

Owl's Hill Nature Sanctuary, Inc.

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Owl's Hill is pleased to work with scout groups to enhance their nature studies and help them earn nature and environmental badges. We offer several types of programs suitable for scouts. Badge programs lead to immediate completion specific badge requirements. Environmental enrichment programs and special event programs fulfill partial requirements for badges.

BADGE PROGRAMS

Your scouts will complete **all** the requirements for the following badges in one visit to Owl's Hill. Cost: \$8/scout, \$4/adult, 2 leaders free, \$50 minimum, limit of 20 scouts. These programs include an Owl's Hill patch. No tag-a-longs of any age.

Boy Scouts

- Tiger Cub Scout Let's Go Outdoors, Go See It activity
- Wolf Cub Scout Bird Arrow Point Trail Elective
- Bear Cub Scout Sharing Your World With Wildlife Achievement
- Webelo Naturalist Badge

Girl Scouts

- Brownie Animal Try It
- Brownie Eco-Explorer Try It
- Brownie Watching Wildlife Try It
- Brownie Water Everywhere Try It (Sept. - Oct. 3; April 13 - May)
- Cadette or Senior All About Birds Interest Project: 2 Skillbuilders
- Cadette or Senior Wildlife Interest Project: 2 Skillbuilders

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Boy Scouts

- Webelo Forestry Badge (We do all requirements except tree planting)

Girl Scouts

- Junior Girl Scout Wildlife Badge
- Junior Girl Scout Earth Connections Badge

ENVIRONMENTAL ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

Environmental Enrichment Programs offer a more in depth study of topics that apply to one or several badges, but do not fulfill all requirements for any particular badge.

These programs may be scheduled after school Monday – Thursday or during the day, Monday - Friday. All include an Owl's Hill Patch. No tag-a-longs. \$8/scout, \$4/adult, 2 leaders free, \$50 minimum, maximum of 20 scouts. *Note: the Interpretive hike is only \$6/scout.*

Winter Wildlife (November – February) Learn how local **animals survive** the winter, make edible **decorations for wildlife** and enjoy Eve Bunting's classic story, **The Night Tree**. **Hot chocolate** and **marshmallows** included. Appropriate for scouts kindergarten through third grade.

Aquatic Ecology (September – Oct.3, April 13 - May. Last reservation at 4 PM) Scouts consider the **water cycle**, learn about **watersheds**, experiment with basic **water chemistry** and have a feet-wet adventure gently catching, identifying and releasing **aquatic critters** in the **stream**. Appropriate for **Middle and High School** scouts working on the **Water Drop Project**.

Pond Ecology (September – Oct.3, April 13 – May. Last reservation at 4 PM) Scouts consider the **water cycle**, learn about **watersheds**, experiment with basic **water chemistry** and have a feet wet adventure gently catching, identifying and releasing **aquatic critters** in the **pond**. Appropriate for scout **fourth grade and older** working on the **Water Drop Project**.

Interpretive Nature Hike (All year) Hike through **various habitats** looking for **signs of the season, animal homes, and interesting plants**. Hikes scheduled for November through January may be Twilight Hikes, **\$6/scout**, \$4/adult, 2 leaders free, \$50 minimum. Appropriate for scouts of **all ages**

Use a Compass (January – March) Learn the **parts of a compass** and how to use it, practicing on the Owl's Hill **Compass Course**. For the most effective program, scouts should have a basic understanding of the **geometry of a circle**. Owl's Hill provides compasses for use during the program. Appropriate for scouts earning the **Skills Patch**, third grade and older.

Native Trees in Winter (January-March, last reservation at 3:30 PM) **Identify** Middle Tennessee trees, using twigs, bark, leaves, shape and location. Program includes the use of a **dichotomous key for twig ID**, instruction in proper use of a field guide and a hike. Appropriate for scouts in Middle and High School

Fossils of Middle Tennessee (January through May) Is this a fossil? How was it made? What did it look like before it became a fossil? Can we find **dinosaur bones** here? For answers to these and other pressing prehistoric questions, bring your troop to Owl's Hill for a fossil program. Appropriate for scouts working on the **Rock On Try It** and **Rocks Rock Badge**, third grade through Middle School.

SPECIAL EVENTS

(No patch included, family members of welcome)

Earth Day Twilight Hike! (April 22, 6-7:30 pm) Celebrate Earth Day with a picnic & Twilight Hike at Owl's Hill. The program begins at 6; picnickers should arrive with their dinner at 5:30. \$10/person, must be five to attend. Reservations required.

Boomer's Birthday Bash! (May 16, 1-4 pm) You are invited to celebrate the joys of spring with this nature extravaganza. Owls, butterflies, wildflowers, nesting birds and schools of tadpoles – all will help Boomerang, our blogging Great Horned Owl, celebrate his birthday. A great scout event complete with games, activities, crafts, party favors and birthday cake. Perfect for scouts working on **Wildlife Badges**. Groups welcome. **Cost: \$8/person, reservations please.** Reservations required.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Reservations: Our website, www.owlshill.org, offers more detailed descriptions of our programs and a link to an on-line Program Request Form. Reservations may also be made by e-mailing owlshill@bellsouth.net or by calling 615-370-4672. Where possible, we are happy to tailor programs to your needs, if you request it at the time of your reservation.

Chaperones: Adult chaperones are always welcome at Owl's Hill. When choosing chaperones, keep in mind that our insurance does not allow tag-a-longs of any age, including babies.

Fees: All scout program fees are pre-paid. Reservations are acknowledged with a leader's package containing additional information. An invoice is provided in the packet; please note the due date for your payment to prevent the loss of your preferred date and time.

Refunds Payment is refundable only in the **event of severe weather**. For **Badge** and **Environmental Programs**, if we are **notified in advance**, we will work with you to reschedule the program should you need to cancel for other reasons. **Special Events** Programs are **non-refundable** and **non-transferable** unless Owl's Hill cancels the event. **Cancellations without advance notification** are **not eligible** for rescheduling or refund under any circumstances. Payments **cannot be carried** over from one program year to the next. For accounting purposes, we consider the program year to run from **August through May**.

EAGLE SERVICE PROJECTS/ GOLD PROJECTS

We have a limited number of openings available for Scouts seeking an **Eagle Project** or a **Gold Project**. Contact Jean Buchanan at 370-4672. Projects are completed **between August 1 and April 1**.

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