csicsko is responsible for the charming FLO head that the Olmsted Network used for Olmsted 200. Download a black and white version of this iconic portrait and have your scouts color their own FLO.

[Download now!](#)

Field Trips

Who doesn't love a trip to the park? For younger scouts, the opportunity to get outdoors might be a sufficient experience in itself. Older scouts might need an assignment, such as cataloging flora or fauna or noting what role the park plays in your city or town's life. Can't make the trip? There are many virtual tours of parks that make for a perfect virtual field trip experience.

- [National Park Foundation Virtual Visits](#)
- [NPS Parks Through Your Screen](#)

Scavenger Hunt

As part of a field trip, consider a scavenger hunt! Provide younger scouts with a running list of flora and fauna to identify. Older scouts can identify the Seven S's of Olmsted Design. See www.olmsted.org. Remember: Take Only Memories.

NPS Junior Ranger Online

The National Park Service has scavenger hunts, word games, matching pictures and more Junior Ranger Activities you can find online [here](#).

Organize a Park Clean-up

This is a terrific opportunity for scouts to give back to the community! Contact a local park superintendent to see how you might help.

GIRL SCOUT BADGES AND AWARDS

The Girl Scouts of the USA have many badges and awards that can be completed in an Olmsted landscape. Check out our website to find one near year. www.olmsted.org. Consider some of the opportunities below:

Outdoor Journey— All Levels

Outdoor Journey badges are available for all ages by obtaining the required outdoor badges followed by a final service project. Contact your local Girl Scout council for more information.

Trail Adventure Badges— All Levels

Each of the Trail Adventure badges includes age-appropriate activities for girls to explore the outdoors and grow their hiking skills. Contact your local Girl Scout council for more information.



Eco Learner Badge— Daisy

When girls earn this badge, they'll have learned three ways to protect the environment when they go outdoors. Contact your local Girl Scout council for more information.

Gardener Badge— Junior

When girls earn the Gardener Badge, they'll know how to help plants and flowers grow. Contact your local Girl Scout council for more information.

Trees Badge— Cadette

Frederick Law Olmsted loved and planted trees in the landscape. When girls earn this badge, they'll have gone to the root of what trees are all about— and branched out as a naturalist. Contact your local Girl Scout council for more information.

Eco Advocate - Ambassador

Here scouts can pursue a nature issue that's important, find solutions and make a difference. This badge helps them learn how to advocate for environmental issues. Contact your local Girl Scout council for more information.



GSWNY Council's Own Badge – All ages

Girl Scouts of Western New York created the "Celebrating Olmsted: Parks for all People" patch in honor of Frederick Law Olmsted's 200th birthday in 2022. Girl Scouts across the country can earn this badge. Learn more about the patch [here](#).

Project Olmsted Patch – All Ages

This patch program was created by a Girl Scouts of Kentuckiana Ambassador as part of her Gold Award Project. She partnered with Olmsted Parks Conservancy to create ways for Girls Scouts to help protect our waterways within Olmsted parks. You can find the patch

information [here](#)

Bronze, Silver, and Gold Awards— Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors

The Bronze, Silver, and Gold Awards are the highest awards in Girl Scouts and recognize girls who work to make their community a better place. Olmsted parks and landscapes are perfect places for award projects. If you need ideas for a project, reach out to us at info@olmsted.org and we will put you in touch with a nearby Olmsted site. Plus, read about several Olmsted-themed Girl Scout Gold Award Projects on our blog!

BSA BADGES AND AWARDS

The Boy Scouts of America have many badges and awards that can be completed in an Olmsted landscape. Check out our website to find one near you, www.olmsted.org. Consider some of the opportunities below for Scouts of all ages. Don't forget the Outdoor Code:

As an American, I will do my best to—

- Be clean in my outdoor manners.
- Be careful with fire.
- Be considerate in the outdoors.
- Be conservation minded.

World Conservation Award



Wolf, Bear and Webelos Scouts who have participated in either a den or pack conservation project and have completed certain requirements can earn the World Conservation Award. The purpose of the award is to encourage youth to think globally and act locally to preserve and improve our environment. See the award requirement [here](#).

Forestry Merit Badge

Olmsted promoted scientific forestry at Biltmore. With this badge, Scouts will explore the remarkable complexity of a forest and identify many species of trees and plants and the roles they play in a forest's life cycle. They will also discover resources forests provide to humans and come to understand that people have a very large part to play in sustaining the health of forests. Contact your local BSA council for more information.



Landscape Architecture Merit Badge

Frederick Law Olmsted was the founder of the profession of American landscape architecture, where people design and plan outdoor spaces in modern communities. Contact your local BSA council for more information.

Nature Merit Badge

There is a very close connection between soil, plants, animal life, and people.

Understanding this connection, and the impact we have upon it, is important to preserving the wilderness, as well as to our own well-being as members of the web of nature. Contact your local BSA council for more information.

Environmental Science Merit Badge

While earning the Environmental Science merit badge, Scouts will get a taste of what it is like to be an environmental scientist, making observations and carrying out experiments to investigate the natural world. Contact your local BSA council for more information.

Service Projects

Olmsted parks and landscapes are the perfect places for Eagle Scout and other service projects. If you need ideas for a project, reach out to us at info@olmsted.org and we will put you in touch with a nearby Olmsted site. Read more about one Eagle Scout project on our [blog](#).