

Webelo Parent and Leader Guide



Dear Parents and Leaders: Use this guide to facilitate fun and learning for your scout as he works to complete his Webelo adventure requirements. Be sure to pick up a map of the Virginia Aquarium before you get started.

Into the Wild Requirement 5: Watch at least four wild creatures (reptiles, amphibians, arachnids, fish, insects, or mammals) in the wild. Describe the kind of place (forest, field, marsh, yard, or park) where you saw them. Tell what they were doing.

Recommended Exhibits: Marsh Loop

Encourage your scout to.....

- To stop at the oyster exhibits on the Marsh Loop and quietly observe nature for 5 minutes.
- What characteristics of the animals were helpful in identifying them?
- Where do these animals live? What type of habitat is it?
- Be sure to listen quietly to find both birds and insects. Sometimes it is easier to hear them than to see them!

Into the Wild Requirement 8: Learn about aquatic ecosystems and wetlands in your area. Talk with your Webelos den leader or family about the important role aquatic ecosystems and wetlands play in supporting life cycles of wildlife and humans, and list three ways you can help.

Recommended Exhibits: Chesapeake Bay Gallery (just past the Coastal River Room)

Encourage your scout to.....

- Find and take the Watershed Whiz quiz on one of the touch screens
- Use the water samples and scales to determine which type of water is the heaviest.
- Find the “nature in balance” slide wall. Read about the importance of oysters in the Chesapeake Bay food web and how humans have impacted this food web.
 - Use the slides to figure out which animals are negatively impacted when the oyster population decreases. ***This will also meet Into the Wild Requirements 7a and 7b.***
- Visit the Marsh Pavilion exhibits. Notice that the 3 levels are dedicated to the 3 ingredients needed in a marsh: grasses, mud, and salt water.

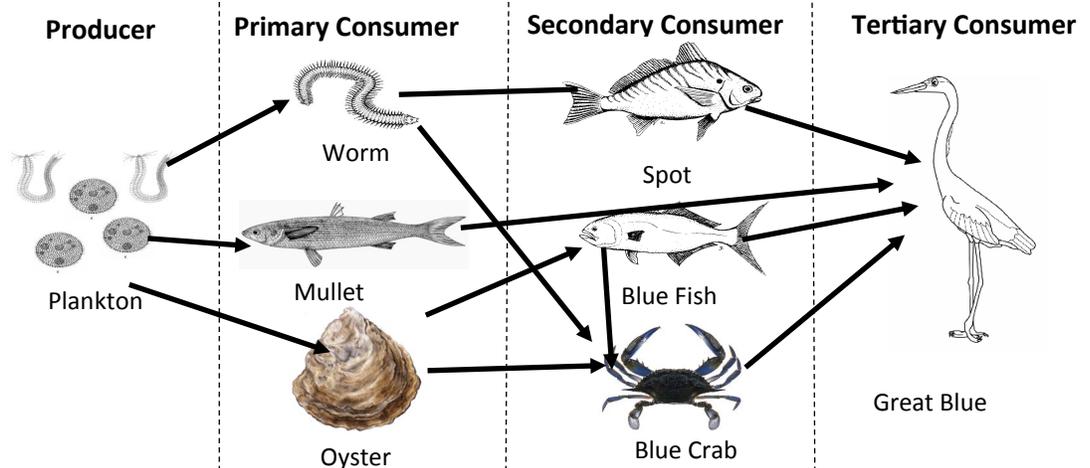


Into the Wild Requirement 7a: Give examples of at least two of the following: a producer, a consumer, and a decomposer in the food chain of an ecosystem

Recommended Exhibits: Chesapeake Bay Gallery (just past the Coastal River Room) and the Marsh Pavilion

Encourage your scout to.....

- Find the “nature in balance” slide wall. Move the slides to see the food web in the Chesapeake Bay.



Earth Rocks! Requirement 2: Look for different kinds of rocks or minerals while on a rock hunt with your family or your den

Earth Rocks! Requirement 3: Do the following: a. Identify the rocks you see on your rock hunt. Use the information in your handbook to determine which types of rocks you have collected. b. With a magnifying glass, take a closer look at your collection. Determine any differences between your specimens. c. Share what you see with your family or den.

Recommended Exhibits: Chesapeake Bay Gallery (just past the Coastal River Room) and the Science Shack Alpha (just before the Red Sea Tunnel)

Encourage your scout to.....

- Look closely for different rock samples. There are a lot to choose from.
- We recommend bringing a magnifying glass or using your cell phone to take a closer look at the samples.

