# **Girl Scout Programs** at



Our Girl Scout programs align with the Girl Scout mission to build girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. We provide programs specific to earning Daisy Petals, Brownie Badges, and Junior Girl Scout Badges, as well as other general Girl Scouting programs that can suit a wide variety of ages. Our programs cover topics including environmental responsibility, habitats, and nature-related subjects including bugs, flowers, and birds of prey.







# **Daisy Girl Scout Programs**

### **CLOVER'S STORY**

Discover what it means to use resources wisely as we learn about ways to reduce, reuse, and recycle. Read 'Clover's Story' and enjoy a healthy snack. Then meet a live turtle and create flower crafts out of recycled materials.

Duration: 1 1/2 hours | Available Year-Round

#### **MARI'S STORY**

Come practice what it means to be responsible for what you say and do. Gather around a campfire to read 'Mari's Story', sing songs about environmental responsibility, and learn how to be responsible with fire. We will even make s'mores!

Duration: 1 1/2 hours | Available Year-Round

## **ROSIE'S STORY**

Let's go on an outdoor adventure and make the world a better place! Read 'Rosie's Story' and head to the beach to help clean up litter. We will also enjoy a healthy snack and make bird feeders to take home.

Duration: 1 1/2 hours | Available April-October

### **ECO LEARNER**

Your Girl Scouts will learn how to protect nature with the "Leave No Trace" principles. We will hike to the Amphitheater where the Girl Scouts are able to act out how they would protect nature. After showing what they learned, we will share a healthy snack together! Duration: 1 1/2 hours | Available April-October

# Daisy Girl Scout Programs (continued)

#### SHAPES IN NATURE

Discover all the shapes and patterns that hide in nature around us. Meet an animal with a beautiful pattern, and hike to learn what patterns and shapes are common in the forest, field, and pond. Along the way, we will use these shapes and patterns to make our own outdoor nature art.

Duration: 1 1/2 hours | Available Year-Round

#### **NUMBERS IN NATURE**

How can we use natural objects to practice math? As we hike throughout Schlitz Audubon, we will explore and create shadow art, sort and measure natural objects like rocks and leaves, and even create our own nature rulers to measure ourselves!

Duration: 1 1/2 hours | Available Year-Round

#### **DESIGN WITH NATURE**

We'll map out a great adventure in this program! As we hike, we will go birdwatching and help participate in counting birds for citizen science. Along the way, Girl Scouts will observe and identify other signs of nature, and finish with making a map of our hike together.

Duration: 1 1/2 hours | Available Year-Round

# **Brownie Girl Scout Programs**

# **BUGS (NATURALIST BADGE)**

Did you know that a monarch butterfly can migrate 3,000 miles to Mexico? Discover more facts about bugs as we learn how to classify these important creatures. Create a bug craft and take a guided bug hike in pursuit of learning more about the fascinating lives of insects and arachnids.

Duration: 2 hours | Available April-October

# **ECO FRIEND**

In this program, Girl Scouts will discover how to be a great friend to nature! We will learn how to follow the "Leave No Trace" principles that help us take care and be kind to wild-life. After exploring some of our outdoor habitats, we will practice building a safe campfire and eat a special treat Duration: 2 hours | Available Year-Round

# **HIKER (OUTDOOR BADGE)**

Come explore the beautiful trails at Schlitz Audubon! We start with learning how to prepare our gear and ourselves for a hike. We start with learning the six essentials of hiking and enjoy a healthy trail snack. Then we head into the woods and learn "leave no trace" policies. This is a perfect program for beginning hikers.

Duration: 2 hours | Available Year-Round

# **SENSES (INVESTIGATION BADGE)**

How in tune are you with your senses? Investigate your five senses through hands-on activities including taste testing, smelling secret scent jars, and touching mystery textures.

We'll also observe a live animal and discover how it utilizes its senses

Duration: 2 hours | Available Year-Round

# **Brownie Girl Scout Programs** (continued)

### **OUTDOOR ART CREATOR**

Create and explore nature by making ephemeral art! We will look at examples of outdoor artwork and hike outside to create our own pieces. We will sing and dance along with the music given to us by nature on our destination hike.

Duration: 2 hours | Available April-October

### **SHAPES IN NATURE**

What shapes, patterns, and colors can we find in nature? Girl Scouts will make their own guide to track natural objects, then search for them on our hike. We will also watch for birds, and participate in a citizen science project tracking bird species. After graphing the results of our hike, we will make nature art demonstrating symmetry and tessellations.

Duration: 2 hours | Available Year-Round

# **Junior Girl Scout Programs**

# **ANIMAL HABITATS (ANIMALS BADGE)**

Habitats come in many shapes and sizes, but each one has food, water, shelter, and space. Meet a live animal and determine what kind of habitat it would live in. Explore the many habitats found on the Center's grounds.

Duration: 2 hours | Available Year-Round

#### **BRONZE AWARD PROJECT**

Girls pair up to make Screech Owl/American Kestrel nesting boxes. They will also get the chance to meet one of these raptors. Learn some of the past and present dangers these raptors face. Information is included about the best habitats and tree heights for placing the nesting boxes.

Duration: 2 hours | Available Year-Round

# FLOWERS (NATURALIST BADGE)

There are more to flowers than their good looks. Peek under the petals as we uncover the science behind what makes flowers bloom. We'll take a wildflower hike, conduct flower experiments, and make a flower craft to take home.

