

## **“Through the Window” Scouts BSA Merit Badge Program Series**

### **April 2020 – Bird Study Merit Badge**

The “Through the Window” Scouts BSA Merit Badge program series is designed to give Scouts the opportunity to continue working on select merit badges and requirements with the opportunity to achieve new merit badges. This program is designed for Scouts to complete merit badge requirements at home and with their families while practicing social distancing. Scouts who are participating will be able to maintain contact with a merit badge counselor and present merit badge requirements through email. This program series will be conducted through the end of the month of April 2020, with the opportunity to be extended to meet future needs.

By participating in this program, Scouts will have the opportunity to:

- Maintain positive connections to the outdoors.
- Become educated on environmental science topics through research and activities.
- Develop better written and verbal communication skills by developing and completing badge requirements presentable to the instructor.
- Foster growth in understanding of working relationships within their local and global environment

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If your Scout is interested in working toward obtaining the Bird Study merit badge during the month of April 2020, please contact Matt Truesdale at [matt.truesdale19@gmail.com](mailto:matt.truesdale19@gmail.com) BEFORE 5 PM on SUNDAY, APRIL 5<sup>th</sup>.