

American Heritage Girls

Special Events

Magic Forest Halloween Hikes

Who: Pathfinder, Tenderheart and Young Explorers
Location: Caldwell Nature Center, 430 West North Bend Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45216
Date: October 18 and 19, 2019
Time: Hikes start at 7:00 p.m. and end at 8:30 p.m. Hikes leave at 15 minute intervals; each lasts about 1 hr.
Register by: On-line registration only after Sept. 3 at: <https://explorenature.regfox.com/halloweenhikes>
Fee: \$6.00 per person. There is a \$3.00 administrative fee per transaction; so sign up the full troop and family members during one transaction. Non-refundable.

This is a family friendly and Halloween – alternative fun event! Girls and family members walk through a pumpkin-lit trail meeting costumed characters from nature and history. This is a non-scary holiday walk best suited to girls aged 5-10 years. Call (513) 321-6070 for more information.

Great Outdoor Weekend: FREE Canoeing and Camping Skills

Who: All Scout Levels
Location: Burnet Woods Lake, 3251 Brookline Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45220
Dates/Times: Saturday, September 29, 2018, Noon - 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, September 30, 2018, Noon - 4:00 p.m.
Contact: (513) 772-7479 for more information

In partnership with the Cincinnati Parks, the Camping and Education Foundation staff leads canoeing (all equipment provided) and various hands-on camping skills. The last canoeing session begins at 3:30pm. Park on Brookline Drive.

Great Outdoor Weekend: FREE Orienteering Skills

Who: All Scout Levels
Location: Sawyer Point – Riverfront Park, 705 E Pete Rose Way, Cincinnati, OH 45202
Dates/Times: Sunday, September 30, 2018, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Contact: (513) 824-3115 for more information

In partnership with the Cincinnati Parks, Orienteering Cincinnati is offering this sport that combines problem solving, navigation and fitness. Each person competes at their own pace. Families with young children often walk courses together to teach them along the way. Start any time between 11am - 2pm.

Holiday Crafts Workshop

Who: Tenderheart and Young Explorers
Location: LaBoiteaux Woods Nature Center, 5400 Lanier Lane, Cincinnati, OH 45224
Dates: Saturday, December 7, 2019
Time: 10:00 a.m. – 12noon
Register by: Register before Dec 2 at: <https://explorenature.regfox.com/scoutholidaycrafts>
Fee: \$6.00 per scout and non-leader adults. Patches /badges are not included in the fee. There is a \$3.00 administrative fee per transaction; so sign up the full troop during one transaction.

Bring the scout troop to enjoy crafts made with natural materials as we warm up inside the nature center by the fire. Nature provides all the media necessary for creating amazing craft; you provide the creative touches.

Maple in Mt. Airy

Who: All Scout Levels
Location: Oak Ridge Lodge, Mt. Airy Forest, 5083 Colerain Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45223
Date: Saturday, March 7, 2020
Time: Seating starts at 9:00 a.m. and go every half hour until noon. Entire program lasts 1 ¼ hours.
Register by: On-line registration only after Nov. at: <https://explorenature.regfox.com/maplemtairy>
Fee: \$8.00 per person. There is a \$3.00 administrative fee per transaction; so sign up the full troop and family members during one transaction. Non-refundable.

This event is perfect for scouts, organized groups and families of all ages! A free pancake breakfast is provided in Oak Ridge Lodge before your adventure begins. After breakfast, participants head outside to visit 4 stations and meet with sugar makers from the past and present. Yum...lots of tasting! The full program takes approximately 1.25 hours.

General Programming Info (Nature Study; Ecology; Science; Local History; Outdoor Skills)

Let us help you plan the perfect scouting program for your girls! Program areas include Nature Study, Ecology, Environment, Science, Local History, Outdoor Skills, and more. We can tailor any program to meet your badge requirements.

Weekday After-School Programs at Our Nature Centers or Neighborhood Parks: Up to two hours in length depending on arrival time. Fee: \$5 per scout & chaperones; primary leaders are FREE. An additional fee may be charged for program/craft materials. Minimum fee equivalent to 15 scouts/paying adults. Fee does not include patches/badges.

Weekday After-School Outreach Programs at Your Facility:

Depending on the facility resources, we may not be able to complete badge activities such as hiking, habitat investigations, etc. Activity details should be discussed with the Naturalist before confirming the program.

