

Architecture Merit Badge Workshop



Darwin Martin House:

Frank Lloyd Wright (1867-1959) designed a unique residential complex for wealthy Buffalo businessman Darwin D. Martin and his family between 1903-1905. The most substantial and highly developed of Frank Lloyd Wright's Prairie houses in the Eastern United States, the Darwin D. Martin House received National Historic Landmark status in 1986. The house is considered by leading Frank Lloyd Wright scholars as one of Wright's finest achievements of the Prairie period and, indeed, of his entire career.

Explore Buffalo:

Explore Buffalo is a volunteer-driven nonprofit organization offering guided tours of Buffalo & WNY. Our mission is to promote our region's architecture, history, and neighborhoods through quality education to learners of all ages. We do this by offering over 80 unique walking, bike, bus, kayak, and specialty tours all over WNY, as well as a Speaker Series, Guest Speakers, special events, and more.

Architecture Badge

The Architecture Badge with the Darwin Martin House and Explore Buffalo will explore basic architectural principles as viewed through the lens of Frank Lloyd Wright design. Scouts will take a tour of the Martin House, speak to an architect, view models and architectural plans and understand the basic tools of an architect. With Explore Buffalo, scouts will tour a contrasting example of architecture, talk about reuse and restoration and measure a room while learning the basics of scaling.

By completing the full workshop you will satisfy all of the requirements for a signed blue card. Please bring blue card with you the day of the workshop.

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Pre-visit

Before you come to the workshop, research and think about the following questions:

1. What is architecture? Why is architecture important?
2. What notable buildings are in your neighborhood? What about Western New York?
3. What areas of study do architects need to learn in order to be a good architect?

Itinerary

- 10:00 Arrival of Boys to the Martin House (143 Jewett Pkwy, Buffalo, NY 14214)
- 10:00-11:00 Tour of Martin House, focusing on the green elements, the relationship between architecture and its surrounding community, and how buildings can be reused as something else. (req's 1 b., 2 a.-d.)
- 11:00-11:30 Meet with an architect and look at a model of a building. The architect will talk about different careers in the field. (req's 3 a., 5)
- 11:30-12:00 Lunch/move to Explore Buffalo (1 Symphony Cir, Buffalo, NY 14201)
- 12:00-12:45 Tour of Symphony Circle neighborhood and First Presbyterian Church. Discuss reuse of buildings. Sketch buildings that are of interest. (req's 1 a.)
- 12:45-1:30 In Explore Buffalo's Learning Center, measure the room and do a lesson on scaling. Scouts will create scaled drawing of the room. (req's 4)

Things to know:

Please arrive at the Martin House on time- we will start promptly at 10:00.

Plan on bringing a lunch, or know where you will stop and get lunch. There is only a half an hour in between. The driving distance is only 10 minutes between the two sites.

Parking is free at both sites. The Martin House has street parking, and so does Explore Buffalo (located inside of First Presbyterian).

Cost:

\$20/scout

\$10/adult