



## Awesome Volunteer/Learning Opportunities For Boy Scouts

**May 12, 2018 (8:30am - 12:30)** - Rain garden planting and general landscaping - Von Neida Park Cramer Hill section of Camden. Volunteers needed for weeding, mulching and planting trees, shrubs and grasses in a bio-swale stormwater basin. We will also do a quick litter cleanup. If driving, the Park is off River Road. The work site is at the intersection of North 29<sup>th</sup> St and Pierce Ave. There is parking in the lots on Pierce Ave. between North 29<sup>th</sup> and North 30<sup>th</sup> Streets - opposite the basketball courts.

**May - June 2018 - Delaware Bay Horseshoe Crab Survey and Tagging - Moores Beach, NJ**

Important to remember:

- It's a very cool hands-on, Citizen Science data collection project,
- Vols are needed for documenting data, walking out measured rope lines, picking up crabs to count and even tag using cordless drills,
- You will get wet, it will be a late night (because you're driving home from just north of Cape May, you may not get home until 2:00 or 3:00AM),
- You will never forget the experience.



For more information: <https://www.horseshoecrabtagging.org/>

**June 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> - Upper Delaware River BioBlitz near Hancock, NY**

A BioBlitz is an event where biology experts and volunteers gather to collect, identify, and catalogue every living thing on a demarcated property in a 24 hour period. Teams are formed, led by a team leader, to focus on particular categories of life, including Aquatic Insects, Birds, Plants, Fish, Mushrooms and Molds, Reptiles and Amphibians, Insects, Worms, Snails, Mammals, Mosses and Lichens. For more info: <http://www.upperdelawarebioblitz.com/>. To register: contact Steve Schwartz at [sschwartz@pinchot.org](mailto:sschwartz@pinchot.org).

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## Petty's Island, Pennsauken, NJ

- **Saturday, June 16 Petty's Island History Hike (10:00 a.m. to 1 p.m.)**

Explore this gem with local historian and author, Bob Shinn, on a hike through time on Petty's Island. Hike along the Delaware River where points of interest will bring history to life. Leafless trees will give opportunities for spectacular views of Philadelphia and other significant landmarks. Registration is **REQUIRED** for this trip. Details are given upon registration. Registration is open May 4 to June 14 at <https://pijunehh.eventbrite.com>

- **Saturday, July 21 Bats of Petty's Night Hike (8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.)**

Join us for this special evening program and learn all about bats and their many important roles in nature. With the oil tanks gone we have permission to walk the road and explore the field habitats of Petty's Island. We know bats use the island, but we've never been out at night to explore. We will bust some common myths about these fascinating but misunderstood animals and discuss some of the ways we can help to protect them. As the sun goes down, we will head out and try to pick up their echolocation calls with our bat detector. There is nothing quite like a nature walk at night, so come get batty with us! **Children must be 12 and older to participate.** Registration is **REQUIRED** for this trip. Details are given upon registration. Registration is open June 8 to July 19 <https://batsofpettysisl.eventbrite.com>

Opportunities like these fulfill many more Scouting requirements than Community Service. These activities can help meet many rank and merit badge advancement. For more info on these and other opportunities, contact **Fred Stine, Scoutmaster T179 at 856.816.8021.**