

Girl Scout troops study the importance of butterflies as pollinators in our environment.

- See Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc. website at: <http://michigangardenclubs.org/projects/black-swallowtail-papilio-polyxenes-butterfly/> Handout: “Inviting Butterflies into Your Garden”
- Handout: Curriculum for use with Schools
- Handout: Butterfly Wand
- Handout: Butterfly Brochure
- Handout: Michigan Senate Bill 167 and House Bill 4314
- PowerPoint: Black Swallowtail
- Girl Scouts share with their families and communities why butterflies are important via farmers markets, schools, libraries, etc.

Girl Scout troops study “How State Government Works in Michigan”

- Troop leaders contact their Michigan legislator and request a free copy of Citizen’s Guide to State Government, as well as, any other resources the legislator may have dedicated to educating their constituency on how a bill becomes a law. There is an excellent description in the Citizen’s Guide.
- Girl Scouts review Michigan Senate Bill 167 and House Bill 4314 proposing the Black Swallowtail as Michigan’s official State butterfly.
- Girl Scouts identify where Senate Bill 167 and House Bill 4314 are in the legislative process. Updates available on the Michigan Garden Clubs’ website or from your local legislator.
- Girl Scouts write to their legislators asking them to support the bill. (Model letter available on MGC website).
- Girl Scouts share with their communities the importance of butterflies, why Senate Bill 167 and House Bill 4314 are important, and how they can influence the legislative process so that Michigan joins 47 other states in having an official state butterfly.
- Girl Scouts interested in attending legislative hearings on the bill should contact their local legislator.