

CUB SCOUTS

TIGER CUBS

Achievement 5 - Let's Go Outdoors:

We'll make leaf rubbings in the classroom, then head outdoors for a trail hike where we'll discuss weather and how it affects people and nature.

Electives 30, 31, and 32: Earn track beads with 3 electives in one program! First we'll learn about plant life and plant seeds. Next we'll learn about an interesting local animal. Finally, we'll build a simple bird feeder to place outdoors.

WOLF CUBS

Achievement 5 - Tools For Fixing and Building*:

First we'll review basic carpentry tools and use of hand tools such as hammers, screwdrivers, and pliers. Next we'll build our own birdhouse(spring) or birdfeeder(fall)!

Elective 10 - American Indian Lore*:

We'll begin by reading and discussing a classic Native American story as a group, and learning about the Rankokus tribe. Next we'll learn how to build a drum and sew moccasins from deerskin. Finally, we'll visit a nearby Indian Reservation to craft models of tools and homestead, and write our own Native American tale with word-pictures.

Elective 13 - Birds:

Find out all about the basics of birds. Through activities and a bird walk, scouts will discover physical adaptations and behavioral differences among various birds.

*additional fees may apply for materials

WOLF CUBS (CONTINUED)

Elective 18 - Outdoor Adventure:

Learn about the natural world around you through exploration and fun games. Also, learn how to identify poisonous plants.

Elective 19 - Fishing*:

First we'll learn how to identify different local fish, and review rules of safe fishing and current fishing regulations. Then we'll head to a nearby fishing hole to learn how to rig a fishing pole, bait a hook, and land a keeper!

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BEAR CUBS

Elective 12 - Nature Crafts: Begin collecting, classifying and observing nature through craft activities outdoors.

Elective 15 - Water and Soil Conservation:

Participants will discover the importance of soil and water conservation through a number of hands-on investigations.

Achievement 5 - Sharing Your World

With Wildlife: Participants will find out about habitat and creatures that might live in our forests or backyards. Learn about how endangered species are protected.

WEBELOS REQUIREMENTS

Forester: Participants will learn how to identify trees on the preserve. Find out what a tree cookie is and what it can tell you about a tree. Learn about the different layers of a forest and how animals use this valuable resource.

Geologist: Participants learn how the earth is formed and what's in it, how fossils form and what we can tell from them.

Naturalist: Participants will study the ecology of the forest with a hands-on look at the plants, wildlife, and the decomposers of the forest floor.

BOY SCOUTS AND EAGLE SCOUTS

MERIT BADGES

Nature

We'll begin with a brief introduction to ecology in the classroom and discuss relationships in nature followed by a food chain game. Next we'll learn about our resident reptiles at the nature center. Finally, we'll go on a bio-blitz hike to learn about local birds, mammals, aquatic insects, amphibians, and plants!

Soil and Water Conservation

Scouts will learn about soil, soil erosion, the water cycle, watersheds, and water pollution with hands on activities in the classroom and outdoors. Then we'll explore the trails and learn how NJ Audubon is managing the land for the benefit of wildlife and the environment.

Bird Study

Scouts will learn how to use field guides, binoculars, and how to identify 20 local birds by sight and 5 birds by their calls as we hike the trails.

Programs can also be customized for the following badges:

Fishing

Fish and Wildlife Management

Environmental Science

Plant Science

Insect Study

Mammal Study

Reptile and Amphibian Study

ADVANCED RANKS

We're proud to have fostered several successful Eagle Scout projects at Rancocas Nature Center. If you are looking for projects for your Gold, Silver, or Eagle Awards, we have many to choose from. Just ask!

Planning Your Visit

Cub Scout programs are 90 minutes to 2 hours long and cost \$80 for the first 10 scouts. Each additional scout or sibling is \$8.00. There is no charge for leaders and chaperones.

Boy Scout merit badge programs are 6 hours long and cost \$18 per scout. Minimum 5 scouts per program. **NOTE:** we do not purchase or provide the actual badge. This is the responsibility of the group leader.

Program fee is due two weeks prior to program date. Payment of any remaining balance is due upon arrival on the day of your program.

To schedule a visit, call 609-261-2495 or email tony.geiger@njudubon.org. To facilitate scheduling please have several possible dates and times in mind. Spring and Autumn dates fill up quickly so be sure to make your reservations early.

Many programs are taught outside, rain or shine, so please dress appropriately. The instructor(s) will contact you a week in advance with specific program details.



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The NJ Audubon Rancocas Nature Center is centrally located in South Jersey in close proximity to Mt. Holly, Cherry Hill, Trenton, and Philadelphia. Situated in the Rancocas State Park, the site includes natural habitats for scouts to explore. **Our programs are tailored to meet BSA requirements.**

Boy Scout Programs at RANCOCAS Nature Center



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