

Build Bat Boxes

Environment & Outdoors



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What You Will Discover

Bats are an important part of our ecosystem, but our actions can hurt them. Start a bat-box-building project to help protect these creatures!

The Adventure

Start a campaign to help your community build bat boxes. As bats suffer from habitat loss and a fungus called White-Nose syndrome, we can help them! Distribute precut kits to families in your Group or community, encouraging them to find a great place for bats to live.



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It starts with Scouts.

Plan

- What supplies will you need for the kits?
- Can you get the supplies donated, or will you charge a fee for the kits?
- What are the ideal habitats for installing your bat boxes?
- How will people know how to build and hang their bat boxes?

Do

#ScoutsDoStuff: Start a social media campaign to get more people involved with your project! Blog about making your products, share ideas about how people can join in or make a video to show people how to build a bat box of their own.

Review

- How can you check if bats have used your boxes?
- How did you create and distribute your kits?
- What kind of impact do you think you have had on your community?

Safety Note

- How can you stay safe while building?
- How can you be safe while putting up your shelter?
- How can you help others to be safe while building their bat boxes?

Try this

Keep it Simple

Rather than distributing kits, why not build the boxes and distribute them ready-made with directions about where people can hang them up?

Take it Further

Partner with a local hardware store and conservation authority (or similar) and start a city-wide campaign. Start a bat-box blitz and see how many boxes you can distribute in a period of time, and then track their success.