

Scout Special Events

Magic Forest Halloween Hikes

- Who:** Daisy, Brownie and Young Juniors
- 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.

Holiday Crafts Workshop

- Who:** Brownies and Juniors
- Location:** LaBoiteaux Woods Nature Center, 5400 Lanius 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. Non-refundable.

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. Call (513) 542-2909 for more information.

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 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.

Girl Scout Programs: General Programming Information

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. Requirements for many nature-oriented Journeys, Brownie Try-Its, Junior Badges and Cadets/Senior Interest Projects can be fulfilled.

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 Gold Award 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: Beyond the information stated above 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.cincinnati-parks.com for the current list of programs.

To schedule a program date for your troop 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. After school programs can be designed to meet Girl 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: Daisy, Brownie and Junior Girl Scout Overnights, Maple Sugaring (February only). After school programs can be designed to meet Girl 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 Surgaring (February only) and Green Up Day. After school programs can be designed to meet Girl 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 Girl 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 such as fishing and canoeing. Special Program: Planetarium shows. All programs are designed to help meet Girl Scout badge requirements for all levels.

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

- 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 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.

2019 – 2020 Girl Scout Pre-Scheduled Programs

The programs below occur on the specific dates and times noted. **Unless otherwise stated, badges and patches are not provided.** Contact the Nature Center listed for more information and paid reservations. Limited spaces are available and these programs often fill before the deadlines.

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.

The Naturalist may ask you to complete the **Scout Registration form** as the final step to your reservation.

ALL SCOUT LEVEL PROGRAMS

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 28, 2019, Noon - 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, September 29, 2019, 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 Dr off of Ludlow/Jefferson Ave.

Great Outdoor Weekend: FREE Open House at LaBoiteaux Woods

Who: All Scout Levels
Location: LaBoiteaux Woods Nature Center, 5400 Lanian Ln., Cincinnati, OH 45224
Dates/Times: Saturday, September 28, 2019, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Contact: (513) 542-2909 for more information

Visit one of the Cincinnati Parks' hidden gems in College Hill. Meet the Naturalists, enjoy a live animal encounter each hour, take a short guided hike on a trail (or use a trail map to explore on your own) each half hour, make a craft to take home and find out about upcoming programs and volunteer opportunities.

Great Outdoor Weekend: FREE Orienteering Skills

Who: All Scout Levels
Location: Mt. Airy Forest, 5083 Colerain Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45223
Dates/Times: Sunday, September 29, 2019, 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. Look for directional signs upon entering park from Colerain Avenue.

Maple Magic

Who: All Scout Levels
Location: California Woods Nature Center, 5400 Kellogg Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45228
Dates/Times: Saturday, February 8, 2020, 10:00 a.m. - noon.
Saturday, February 8, 2020, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Thursday, February 13, 2020, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, February 15, 2020, 10:00 a.m. - noon
Saturday, February 15, 2020, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Thursday, February 20, 2020, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Fee: \$8.00 per person (all participants). Non-refundable..
Contact: (513) 231-8678 or gia.giammarinaro@cincinnati-oh.gov

Learn the history and mystery of Ohio's first sweet product, maple sugar! We tap maple trees, collect sap, and learn how to turn it into that sweet stuff we all know so well. Meet other troops and ages along the way! After all that work, come inside and enjoy some pancakes, sausage and real maple syrup. A free breakfast is provided as part of the program. .

These programs fill very quickly with online registration LIVE on Nov. 1. Register online at

<https://explore-nature.regfox.com/scoutmaplemagic>

National Park Trust's Kids to the Parks Day

Who: All Scout Levels
Location: Various locations in Cincinnati Parks
Dates/Times: Saturday, May 17, 2020. Various times.
Info: <https://www.cincinnati-parks.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.

PROGRAMS FOR DAISIES AND BROWNIES

Bugs Badge

Who: Daisy and Brownie Girl Scouts
Location: LaBoiteaux Woods Nature Center, 5400 Lanian Ln., Cincinnati, OH 45224
Date: Saturday, April 11, 2020
Time: 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.
Fee: \$5.00 per scout and non-adult leader adults. Non-refundable.
Contact: (513) 542-2909 or lara.wardlow@cincinnati-oh.gov

Bugs help us in lots of cool ways. Explore the world of bugs and learn more about these little creatures that do so much for us. Learn about butterflies, beetles, honey bees, and more! We create bug art, take a hike in search of insect homes and learn about their lifecycles using live insects in our nature center. Register online by 4/8 at:

<https://explorenature.regfox.com/scoutbugs>

PROGRAMS JUST FOR BROWNIES

Hiker Badge

Who: Brownie Girl Scouts
Location: Avon Woods Nature Center, 4235 Paddock Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45229
Date: Thursday, October 24, 2019
Time: 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. There is some flexibility in the starting time if needed.
Fee: \$5.00 per scout and non-leader adults. Non-refundable, pre-payment required.
Contact: (513) 861-3435 or Rachel.rice@cincinnati-oh.gov by Sept 27.

