

Welcome to Metroparks Programs for Cub Scouts

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- 1st and 2nd choice of dates to visit and the time of day
- Preferred program(s)
- Preferred park
- Age and number of Scouts
- Number of adults: Metroparks suggest one adult to every 10 Scouts
- Special needs or requests
- Cash, check or charge accepted

All prices are per Scout, 10 scout minimum.

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Create Your Own!

Custom Programs

Work with an interpreter to custom design your Scouts' learning experience to reinforce ecological concepts or badge requirements. Do you see more than one program that catches your eye? Create a program package to suit your needs. (Amount of time and price varies)

For All Scouts

Service Learning

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Badge Requirement Program Offerings

Webelos

Walkabout – Core Adventure

What does a Scout need to consider in planning a successful hike for himself and his den? Scouts will create a hike plan for one of our beautiful Metroparks, learn about hazardous plants and animals, practice leave no trace principles, and complete a service project.

Castaway – Elective Adventure

You don't need to be shipwrecked on a desert island to appreciate and use the skills gained in this activity. Finding and creating food, water, shelter and fire in a survival situation with just basic equipment will have Scouts prepared for a worst case scenario.

Earth Rocks – Elective Adventure

What does your smartphone, car, a highway and school building have in common? Find out as we explore the different rocks and minerals that we utilize in our everyday life. Take a walk to see some geological formations found in our beautiful Metroparks. Bring your handbook or notepad and a writing utensil.



Into the Wild – Elective Adventure

Join us for a hike through some of ecosystems found here in Northwest Ohio and become an amateur naturalist!

Into the Woods – Elective Adventure

From the soil beneath your feet to the leaves at the top of the trees, the forest is an extremely important type of ecosystem. Come explore our local forests and learn about the different plants and animals that call the forest their home.

Bears

Fur, Feathers, and Ferns – Core Adventure

Get out and explore nature! Bears will look near and far at the plants and animals that call Metroparks home. What will we find on our one mile walk? Every hike in the parks is a different experience.

A Bear Goes Fishing – Elective Adventure

It's time to wet a line! Fish are found in nearly all the permanent bodies of water in Northwest Ohio, including the ponds and lakes in the Metroparks. Bring your Bear out to learn about the basics of fishing. We will provide the poles, bait and instruction. Dress for the outdoors as we will spend an hour trying to entice some fish onto shore! Sunblock, sunglasses and a hat may be advisable as well as a small folding chair or stool.

Wolves

Paws on the Path – Core Adventure

Bring your Wolf senses on the hunt to see wildlife and gain new experiences in nature! It is time for Wolves to stretch their legs and go on a 1 mile prowl. We will be introducing the basics of hiking, safety, and how to treat our outdoor resources and our fellow outdoor enthusiasts.

Finding Your Way – Elective Adventure

Does moss really grow on the north side of trees? Which direction does the sun set? If someone handed you a map and a compass could you get to where you wanted to go? Scouts will be introduced to map reading and using a hand compass. Will they be able to find the object located at the "X" on their map? We will learn the answer to all these questions.

Tigers

Backyard Jungle – Core Adventure

There may not be lions, tigers, and bears in our Metroparks, but oh my there are amazing critters! Take a 1 foot nature walk and dive into the world of the small creatures that live below our shoelaces. Bring a notepad and pencil for each Scout.

Tigers in the Wild – Core Adventure

This may be the first hike in your son's Scouting career – why not do it in your beautiful Metroparks? We will cover the basics of being a safe and responsible hiker and hit the trails to look for animals and plants that call these special places home. Bring a school type backpack for each Scout, their Tiger handbook or notepad, and a pencil.

Sky is the Limit – Elective Adventure

The night sky has intrigued people for millennia. It has a wonder that sets the mind racing with questions and feeds the imagination of both the young and old. It's no wonder that there are countless myths and legends about the stars and shapes people see in their arrangement. We will be looking at some of the objects overhead through telescope and binoculars and learning about the constellations.

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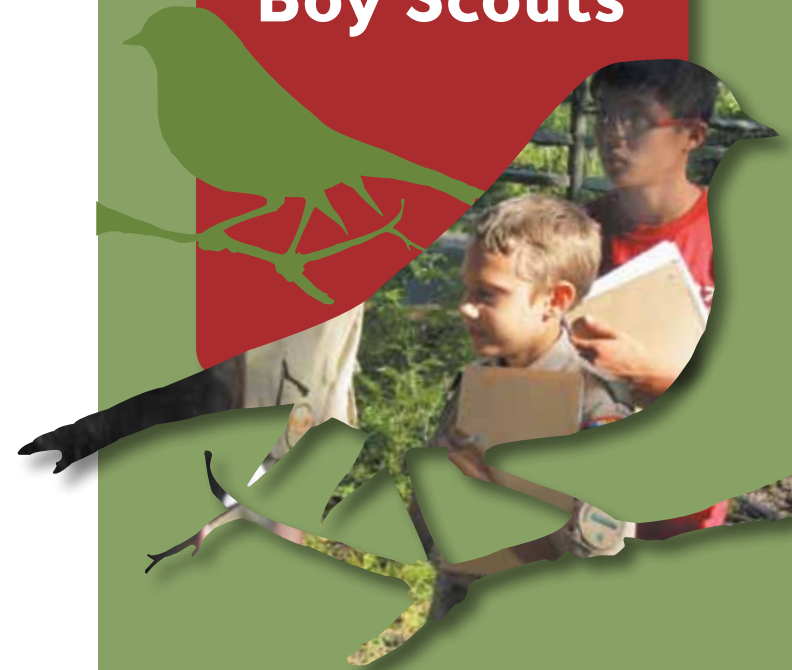


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Boy Scout Merit Badges

Environmental Science

From symbiosis to biosphere, Metroparks naturalists will help you decode some of these terms and show you why they are so important. Become a scientist and join us for a series of experiments and activities that will get you thinking about the environment. First Class ranked Scouts and above only. Two sessions will be required to be scheduled.

