

Scouts can fulfill badge requirements and personal interest when they attend one of the many scheduled scout programs. They can also develop an understanding of science, the natural world, history, agriculture, art and learn new life-time recreation skills.

► Join a Program

Preregistration is required for all scheduled programs unless noted. Adult leaders are required to attend (free of charge unless noted) with scouts ages 3-11. Scouts ages 12-17 may attend unaccompanied with a waiver signed by a parent or guardian. Online and phone registration are available for all programs throughout the year. For more information or to register, call 763.559.6700 or visit ThreeRiversParks.org

► Create Your Own

For your troop, pack or service council, let us create a custom program on a topic of your choice and at a time and place that is convenient to you. Programs are hands-on experiences for scouts three years and older.

Golf

The Golf Academy offers camps, clinics, leagues, private and group lessons.

Baker National - 763.694.7673

Cleary Lake - 763.694.7778

Eagle Lake - 763.694.7697

Glen Lake - 763.694.7826

Nature Education

Maple syruping, snowshoeing, insects, birds, wilderness skills, naturalist badge, geology badge, and more.

Baker Park Reserve –

Baker Near-Wilderness Settlement - 763.694.7724

Carver Park Reserve –

Lowry Nature Center - 763.694.7650

Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park - 763.694.7693

Elm Creek Park Reserve –

Eastman Nature Center - 763.694.7700

Hyland Lake Park Reserve –

Richardson Nature Center - 763.694.7676

North Mississippi Regional Park –

Kroening Interpretive Center - 763.694.7693

Outdoor Skills

Kayaking, canoeing, paddleboarding, river trips, teambuilding, cross-country skiing, camping, orienteering, and more.

Outdoor Recreation School - 763.694.7717

Scott County - 763.694.7777

Other Group Opportunities

Alpine Ski/Snowboard

Hyland Ski & Snowboard Area - 763.694.7800

Elm Creek Park Reserve –

Recreation Area- 763.694.2050

Art Education

Silverwood Park - 763.694.7707

Farm Education

Gale Woods Farm - 763.694.2001

History Exploration

The Landing – Minnesota River Heritage Park -

763.694.7784

► Volunteer Service Projects

Global Youth Service Day, garlic mustard and buckthorn pulls, prairie seed collection, and more. Individuals and groups welcome.

Service-award projects possible on a limited basis.

Volunteer Resources - 763.559.6706

► eNewsletter

For more great program and activity suggestions for scouts, visit ThreeRiversParks.org to sign up for the monthly Youth Leader Services eNewsletter.

BOY & GIRL SCOUTS

BONFIRE LEGENDS

Enjoy a bonfire and roast marshmallows while listening to legends and stories from around the world. Dress for being outside. Reservations not required. 20% discount for groups of four or more. \$5/person. Ages: 5+.

September 6: Animal Legends #412201-05

November 8:

Legends of the Constellations #412201-06

Saturdays, 6:30–8 PM,

Eastman Nature Center

BIRD BANDING

See songbirds safely captured, measured and banded with numbered rings to learn about age and migrations. January, March and May dates to be added; check ThreeRiversParks.org. Drop in anytime. Free. Ages: All.

September 13 #412200-01

November 8 #412200-08

Saturdays, 9 AM–Noon,

Eastman Nature Center

GEOCACHING FOR S'MORES

Yummy, gooey s'mores! Learn geocaching basics and search for delicious treasure. Equipment provided. Reservations required. \$8. Ages: 8-17.

All Scouts

September 16 — Tuesday #416904-03

6–8 PM, Kroening Interpretive Center

Boy Scouts

April 21 — Tuesday #224504-05

4:30–6 PM, Cleary Lake Regional Park

Girl Scouts

April 21 — Tuesday #224904-09

April 23 — Thursday #224904-10

4:30–6 PM, French Regional Park

April 23 — Thursday #224504-06

4:30–6 PM, Cleary Lake Regional Park

FALL ON THE FARM

Enjoy an activity-packed day meeting farm animals, making a farm-fresh snack, and creating a wool keepsake to take home. Lowry Nature Center staff guide you in learning about insects and introduce a live raptor. Stay for an hour or the whole day! Reservations required for groups of six or more; call 763.694.2001. \$6/person. Ages: 5+.

October 16 — Thursday #437412-28

9:30 AM–2:30 PM, Gale Woods Farm

ASTRONOMY

Step into a star bag to view winter constellations and hear stories about how past cultures interpreted the night sky. Make a star dial and stretch your legs on a short hike to learn about our closest star, the sun! Reservations required.

\$5. Ages: 8-13.

October 18 — Saturday

10 AM–Noon #412204-04

1–3 PM #412204-05

Eastman Nature Center

ARCHERY

Learn the basics of shooting safely and accurately with skilled instructors. Shoot at stationary targets and compete in fun games. Equipment provided. Reservations required. \$6.50. Ages: 8-17.

