

Explore & Discover



Willowhaven Interpretive Center is an ideal location for Junior Scouts to participate in the activities for "Lets Get Outdoors" and "Explore and Discover" badges. Our program instructors have designed programs that satisfy several of the activities for the "Lets Get Outdoors" and "Explore & Discover" badge categories.

To plan your program at the nature center, check out the activities listed in this flyer and contact the Bourbonnais Township Park District program manager to plan your scout program.

The program fee includes up to 24 troop members. There is a small fee per individual for additional participants.

Program time: 90 minutes

Fee: \$45.00 per resident Troop
\$50.00 for non-resident Troop

WILLOWHAVEN INTERPRETIVE CENTER AT

WHISPERING WILLOWS PARK A FACILITY OF THE BOURBONNAIS TOWNSHIP PARK DISTRICT

1451 N 4000E RD.
KANKAKEE, IL. 60901

OPEN ALL YEAR

SCOUT PROGRAMS MAY BE SCHEDULED YEAR-ROUND; TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY. PLEASE CONTACT US AT (815) 933-9905 TO SCHEDULE YOUR PROGRAM

PUBLIC HOURS:

(CLOSED MONDAYS & TUESDAYS)
WEDNESDAYS—FRIDAYS: 10AM—5PM
SATURDAYS: 9 AM—12 PM
SUNDAYS: 12 PM—5 PM

Directions

From **I-57**: take exit 315 (Route 50). go south on Route 50 to North Street. Go east on North Street to 4000E Red (1st stop sign).

Go south on 4000E Red over the railroad tracks; the park entrance is the first road on the left hand (east) side).

From **Route 17**: go east out of Kankakee. Take Skyline Rd. (a.k.a. 4000E Rd) north. Go straight through the stop sign; the driveway is the first road on the right hand side (east).

For more information about Junior Girl Scout programs please contact the

BOURBONNAIS TOWNSHIP PARK DISTRICT

Phone: 815-933-9905
Website: www.btpd.org

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JUNIOR GIRL SCOUT PROGRAMS



Bourbonnais Township
PARK DISTRICT

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JUNIOR GIRL SCOUT PROGRAMS AT WILLOWHAVEN INTERPRETIVE CENTER

Rocks Rock

Geo Hunt: - Explore the Indian Caves at Perry Farm. Scouts will take a walk to the Indian Caves to observe the rock strata left by ancient tropical seas that once covered the landscape, and the erosion processes that create limestone caves.

Soil Sense: Scouts will take samples of two different soil types and record their observations.

Fossil Fun: Scouts will observe some samples of fossils and create their own "fossils" with an imprint in Plaster of Paris.

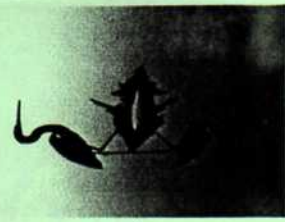
Science Discovery

Act Like A Scientist: Scouts will take a nature hike and make a drawing of something they observe. They will identify at least five different kinds of trees, flowers or animals that they observe, using field guides or plant keys. and classify five rocks as to whether they are igneous, sedimentary or metamorphic rocks.

Science in Everyday Life

Rockin' Along: Scouts will take a geology walk to find clues on the landscape that will tell what has happened here. They will look for and discuss erosion, evidence of changes to the landscape brought about by people, examples of weathering on buildings, materials deposited by running water, rocks formed by compression and rocks smoothed by water. They will log their observations in a nature journal that they will take home with them.

The Key, Please: Scouts will use a simple field guide to find the names of seven different plant species native to northern Illinois. Scouts will observe these species on a nature walk through the Willowhaven natural area, and discuss the key characteristics of each of the species, including what it looks like, and the habitat it requires to survive.



Lets Get Outdoors

Earth Connections

Be An Ecologist: Scouts will select a 3 square meter area to observe, and record their observations of the plants and animals that they see. They will observe the different levels of plant life, the air temperature and sample the soil..

Identify that Tree:

Scouts will identify ten tree species at Willowhaven, using the leaves, seeds, fruits and bark. They will learn the type of ecosystem where each is likely to be found.

Plants & People:

Scouts will identify five plants native to Willowhaven's wetland and prairie natural area. They will learn about how Native Americans and early settlers used these plants for food, medicine or materials to make household items or tools.

Finding Your Way

North, South, East & West:

Scouts will learn how to take a compass bearing from a map and follow it, adjusting for the difference between true and magnetic north. They will sight on an object on the landscape, walk to it and return to the starting point using their compass.

Finding Your Way Without Map or Compass:

Scouts will learn how to use the landscape to find their way without a map or compass. Scouts will learn how to use the Sun and various clues on the landscape to determine directions and find their way.

Outdoor Fun

Build a Fire: Scouts will build a safe fire ring, learn to have water filled container close at hand, learn how to build a basic fire, and clean up the fire ring to leave no trace.

Tied Up in Knots: Scouts will learn to tie a correct square knot and at least one other useful knot.

Your Outdoor Surroundings

What do You See? Each scout will collect an assortment of natural objects on a hike through the Willowhaven natural areas. Partners will sit back to back, and the scout who is the "artist" will draw what the scout who is the "scientist" describes. After switching places, the scouts will pile their leaves together and try to find their partners' leaf.

Take a Nature Hike:

Scouts will take a hike through Willowhaven's prairie and wetland area, and record their observations in a nature journal.



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