Fishing

Whether you are a seasoned angler or you have never held a fishing pole, Scouts of all experience levels will have a great time reeling in this Merit Badge! Scouts will learn how to fish in a safe and responsible manner following local regulations and Leave No Trace principles. Scouts ages 16 and older MUST possess a valid fishing license to fish.

Mammal Study

Get up close and personal with the members of your “extended family.” We will first spend some time learning what it takes to be a successful mammal. We will then venture out into the field and put our knowledge to the test, and complete a small stewardship project to help out the mammals of the Metroparks.

Forestry

From the soil beneath your feet to the leaves at the top of the trees, the forest is an extremely important type of ecosystem. Head outside with us to rediscover our appreciation for trees. Become a naturalist to find out why the forest is so important to people, animals, and the earth.

Bird Study

Birders of a feather flock together! Migrate over to the Metroparks and join us for an in-depth look at our avian friends. Explore the different bird habitats and behaviors. Bring any favorite binoculars and bird field guides.

Soil and Water Conservation

Come see about the exciting things happening right under your feet! From sandy and clay soils to rivers and watersheds, this nature walk will truly stimulate your appreciation of the earth you walk on! Two sessions will be required to be scheduled.

Fish & Wildlife Management

Whether it has fur, feathers or fins, Ohio’s wildlife is a resource enjoyed by hikers, hunters and anglers. Learn about what issues are facing these resources and how biologists track populations and make management decisions.

Weather

Ever wondered where the wind comes from, how hail forms, or if all clouds are the same? Scouts will find answers to these questions and more including rules to keep them safe in dangerous weather.



For All Boy Scouts

Nature Walks

Tune into the seasonal rhythms of nature, including plant growth and animal behavior. Get a close-up look at some of the unique ecological relationships found along trails of the nearest Metropark.

Eagle Scout Projects

For information on completing your Eagle Scout Project, please call the Volunteer Services manager at 419-407-9703.

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Daisy

Clover

Follow the honeybees and learn about what it means to use resources wisely. Earn the Clover Petal by finding new ways to use old things.

Rosie

Put on a play and act out Rosie's story with some friends. Learn to explore simple ways to make the world a better place.

Brownie

Bugs

Don't squish it! Explore these creepy crawlies and find out why they are so important. Make a craft, discover bug homes and go on an insect hunt.

Brownie First Aid

Don't let poison ivy get you down. Learn how to prevent and treat outdoor injuries so you can enjoy nature in all its glory. Brownie scouts will go on a hike to complete step five of the First Aid Badge.

Senses

What would an adventure be like without senses? Rediscover all five and watch the world come alive by earning this badge.

Hiker

Has anyone ever told you "take a hike!" Now you can do it with pleasure and confidence! From plotting the route, to hitting the trail, practice all the steps required to plan a successful hike.

Outdoor Adventurer

Explore the outdoors with a naturalist and learn some new outdoor skills. Scouts will explore nature and the outdoors, learn camping skills, and help care for their parks.



Junior

Digital Photographer

Get a snapshot of what life is like as a professional photographer. Ask the experts about tips for shooting award-winning photos and take tons of pictures in the beautiful Metroparks.

Camper

Plunge into the wilderness and take part in a nature slumber party! From packing, to fire building, to cooking, the fun does not end when the sun goes down. Learn how to plan an overnight adventure and gain some outdoor skills.

Overnight group camping available at Oak Openings Preserve for an additional charge.

Geocacher

Experience a high tech treasure hunt through the Metroparks! Brave the wild while searching for secret caches using GPS units. Equipment provided.

Animal Habitats

Be an animal advocate and help put a stop to shrinking habitat.

Playing the Past

Travel back in time and play a part in history. Picture a person (real or imagined) and note clothing, speech, food and daily activities.

Cadette

Trailblazing

Experience a day of adventure preparation complete with trip planning, challenging teambuilding activities and menu planning. This session prepares the mind body and belly for an overnight excursion. The following week, Metroparks prepares scouts for the overnight trip by brushing up on trailblazing skills like orienteering, water purification and shelter location.

Night Owl

Experience the excitement of real night-life! Turn off the electronics and tune in the senses to get in touch with your nocturnal side.

Trees

Branch out and head outside to discover an appreciation for trees. Become a naturalist and find out why trees are so important to people, animals and the earth.

Archery

Ready, aim, fire! Explore the exciting sport of archery. Scouts will learn about archery gear, range safety, proper shooting form, and practice shooting.

Senior

Sky

From stars, to planets, to legends, the sky has been a mysterious and astonishing subject to explore since the beginning of time. Connect with the Milky Way and learn what the sky means to us.

Adventurer

Do you feel the call of the wild? Are you looking for time away from the hustle and bustle of everyday life? Take a multi-day journey in the great outdoors and make some life-long memories. Sharpen outdoor skills and grow an appreciation for nature.

Paddling

Grab a paddle and head out to the water for a fun-filled day of paddling. Scouts will explore the background of their chosen paddlesport, practice paddling techniques, learn how to stay safe on the water (including rescues), and enjoy a paddling nature adventure.