Within City Limits: Up to two hours in length depending on starting time. Fee: \$75 for the first 30 - 60 minute program. \$25 for additional programs (same topic, location, day). An additional fee may be charged for program/craft materials. Fee does not include patches/badges.

Out of City Limits: All of the above plus an additional fee may be charged for mileage..

Half or Full Day Programs at Our Nature Centers: From 3 - 5 hours in length depending on arrival time.

Fee: \$15 – 25 per scout & chaperones; primary leaders are FREE. Minimum fee equivalent to 15 scouts/paying adults. Fee does not include patches/badges. These programs can be scheduled on weekdays during school breaks (but not on national holidays). Weekends are limited due to public programs and special events; call our main office at 321-6070 for staff availability.

Many public weekend programs are related to badge work but are best suited for registration by individual girls & their families. All require pre-registration and may have a fee. Check our website at www.cincinnatiiparks.com for the current list of programs.

Avon Woods Nature Center 4235 Paddock Rd. (Paddock Hills/Avondale) 513-861-3435

Provides hikes and activities in nature, study local wildlife, outdoor skills and science topics such as weather. After school programs can be designed to meet scout badge requirements for all levels.

Caldwell Nature Center 430 West North Bend Rd. (Carthage/Hartwell) 513-761-4313

Provides hikes and activities in nature, study, local wildlife, Ohio Native Americans, geology, outdoor skills, weather and stream studies. Special programs: Scout Overnights, Maple Sugaring (February only). After school programs can be designed to meet scout badge requirements for all levels.

California Woods Nature Center 5400 Kellogg Ave. (California/ Mt. Washington) 513-231-8678

Provides hikes and activities in nature, study local wildlife, Ohio pioneers, outdoor skills and science topics such as weather and stream studies. Special programs: Maple Sugaring (February only) and Green Up Day. After school programs can be designed to meet scout badge requirements for all levels.

LaBoiteaux Woods Nature Center 5400 Lanius Lane (College Hill/ Northside) 513-542-2909

Provides hikes and activities in nature, study local wildlife, outdoor skills, compass and map skills and Native American life. Special Program: Local history of the Underground Railroad. After school programs can be designed to meet scout badge requirements for all levels.

Trailside Nature Center and Wolff Planetarium, 3251 Brookline Avenue (Clifton) 513-751-3679

Provides hikes and activities in nature, study local wildlife, and outdoor skills. Special Programs: Planetarium shows and fishing or canoeing on Burnet Woods Lake. All programs are designed to help meet scout badge requirements for all rank levels.

Tours of Krohn Conservatory 1501 Eden Park Dr. (Eden Park) 513-352-4080

Tours available through the showroom, desert, tropical and orchid rooms of the greenhouse during the weekdays of Monday- Friday. Admission fee is charged.

Other Cincinnati Parks - Naturalist programs can be scheduled in most Cincinnati Parks. Contact the Nature Center closest to the specific park.

American Heritage Badges Offered:

The following are activity requirements that can be provided by our Naturalist staff in these 3 Frontier Skills: Our Heritage, Science & Technology and Outdoor Skills. Most of these activities are appropriate for Tenderhearts and Explorers but adjustments to the program can include girls in the Pathfinder, Pioneer and Patriot levels. Please contact the Nature Centers listed below regarding scheduling and questions.

Caring for My Environment

Camping (requires advanced notice and scheduling with our Main Office at 321-6070)

Canoeing (available only at Trailside)

Fishing (available only at Trailside)

Freedom Seekers (available only at LaBoiteaux)

Gardening and Plant Science

Geology

Hiking

Insect – Inspect – a

Native American (available only at LaBoiteaux or Caldwell)

Nature & Wildlife

Our Feathered Friends

Outdoor Skills

Pioneers; Early Settlement of Cincinnati (available only at California)

Space Exploration (available only at Trailside)

Young Meteorologist

Zoology

Call our Main Office at the Bettman Center (321-6070) regarding these opportunities:

- Community Service Projects: Centers can provide these for troops of all ages.
- Volunteering Opportunities are available for troops or individuals at special events.
- Hiking Trails: at regional parks and the Nature Centers. Trails range from the very short up to 10+ mile LaTrainee de L'Explorateurs in Mt. Airy.
- Outdoor Scouting Overnights: at regional parks and the Nature Centers.