Girl Scouts

October 9 — Thursday #421904-01

4:30–6 PM, Elm Creek Park Reserve

October 24 — Friday #424504-01

4:30–6 PM, Cleary Lake Regional Park

Boy Scouts

October 12 — Sunday #430304-14

3–5 PM,

Baker Near-Wilderness Settlement

October 21 — Tuesday #424504-00

4:30–6 PM, Cleary Lake Regional Park

L.O.S.T.

Living Outside Survival Training (L.O.S.T.): Do you have the skills and knowledge to survive in the woods? Learn the life-saving skills of fire and shelter building, signaling, and wilderness safety with experienced instructors. Equipment provided. Reservations required. \$5. Ages: 8-17.

Boy Scouts

November 4 — Tuesday #424504-03

4:30–6:30 PM, Cleary Lake Regional Park

Girl Scouts

November 6 — Thursday #424504-04

4:30–6:30 PM, Cleary Lake Regional Park

November 6 — Thursday #424904-01

4:30–6:30 PM, French Regional Park

ORIENTEERING

Learn to read a map and use a compass. Use them together on an off-trail orienteering course. Reservations required, by phone only; call 763.559.6700. 20% discount for groups of four or more. \$5/person. Ages: 9+.

November 30 — Sunday #412201-01

1:30–3 PM, Eastman Nature Center

KNOT TYING AND MAKE-YOUR-OWN SURVIVAL BRACELET

Learn a unique knot to create your own survival bracelet out of 10 feet of 550 paracord, which can be unraveled in seconds. Head outside to learn different knots needed for backcountry camping. Maximum five scouts per adult. Reservations required by December 12, by phone only; call 763.559.6700. \$8. Ages: 8-17.

December 20 — Saturday #112204-06

1–4 PM, Eastman Nature Center

BOY & GIRL SCOUTS (CONT.)

ICE FISHING

Have a successful ice fishing trip! Learn about equipment, ice and cold water safety, and emergency response information. See types of lures and bait, use an ice auger, and go inside a fish house. After instructions, fish from a freshly-cut hole in the ice. Equipment provided. Reservations required. \$8. Ages: 7-12.

**February 7 — Saturday #127704-00
1-3 PM**

Cedar Lake Farm Regional Park

ICE HARVESTING DAY

Discover life in Minnesota before electric refrigerators, when hardy ice harvesters sawed massive blocks of ice out of frozen lakes and ponds to keep food chilled during warmer months. Meet ice harvesting historian Tim Graf and costumed interpreters from The Landing – Minnesota River Heritage Park. Cut blocks of ice out of the pond with an old-fashioned ice saw, pull an antique ice plow, weigh blocks of ice, and try out other ice-harvesting tools. \$5/person. Ages: 3+.

**January 24 — Saturday #112907-01
11 AM-3 PM, Richardson Nature Center**

SNOWSHOE UNDER THE FULL MOON

Enjoy the moonlit woods on a guided snowshoe hike. Review the history and compare types of snowshoes, then venture outside. Warm up with hot cocoa and a treat. Snowshoes provided. If there is no snow, we will hike instead. Maximum six scouts per adult. Reservations required, by phone only; call 763.559.6700. \$5. Ages: 7-17.

**February 3 — Tuesday #112204-07
6-8 PM, Eastman Nature Center**

SNOWSHOE HIKE

Explore the winter landscape by snowshoe, stopping to notice animal signs along the way. Learn about the history and technique involved in this fun form of winter transportation and recreation. Reservations required. \$5. Ages: 8-13.

Girl Scouts

January 27 — Tuesday #125104-00

4:30-6 PM, French Regional Park

February 8 — Sunday #130304-13

3-5 PM,

Baker Near-Wilderness Settlement

Cub Scouts

February 15 — Sunday #130304-10

3-5 PM,

Baker Near-Wilderness Settlement

SNOW SHELTERS

Humans have lived in snow shelters for thousands of years! Explore the different techniques used to build three snow shelters: igloos, snow caves, and quinzhees. Then build your own Athabaskan quinzhee! Reservations required. \$5. Ages: 7-12.

4:15-5:45 PM, Cleary Lake Regional Park

Girl Scouts

February 10 — Tuesday #124504-02

Cub Scouts

February 12 — Thursday #124504-03

GREAT BACKYARD BIRD COUNT

Take part in the great backyard bird count! Discover the different foods they eat and then learn how to identify birds. Participate in a citizen science count at the feeders and learn how your participation helps scientists. Make a bird feeder and continue the count at home. Reservations required. \$5. Ages: 0-17.