Work with a Naturalist to scout out a trail before we take a hike to find objects on a fun scavenger hunt. We discuss backpacking gear and safety and Leave No Trace principles too. Register online by 10/22 at:

<https://explorenature.regfox.com/scouthikerbadge>

Outdoor Adventurer

Who: Brownie Girl Scouts
Location: Avon Woods Nature Center, 4235 Paddock Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45229
Date: Friday, November 1, 2019
Time: 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. There is some flexibility in the starting time if needed.
Fee: \$5.00 per scout and non-leader adults. Non-refundable.
Contact: (513) 861-3435 or Rachel.rice@cincinnati-oh.gov

Get ready to explore the great outdoors! Join us as we play a survival game, try exciting outdoor challenges, learn how to tie knots and use a bandana as well as help improve our local forest ecosystem. Register online by 10/30 at:

<https://explorenature.regfox.com/scoutoutdooradv>

Home Scientist- Skill Building Badge from Brownie Quest

Who: Brownie Girl Scouts
Location: Caldwell Nature Center, 430 West North Bend Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45216
Date: Tuesday, December 3, 2019
Tuesday, December 10, 2019
Time: 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Fee: \$6.00 per scout and non-leader adults. Non-refundable.
Contact: (513) 761-4313 or olivia.canada@cincinnati-oh.gov

Brownies will do all sorts of experiments in this fun, hands on badge. Kids make rock candy, bubbles, and others. Girls earn their Home Scientist Badge. **Space is limited!** Register online before 11/29 at:

<https://explorenature.regfox.com/scouthomescientist>

PROGRAMS JUST FOR JUNIORS

Sky Search: Junior Girl Scouts

Who: Junior Girl Scouts
Location: Trailside Nature Center in Burnet Woods, 3251 Brookline Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45220
Dates: Tuesday, December 10, 2019
Wednesday, January 15, 2020
Thursday, March 19, 2020
Time: 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. There is some flexibility in the starting time if needed
Fee: \$5.00 per scout and non-leader adults. Non-refundable, pre-payment required.
Contact: (513) 751-3679 or michael.george@cincinnati-oh.gov

The Wolff Planetarium, the oldest planetarium west of the Allegheny's, will be the focus of this exciting program as we learn about constellations, stars, planets and more. Scouts participate in hands-on activities, learn how to use star maps and find their way by using the North Star. Space is limited. Make paid reservations at least 1 week before each date.

Detective Badge

For: Junior Girl Scouts
Location: LaBoiteaux Woods Nature Center, 5400 Lanius Ln., Cincinnati, OH 45224
Date: Wednesday, January 15, 2020
Time: 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.
Fee: \$5.00 per scout and non-leader adults. Non-refundable
Contact: (513) 542-2909 or lara.wardlow@cincinnati-oh.gov

Grab your magnifying glass and dive into the science of detecting. Girls learn basic evidence collection techniques and solve a mystery through hands on interactive investigative work. Develop critical thinking skills and communicate in code too! Register online by ration and payment due by 1/10 at: <https://explorenature.regfox.com/scoutdetectivebadge>

Animal Habitats

Who: Junior Girl Scouts
Location: LaBoiteaux Woods Nature Center, 5400 Lanius Ln., Cincinnati, OH 45224
Date: Saturday, April 11, 2020
Time: 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.
Fee: \$5.00 per scout and non-leader adults. Non-refundable
Contact: (513) 542-2909 or lara.wardlow@cincinnati-oh.gov

Who is that living in the cavity of the large dead oak tree? Where do the animals disappear to whenever we are hiking through the forest? Animal's habitats are all around us and often go unnoticed to the untrained eye. Earn your animal habitats badge as we explore the nature preserve for signs of animal's homes. Register online by 4/8 at: <https://explorenature.regfox.com/scouthabitats>

Flowers Badge

Who: Junior Girl Scouts
Location: Avon Woods Nature Center, 4235 Paddock Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45229
Date: Thursday, April 17, 2020
Time: 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. There is some flexibility in the starting time if needed.
Fee: \$5.00 per scout and non-leader adults. Non-refundable
Contact: (513) 861-3435 or Rachel.rice@cincinnati-oh.gov

Earn your Flower Badge in the Avon Woods Nature Preserve. Home to hundreds of native wildflower and plant species, enjoy a personal tour to learn about the science of flowers and how they help us. Make a dried-flower art project to take home. Register online by 4/14 at: <https://explorenature.regfox.com/scoutflowerbadge>

PROGRAMS FOR JUNIORS AND CADETTES

Underground Railroad: Ravine to Freedom

For: Junior and Cadette Girl Scouts
Location: LaBoiteaux Woods Nature Center, 5400 Lanian Ln., Cincinnati, OH 45224
Date: Saturday, February 22, 2020
Time: 10:00 a.m. - 12Noon OR 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. **Please choose only one session.**
Fee: \$5.00 per scout and non-leader adults. Non-refundable
Contact: (513) 542-2909 or lara.wardlow@cincinnati-oh.gov

Step back in time and walk part of a documented route used by escaping slaves during the 1850's. Discover if you have what it takes to attain your own freedom during a simulation activity and other hands-on activities. A local focus brings the broader history of the Underground Railroad to life. Dress in layers for indoor and outdoor activities. Register online by 2/19 at: <https://explorenature.regfox.com/scoutravinetofreedom>

Girl Scout Programs Overnights at Caldwell Nature Center

Caldwell Nature Center
430 W. North Bend Road (Carthage/Hartwell)
Cincinnati, OH 45216
Contact: Olivia Canada - Naturalist
Olivia.Canada@cincinnati-oh.gov
513-761-4313
513-321-6218 (fax)

No Overnight registrations will be accepted before September 1, 2019.

