

2009 Scout Programs 2010

Owl's Hill works with scouts to enhance their nature studies and help them earn nature & environmental badges. **Badge** programs lead to immediate completion of specific badge requirements. Environmental **Enrichment** programs and **Special Event** programs fulfill partial requirements for badges. **Badge** and **Enrichment** programs are \$8/scout, \$4/adult, 2 leaders free, \$50 minimum, limit of 20 scouts and include an Owl's Hill patch. **No tag-a-longs**, please. **Special Event** programs are priced as indicated; **family members are welcome** – one person two and under are free.

BADGE PROGRAMS

Boy Scouts

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

Girl Scouts

- Brownie Animal Try It
- Brownie Eco-Explorer Try It
- Brownie Watching Wildlife Try It
- Brownie Water Everywhere Try It
(through Sept 30; after April 15)
- Cadette or Senior *All About Birds*
- Cadette or Senior *Wildlife*

ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

Winter Wildlife (Nov. – Jan.) Learn how local animals survive the winter, make edible decorations for wildlife, enjoy Eve Bunting's classic story, *The Night Tree*. Hot chocolate & marshmallows included. **Kindergarten - third grade.**

Aquatic Ecology (through Sept. 30; after April 15.) Study the **water cycle**, build a **watershed**, experiment with basic **water chemistry**, have a feet wet adventure catching, identifying & releasing **aquatic critters** in the **stream**. **Middle & High School** scouts; applies to the **Water Drop Project**.

Pond Ecology (until Sept. 30; after April 15) Study the **water cycle & watersheds**, experiment with basic **water chemistry**, have a feet wet adventure identifying **aquatic critters** in the **pond**. **Fourth grade & older**; applies to **Water Drop Project**.

Interpretive Nature Hike (All year) Hike through various habitats look for **signs of the season**, **animal homes**, & **interesting plants**. Nov. – Jan. will be Twilight Hikes. Appropriate for **all ages**

Use a Compass (Jan. – March) Learn **parts of a compass** & how to use it on our **Compass Course**. For an effective program, scouts should have a basic understanding of the **geometry of a circle**. We provide compasses to use during the program. **Third grade & older**; applies to **Skills Patch**.

Native Trees in Autumn (Sept. – Nov.) **Identify** native trees using leaves, bark, shape & location. Learn to use a field guide, make a simple **leaf press**, begin a leaf collection. **Third grade & older**.

Native Trees in Winter (Jan.-March) Identify Middle Tennessee trees using twigs, bark, leaves, shape & location. Use a field guide & a dichotomous **key** for twig ID. **Middle & High School** scouts.

Fossils of Middle Tennessee (Jan. - March) Is this a fossil? How was it made? What did it look like before it became a fossil? Can we find **dinosaur bones** here? Answers these & other pressing prehistoric questions at our fossil program. **Third grade – Middle School; Rock On Try It & Rocks Rock Badge**.

SPECIAL EVENTS

(No **patch** included, family members welcome)

Hoots and Havrides: A GREAT Pumpkin Fair (Oct. 18, 1 – 5 pm) Choose & paint pumpkins, ride the **hay wagon taxi** to **live animal programs**, take a hike, enjoy games & races; get your face painted. Refreshments for purchase at Mother Nature's Café. Pumpkins at Owl's Hill come with so many activities even the Great Pumpkin has trouble doing them all!! Cost: **\$12.00/person** in advance, \$15 at the gate. All ages; **nature/wildlife/culture badges**.

Butterfly Day (Sept. 19, 10-noon) Celebrate these delicate beauties, learn to attract them to your yard. & raise local caterpillars. Study the lifecycle & identify common butterflies. Cost: **\$7/person** in advance; \$10 at the gate. All ages; **nature/wildlife badges**.

Owl Day (Nov. 7, 1-4 PM) Meet Thoreau, our **new** Barred Owl, attend Live Owl Programs, hike in wild owl territory, make an Owl Pin. All our beautiful owls will be here to greet you in person. Cost: **\$7/person** in advance, \$10 at the gate. All ages; **nature/wildlife badges**.

Owling, Howling & Prowling (Oct. 22 or Nov.11: 6-8:30 pm; Dec. 1, 5 - 7:30 pm, limit – 16/evening) Learn about native owls from a Naturalist while enjoying an outdoor supper, then hike & call the owls. Cost: **\$20/person** (includes dinner), Ages: **9-Adult**. **Wildlife** Badges. Pre-paid reservations only.

Groundhog Day (Jan. 30, 1-3) Which North American animal has its own holiday? The humble **Groundhog**, weather prognosticator *extraordinaire!* Celebrate its holiday at Owl's Hill with a burrow search, stories in the People Burrow & **Groundhog** games & crafts. Cost: **\$7/person** in advance; \$10 at the gate. **Wildlife/Cultural** Badges.

Bluebird Workshop (Feb. 20, 9 – noon) Learn about these beautiful birds, their near **disappearance** & return. Hike a **Cavity Nester Trail**; find out how to **monitor your own box**. Cost: **\$7/person** in advance; \$10 at the gate. **Fourth grade** & older. **Wildlife** Badges.

Earth Day Twilight Hike! (April 22, 6-7:30 pm) Celebrate Earth Day with a picnic & Twilight Hike at Owl's Hill. Picnickers arrive with their dinner at 5:30. Cost: **\$10/person** in advance; \$15 at the gate. Must be five to attend.

Boomerang's Birthday Bash! (May 15, 1-4 pm) Celebrate spring at this nature extravaganza. Owls, butterflies, wildflowers, nesting birds & schools of tadpoles help Boomerang, our blogging Owl; enjoy his birthday, complete with games, activities, crafts, party favors & birthday cake. Cost: **\$8/person** in advance; \$10 at the gate. **All Ages**. **Wildlife** Badges.