February 14 — Saturday #116904-03

9:30-11:30 AM,

Kroening Interpretive Center

MAPLE SYRUPING

Learn how to identify a maple tree without its leaves, tap a tree, collect sap and cook it to make tasty maple syrup or sugar. This sweet sign of spring is full of history. Reservations required. \$5. Ages: 5-17.

Boy Scouts

March 1 — Sunday #230304-24

3-5 PM,

Baker Near-Wilderness Settlement

Girl Scouts

March 8 — Sunday #230304-28

3-5 PM,

Baker Near-Wilderness Settlement

March 12 — Thursday #225004-07

4:30-6 PM, French Regional Park

All Scouts

March 12 — Thursday #224504-02

March 26 — Thursday #224504-03

4:30-6 PM, Cleary Lake Regional Park

March 19 — Thursday #211304-10

4:30-6 PM, Lowry Nature Center

CABIN CAMPING

Enjoy a fun overnight experience with other small scout groups. Activities include fire building, survival skills, photography, outdoor cooking, and more. All meals included. Maximum six scouts per adult. Reservations required, by phone only; call 763.559.6700. \$40/scout; \$20/adult. Ages: 8+.

March 14-15 #230304-A1 to A8

2 PM Saturday-2 PM Sunday

Baker Near-Wilderness Settlement

MAPLE SYRUP

THROUGH HISTORY

Follow sap from tree to tap and syrup to sugar while discovering Minnesota's rich maple syruping history. Ride a horse-drawn trolley then visit the maple syrup bush with a Richardson Nature Center naturalist and discover how the trees of Minnesota helped serve early pioneers. \$5 ages 18-64; \$3 ages 2-17 and 65+; children under 2 are admitted free. Ages: All.

March 21 — Saturday #238401-01

10 AM-4 PM, The Landing

AMERICAN HERITAGE MERIT BADGE - THE GUIDE AND THE GOVERNOR: TWO MEN AND TWO WORLDS

Explore the life and times of Pierre Bottineau and Henry Sibley, two of Minnesota's most prominent founders and citizens. Practice skills they gained during their lives and learn how these skills influenced their careers and legacies. Reservations required by April 23, by phone only; call 763.559.6700. \$5. Ages: 9-17.

April 25 — Saturday

10 AM-Noon #213204-00

1-3 PM #213204-01

Elm Creek Park Reserve

SPRING DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY HIKE

Everything is starting to turn green! Hike with a naturalist to capture the beauty of spring on camera and learn tips on how to take a great photo. Discover some of the natural history along the way. Bring a camera or use one of ours. Reservations required. \$5. Ages: 7-17.

May 19 — Tuesday #216904-00

6-8 PM, Kroening Interpretive Center

CUB SCOUTS

WEBELOS FORESTER BADGE

Explore a Minnesota deciduous forest and discover what makes it tick. Learn how to identify species, age, and health. Look for animal signs to investigate the state of the forest. Reservations required. \$5. Ages: 8-13.

September 14 — Sunday #430304-07

3-5 PM

October 7 — Tuesday #430304-08

6-8 PM

January 18 — Sunday #130304-07

3-5 PM

April 7 — Tuesday #230304-25

6-8 PM

Baker Near-Wilderness Settlement

WEBELOS GEOLOGY BADGE – ROCKS ON THE RIVER

Be a rock hound! Collect, identify, and discover secrets of rocks found along the Mississippi River. Learn about their cycle and how igneous, sedimentary, and metamorphic rocks form. See if you can find the state rock of Minnesota, the Lake Superior agate. Reservations required. \$5. Ages: 8-13.

September 23 — Tuesday #415404-00

6-8 PM, Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park

WEBELOS NATURALIST BADGE

Learn about the plants, animals, rocks, and soil of Minnesota through hands-on exploration. Find out what can be found where, who eats whom, and where humans fit into it all. Reservations required. \$5. Ages: 8-13.

September 30 — Tuesday #430304-09

6-8 PM

November 16 — Sunday #430304-10

3-5 PM

January 13 — Tuesday #130304-08

6-8 PM

Baker Near-Wilderness Settlement

January 17 — Saturday #111304-01

9:30-11 AM, Lowry Nature Center



WEBELOS GEOLOGY BADGE – ROCKS ON THE RIVER

Be a real rock hound! Collect, identify, and discover the secrets of rocks found along the Mississippi River. See a stream table and create a fossil. Reservations required. \$5. Ages 8-13.

October 2 — Thursday #416904-04
6–8 PM, Kroening Interpretive Center

WEBELOS GEOLOGY BADGE

Explore the rocks and minerals used in our daily lives. Dig into earthquakes, mountains, and volcanoes. See a “rock show,” find out how different rocks are formed, and experiment with mineral hardness. Reservations required by January 19, by phone only; call 763.559.6700. \$5. Ages: 9-11.