To Register for Overnights:

***NEW THIS YEAR:** All Girl Scout Overnights have online registrations that will open at NOON on September 3 at: <https://explorenature.regfox.com/girlscoutovernights> All overnights are pre-paid and non-refundable. Fees do not include patches/badges unless mentioned. Only MasterCard and VISA credit cards are accepted.

We allow free chaperones according to the G.S. Guidelines: Two leaders are free for a troop of up to 12 Brownies. An additional free adult is allowed for every 6 additional Brownies. Juniors may have two free leaders for 16 girls and an additional adult for every 8 additional Juniors. Other adults are required to pay. All adults are expected to participate. We adhere to all Girl Scout Council rules and regulations.

It's Your Planet Love It! Between Earth and Sky Daisy Journey Overnight

Who: Daisy Girl Scouts and their Ladies (any woman role model in the Daisy's life)
Dates: April 3 - 4, 2020
April 24 - 25, 2020
May 8 - 9, 2020
Time: 6:00 p.m. Friday - 2: 30 p.m. Saturday
Fee: \$35.00 per scout and participating adult combined. Non-refundable, pre-payment required.
Daisies and their ladies learn about themselves and the great planet we live on, Earth. Girls earn the "The Blue Bucket Award", "The Firefly Award" and "The Clover Award". The overnight includes a night hike and indoor/outdoor activities. Girls end the day creating their "Clover Project". Patches are not provided. Troops must bring their own food.
Register online at least 3 weeks before each date at: <https://explorenature.regfox.com/girlscoutovernights>

It's Your Planet, Love It!: WOW! Wonders of Water Brownie Journey Overnight

Who: Brownie Girl Scouts

Dates: November 8 - 9, 2019

March 27 - 28, 2020

Time: 6:00 p.m. Friday - 2:30 p.m. Saturday

Fee: **\$25.00** per scout and extra non-leader adults. Non-refundable, pre-payment required.

Get ready to dive in and learn about the substance that makes our Earth unique, Water! Girls earn the "Love Water", "Save Water" and "Share Water" awards. We also get the scouts and leaders started to earn their "WOW" award on their own. This overnight also includes a night hike and activities inside and outside focusing on the wonders of water. Patches are not provided. Troops must bring their own food. **Register online at least 3 weeks before each date at:**

<https://explorenature.regfox.com/girlscoutovernights>

Survivor Girls! For Brownies Overnight

Who: Brownie Girl Scouts

Date: January 24 - 25, 2020

Time: 6:00 p.m. Friday - 2:30 p.m. Saturday

Fee: **\$25.00** per scout and extra non-leader adults. Non-refundable, pre-payment required.

Have fun and learn everything a kid needs to know about outdoor skills and fire building! Girls become expert outdoor explorers as we learn all about what it takes to survive in the woods, safely and comfortably. Together we practice useful skills such as, shelter building, using a map and compass, knot tying, basic first aid, as well as knife safety. Our full schedule includes nighttime and daytime activities such as hikes, games, crafts and skill building. Special patches will be provided representing the different skills learned. Troops must bring their own food. **Register online by 1/3 at:**

<https://explorenature.regfox.com/girlscoutovernights>

It's Your Planet, Love It!: GET MOVING! Junior Journey Overnight

Who: Junior Girl Scouts

Dates: November 15 - 16, 2019

March 13 -14, 2020

Time: 6:00 p.m. Friday - 4:00 p.m. Saturday

Fee: **\$25.00** per scout and extra non-leader adults. Non-refundable, pre-payment required.

Girls energized about this journey. Scouts earn the Energize Award and Investigate Award. We also help them get started with their leaders on a project to earn the Innovate award. This overnight features different energy experiments indoors and out. Patches not provided. Troops must bring their own food. **Register online at least 3 weeks before each date at:**

<https://explorenature.regfox.com/girlscoutovernights>

Survivor Girls! For Juniors Overnight

Who: Junior Girl Scouts

Date: January 10 - 11, 2020

Time: 6:00 p.m. Friday - 4:00 p.m. Saturday

Fee: **\$25.00** per scout and extra non-leader adults. Non-refundable.

Survivor Girls! Have fun and learn everything a kid needs to know about outdoor skills and fire building! Girls become expert outdoor explorers as we learn all about what it takes to survive in the woods, safely and comfortably. Together we practice useful skills such as, fire building, using a map and compass, knot tying, basic first aid, as well as knife and fire safety. Our full schedule includes nighttime and daytime activities such as hikes, games, crafts and skill building. Special patches provided representing the different skills learned. Troops must bring their own food. Register online by 12/20 at:

<https://explorenature.regfox.com/girlscoutovernights>