

# Cub Scout

## Special Events

### **Great Outdoor Weekend: Campfire, Orienteering, Canoeing, Camping Skills, Creeking & Fun Activities**

**Who:** All Scout Levels  
**Location:** Various locations in Cincinnati Parks  
**Dates/Times:** Friday – Sunday, September 27 – 29. Various times.  
**Info:** <https://www.greatoutdoorweekend.org/>

This special weekend presents opportunities for children and adults to sample the best outdoor recreation and nature awareness programs available in Greater Cincinnati region. There are over 100 events available; FREE and open to the public.

### **Magic Forest Halloween Hikes**

**Who:** Cub Scouts up to 10 years of age and their families  
**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 one hour.  
**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.

### **Maple in Mt. Airy**

**Who:** All Cub Scouts  
**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 November 1, 2019  
<https://explorenature.regfox.com/maplemtairy>  
Call (513) 321-6070 for more information.  
**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.

### **National Park Trust's Kids to the Parks Day**

**Who:** All Cub Scouts  
**Location:** Various locations in Cincinnati Parks  
**Dates/Times:** Saturday, May 17, 2020. Various times.  
**Info:** <https://www.cincinnatiiparks.com/explore-nature/>

Join us in celebrating the 10th annual National Park Trust's, Kids to Parks Day (KTP Day). Our Explore Nature! staff is hosting a variety of FREE activities for families and kids of all ages to find their own outdoor adventure. Activities are FREE and open to the public.

## **Cub Scout General Programming Information**

Let us help you plan the perfect scouting program for your boys! Program areas include Nature Study, Ecology, Environment, Science, Local History, Outdoor Skills, and more. We can tailor any program to meet your adventure, elective adventures and badge/merit requirements.. Here is a sampling of requirements that have activities which can be led by our Naturalist staff:

**Tiger Adventures** – Backyard Jungle and Tigers in the Wild.

Tiger Elective Adventures: part of Sky is the Limit (available only at Trailside), Tiger Tag and

Tiger Tales (available only at LaBoiteaux)

**Call of the Wild, part of Council Fire and Paws on the Path**

**Wolf Elective Adventures:** part of Air of the Wolf, Digging in the Past (available only at Caldwell, California and LaBoiteaux) and Grow Something.

**Bear Adventures** – Bear Claws (available only at Caldwell), Fur, Feathers & Ferns and part of Paws for Action (available only at LaBoiteaux).

**Bear Elective Adventures:** A Bear Goes Fishing (available only at Trailside), Beat of the Drum (available only at Caldwell and LaBoiteaux), part of Salmon Run (available only at Trailside) and Super Science.

**Webelos Adventures – part of Webelos Walkabout.**

**Arrow of Light Adventures** – part of Building a Better World, part of Camper & part of Scouting Adventure.

Webelos and Arrow of Light Electives: part of Adventures in Science (available only at Trailside), part of Castaway, Earth rocks (available only at Avon, Caldwell and California), Into the Wild and Into the Woods.

Programs require prepayment. Payment can be made with a money order, cashier check or credit card (Visa or Mastercard). Personal checks and troop checks are not accepted. Please make money orders / cashier checks payable to “Treasurer, City of Cincinnati”. Credit card information can be given to the Naturalist staff scheduling the program with you.

Nature Centers also have opportunities for community service projects for troops of all ages and can work with Eagle Scout candidates on projects. No fee is charged for these projects.

**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 and 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 boys & their families. All require pre-registration and may have a fee. Check our website at [www.cincinnatiiparks.com](http://www.cincinnatiiparks.com) for the current list of programs.

To schedule a program date for your den/pack or to discuss program specifics, call the Nature Center (listed below) most convenient for you.

**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.

**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 program: Maple Sugaring (February only).

**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.

**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.

**Trailside Nature Center and Wolff Planetarium, 3400 Brookline Drive (Clifton) 513-751-3679**

- Provides hikes and activities in nature, study local wildlife, and outdoor skills such as fishing and canoeing. Special Program: Planetarium shows.

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

**Tours of Krohn Conservatory 1501 Eden Park Dr. (Eden Park) 513-352-4080 ext. 21**

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

**Call our Main Office at the Bettman Center (513-321-6070) regarding these opportunities:**

- Community Service Projects: Centers can provide these for dens/packs of all scout levels.
- 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.