January 20 — Tuesday
5:55–8 PM #112204-08
6:00–8 PM #112204-09
Eastman Nature Center

January 24 — Saturday
10 AM–Noon #112204-10
10:05 AM–Noon #112204-11
1–3 PM #112204-12
1:05–3 PM #112204-13
Eastman Nature Center

ICE FISHING

Have fun outside during the winter. Learn about ice fishing equipment and techniques. Use an ice auger and fish with other scouts. Equipment and bait provided. Reservations required. \$5. Ages: 8-14.

January 25 — Sunday #130304-09
3–5 PM,
Baker Near-Wilderness Settlement

WEBELOS SCIENTIST BADGE

Investigate the scientific laws around us. Explore air and water pressure, launch a water pressure rocket, and make fog in a bottle. Test your balance, trick your eyes, and take home a kit to grow crystals. Reservations required. \$5. Ages: 8-13

April 25 — Saturday #216904-01
10 AM–Noon,
Kroening Interpretive Center

WEBELOS FORESTER BADGE

With a naturalist, investigate the forest and identify trees and plants. Discover how animals and people depend on trees. Look at tree rings and learn how to read them. Reservations required. \$5. Ages: 9-11.

May 2 — Saturday
10 AM–Noon #212204-08
1–3 PM #212204-09
Eastman Nature Center

WEBELOS BADGE FESTIVAL

Learn about Minnesota plants and animals. Identify trees and plants with a naturalist to complete components of the Naturalist and Forester Badges! Reservations required. \$7. Ages: 8-13.

May 17 — Sunday #230304-26
2–5 PM,
Baker Near-Wilderness Settlement

WEBELOS NATURALIST BADGE - INSECT ECOLOGY

Become an entomologist and study insects. Discuss topics such as insect anatomy, metamorphosis, and adaptations. Grab a net and bug jar to collect specimens. Use identification guides to classify your catch. Reservations required. \$5. Ages: 8-13.

May 26 — Tuesday #215404-04
6–8 PM, Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park

GIRL SCOUTS

SLACKLINING

Discover why slacklining has been coined fun, safe and simply addictive! Assist and cheer on each other as you master your balance on a two-inch wide line. Equipment provided. Reservations required. \$5. Ages: 8–17.

September 23 — Tuesday, #424904-00
4:30–6 PM, French Regional Park

JUNIOR CABIN CAMPER BADGE OVERNIGHT

Complete your Camper Badge and then some when you stay overnight in rustic log cabins. With naturalists, practice camping skills such as backcountry navigation, night hiking, fire building, outdoor cooking, and more. All meals included. Maximum six scouts per adult. Reservations required, by phone only; call 763.559.6700. \$40/scout; \$20/adult. Ages: 8+.

October 16-17 #430304-A1 to A8
5 PM Thursday–5 PM Friday
Baker Near-Wilderness Settlement

BROWNIE AND JUNIOR DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY BADGE

Learn about digital cameras from an expert and take lots of photos. Edit three and make a digital project. Share your photos. Reservations required. \$5. Ages: 8-13.

October 21 — Tuesday #430304-11
5–7 PM
November 9 — Sunday #430304-12
3–5 PM
February 22 — Sunday #130304-11
3–5 PM
May 14 — Thursday #230304-27
6–8 PM
Baker Near-Wilderness Settlement

BROWNIE AND JUNIOR GEOCACHER BADGE

Learn how to use a GPS unit and then explore the woods searching for hidden geocaches. Make a trade item and look up a geobug. Get ready for an adventure! December program takes place on snowshoes, if conditions allow. Reservations required. \$5. Ages: 8-13.

October 26 — Sunday #430304-13
3–5 PM

December 14 — Sunday #130304-12
3–5 PM

March 24 — Tuesday #230304-29
6–8 PM

April 14 — Tuesday #230304-30
6–8 PM

Baker Near-Wilderness Settlement

CANDLE MAKING AND PIONEER CRAFTS

Step back in time to learn the art of candle making and pioneer-kid crafting. Create hand-dipped and hand-rolled beeswax candles. Make a yarn doll, buzz-saw, and play with some pioneer toys. Maximum three scouts per adult. Reservations required by November 17. \$10. Ages: 8-17.

November 21 — Friday #412204-06
6–8 PM, Eastman Nature Center

CADETTE NIGHT OWL BADGE

Explore the nocturnal world. Turn out the lights, tune in your senses, and step out into the night. Perform experiments and create a legend. Reservations required. \$5. Ages: 10-15.

March 31 — Tuesday #230304-31
6–8 PM

Baker Near-Wilderness Settlement

CLIMBING WALL

Experience climbing a 25-foot wall. Learn tips and safety for rock climbing. Try several routes as you improve your skills. Equipment provided. Reservations required. \$5. Ages: 6-17.

May 14 — Thursday #225004-00
4:30–6 PM, French Regional Park



