

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
- Webelo Forestry Badge can be earned at our Arbor Day Celebration

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)
- Brownie Earth Is Our Home Try It can be earned at our Earth Day Celebration.
- Cadette or Senior All About Birds Interest Project: 2 Skillbuilders
- Cadette or Senior Wildlife Interest Project: 2 Skillbuilders

ENVIRONMENTAL ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

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.*

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**

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.

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.

Native Trees in Autumn (September – November, last reservation at 3:30 PM) **Identify native trees**, using bark, leaves, shape and location. Make a simple **leaf press** and begin a **leaf collection** which can be expanded on future scout or personal outings. Appropriate for scouts third grade and older.

SPECIAL EVENTS

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

The Great Pumpkin Fair (Sunday, October 19, 1-5 pm.) Choose and paint a **pumpkin**, go on a **hayride**, take a **nature walk** and participate in a variety of **craft** activities. Attend **live animal** programs, take part in **games and races**, and get your **face painted**. Refreshments will be available for purchase at Mother Nature's Café or you may bring a picnic. This event fills quickly, so register early. \$12/person for everyone 2 years old and older. Prepaid reservations by October 1

Owl Day (Saturday, November 8, 1-4 pm) Enjoy **live animal programs, crafts,** and **hikes** focused on the Owl's Hill owls, Andromeda, Orion, Hoot, Annie, and Boomerang. . \$7/person for everyone 2 years old and older. Prepaid reservations by Nov. 1

Owling, Howling and Prowling (Oct. 23 & Nov. 12, 6-8:30 pm; Dec.2, 5-7:30 pm) Register your troop for an *al fresco* **dinner**, an **owl program** and a **night prow** through the autumn woods, **calling owls** and looking for other **nocturnal wildlife**. Availability VERY limited. Call or check web site for details. \$20/person, must be 9 years old to attend. Maximum 16 people.

Groundhog Day (February 1, 2009, 1-3 pm) Will Middle Tennessee Groundhogs see their shadows, or will it be an early spring? Come to Owl's Hill and find out. The program includes a **tour of groundhog burrows**, a **woodchuck craft**, a special story in our own **people-sized burrow**, and discussion of **winter adaptations** of plants and animals. \$7/person for everyone 2 years old and older. Prepaid reservations by Jan. 15. Fun for all ages, appropriate for young children.

Bluebird Workshop (February 21, 9 am – noon) Learn about these beautiful birds, their near **disappearance** and return. Hike an **Owl's Hill Cavity Nester Trail** and find out how to **monitor your own box** or trail. Perfect for scouts working on **Wildlife Badges**. \$7/person. Appropriate for fourth grade and older Scouts. Prepaid reservations by February 1.

Arbor Day Celebration (March 6, 3:30-6:30 pm; arrival by 4:30 allows time to enjoy all activities and dinner.) Visitors will learn to **identify native trees**, study **tree rings**, find out how **fire** affects the forest, discover how wood from different trees is used, learn how to **plant a tree** then enjoy a **hotdog dinner** in the lovely Owl's Hill Gathering Pavilion. Webelos can earn the **Forestry Badge**. Prepaid reservations by February 25. Cost: \$10/child, \$5/adult.

Earth Day Celebration (April 17, 3:30 pm-6:30 pm arrival by 4:30 allows time to enjoy all activities and dinner.) Visitors learn to use common household items for cleaning, make a **terrarium**, "tour" a **hybrid car**, participate in a **Can Stomp** and a **Recycling Race**, learn **Earth Day songs**, view examples of items made from recycled materials, paint an **Earth Day banner** then enjoy a **hotdog dinner** in the lovely Owl's Hill Gathering Pavilion. Brownies can earn the **Earth Is Our Home Try It**. Prepaid reservations by April 11. Cost: \$10/child, \$5/adult

Butterfly Day (May 16, 10 am – Noon) Your troop or den will step into the world of these delicate beauties, **identifying** common local butterflies, studying the **life cycle** and learning how to **attract them** to their own yards and how to **raise caterpillars for release**. Perfect for scouts working on **Wildlife Badges**. Prepaid reservations by May 1. \$7/person

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**.