Duration: 2 hours | Available April-October

# **GEOCACHING (ADVENTURE BADGE)**

Embark on a self-guided, high-tech treasure hunt as you develop the many skills involved in geocaching. First, learn about the history, technology, and variations of geocaching done all around the world. Then, your troop will also have the chance to use our GPS systems to navigate the Schlitz Audubon grounds and explore our geocache course! Duration: 2 hours | Available Year-Round

### **SHAPES IN NATURE**

Discover how nature is full of talented art! Girl Scouts will explore patterns and symmetry found in natural objects, including fractals and the fibonacci sequence. Together we'll explore leaves, flowers, trees, and animals on our hike who showcase these mathematical themes. Then we'll spend time creating our own outdoor art using the mathematical concepts we've learned.

Duration: 2 hours | Available Year-Round

# **Cadette Girl Scout Programs**

## CITIZEN SCIENCE (THINK LIKE A CITIZEN SCIENCE JOURNEY)

Become a Citizen Scientist and help Schlitz Audubon collect data about birds or plants!

Learn about the different species that are found on the property and find out where we input the data that we collect. After the program, your troop will receive the project protocols to continue these projects.

Duration: 2 hours | Available Year-Round

# **General Girl Scouting Programs -** Available Onsite Only

#### CAMP TOGETHER OVERNIGHT

Experience Schlitz Audubon like never before by staying overnight! Put your senses to the test on a night hike to see if you have what it takes to be a nocturnal animal. Then, gather around the campfire to make s'mores! A continental breakfast is offered in the morning. Special Pricing: \$60 per Girl Scout, \$25 per Adult | Minimum Fee: \$600 Available November-March

### **OWL PROWL**

Hike with us deep into the forest while hunting for owls. Sound is the best way to identify owls- put on your big deer ears and prepare to hear and see some of our local residents. This program provides the natural history knowledge and necessary activities to complete your badge requirements. Includes a guided hike, owl artifacts, and guaranteed live owls! Duration: 1 1/2 hours | Special Pricing: \$20 per Scout | \$20 per Adult | Minimum: \$200 Available August-November

### **SCHLITZ AFTER DARK**

Explore Schlitz Audubon in this nighttime guided nature hike! Put your senses to the test and discover what animals become active as the sun goes down. Watch the sunset from the top of the observation tower, then hike around the many habitats, looking and listening for wildlife. Program scheduling will be based on sunset times.

Duration: 2 hours | Available Year-Round

# **General Girl Scouting Programs** – Available Onsite or Offsite

All programs feature our live animals, including <u>birds of prey</u> from our <u>Raptor Program</u> or our reptile and amphibian animal ambassadors.

#### **REPTILES & AMPHIBIANS**

Whether they slither, hop, jump, swim, or crawl, Wisconsin's reptiles and amphibians are sure to fascinate your group. See them up close and learn about what makes each of them unique in this intriguing program!

Duration: 1 hour | Price: \$300 | Attendance: 90 maximum | Available Year-Round

### **BEAKS & TALONS**

Which bird is the fastest? Which has silent flight? Join us for an interactive comparison of falcons, hawks, and owls. This is an engaging and informative experience for all ages!

Duration: 1 hour | Price: \$375 | Attendance: 90 maximum | Available Year-Round

# General Girl Scouting Programs (continued)

## **OWLS: DESIGNED FOR DARKNESS**

These seldom seen, silent winged hunters shine best when the sun goes down. Our feathered raptor staff model their special night hunting adaptations and some basic owl behaviors providing insights into their natural history. Wisconsin is home to a variety of native owls, each with its own special adaptations. Our resident owls will engage your audience as they see firsthand the power of these amazing birds. Pellet dissection also offered for an enhanced learning experience!

Duration: 1 hour | Price: \$375 | Attendance: 90 maximum | Available Year-Round

### **EAGLE & FRIENDS**

With awesome power, spectacular strength, a huge wingspan, and massive talons, the Bald Eagle is the very essence of a raptor and headlines this program. Accompanied by hawks, owls, and falcons.

Duration: 1 hour | Price: \$450 | Attendance: 90 maximum | Available Year-Round

### RAPTORS IN CONSERVATION

In this presentation, learn about conservation successes and challenges that raptor ecologists face. Environmental contamination, habitat loss, and climate change have the most dramatic effect on apex predators, making raptors strong indicators of overall ecosystem health. Our live birds will provide unique opportunities to explore past and present issues in conservation. Scouts will also learn how they can help conserve raptors in their everyday lives.

Duration: 1 hour | Price: \$450 | Attendance: 90 maximum | Available Year-Round

#### PRICING SCALE FOR ON-SITE PROGRAMS

0-5 scouts | \$100 per program 6-10 scouts | \$125 per program 11-15 scouts | \$175 per program 16-20 scouts | \$225 per program

All programs mainly take place outdoors, but some may have indoor components depending on weather conditions or specialized activities.

For more information, visit our website at <a href="https://www.schlitzaudubon.org/learn/youth-education/scouting">www.schlitzaudubon.org/learn/youth-education/scouting</a>

To book a program for your Girl Scout Troop, please fill out our online inquiry form



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