

Back to Natives EDUCATION

BOY SCOUT PROGRAMS

Back to Natives conducts scout programs throughout Orange County. Contact us to schedule a program at a wild place near you! Programs are available for up to 20 children (minimum 10).

TIGER CUB "LET'S GO OUTDOORS"

This program helps boys earn their Tiger Cub badge. "Let's go outdoors" is also part of Cub Scouting's Leave No Trace Award. During a nature hike, scouts watch the weather and collect fallen leaves (which they later return to the Earth) to do a leaf rubbing activity. The program is 1 hour and costs \$5/scout.



WOLF CUB "YOUR LIVING WORLD"

This program helps boys earn their Wolf Cub badge. "Your living world" is also part of the Cub Scout World Conservation Award and Cub Scouting's Leave No Trace Award. During a nature hike, scouts discuss how people have shown a lack of respect for Nature, and learn why it is important to respect our environment and natural resources. Scouts name one thing they can and WILL do to help the environment, and pick up litter along the trail. The program is 1 hour and costs \$5/scout.

BEAR CUB "SHARING YOUR WORLD WITH WILDLIFE"

This program helps boys earn their Bear Cub badge. During a nature hike, scouts find out how a local animal lives, and create a poster to help educate others. Scouts plant native plants that will provide food for birds, rather than build a bird feeder (which makes birds dependant on humans). They learn about habitat, and discuss animals and plants that are endangered or extinct. Name one animal that has become extinct in the last 100 years. Tell why animals become extinct. Name one animal that is on the endangered species list. The program is 1 hour and costs \$5/scout.

CUB SCOUT WILDLIFE CONSERVATION PIN PROGRAM

This program helps Tiger Cubs, Cub Scouts, and Webelos earn their Wildlife Conservation Pin. During a nature hike, scouts learn about five animals that use camouflage to protect themselves, and make a plaster cast of an animal track. After the hike, scouts make a collage of animals that are in the same class: fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds, or mammals. Scouts participate in an environmental service project that helps maintain habitat for wildlife. The program is 2.5 hours and costs \$8.50/scout.

WEBELOS SCOUT NATURALIST PROGRAM

This program helps Webelos earn their Naturalist activity badge. During a nature hike, scouts observe six wild animals and write down where and when they saw them. Scouts identify and learn about a plant or animal that is endemic (found only) in Orange County. They learn about the importance of wetlands and the Pacific Flyway, and play a migration game to find out which birds use it. Scouts learn to identify poison oak and the three species of rattlesnake native to Orange County. They perform a skit to learn about the roles of producers, consumers, and decomposers in the food chain. At the end of the hike the scouts learn how humans have changed the balance of nature, and discuss ways they can help restore the balance of nature. If possible, scouts pick up litter along the trail as they hike. The program is 2.5 hours and costs \$8.50/scout.

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GIRL SCOUT PROGRAMS

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BROWNIE “PLANTS” TRY-IT PROGRAM

Brownies learn about the importance of plants. During a nature hike, scouts learn how plants provide habitat for animals and give humans food, shelter, clothing, tools, medicine and even oxygen in the air we breathe! Scouts go on a “leaf hunt” and collect fallen leaves (which they later return to the Earth) to do a leaf rubbing activity. They discover that seeds have an embryo (baby plant), and begin an experiment to see which Orange County native plant seed wins a sprout race. The program is 2 hours and costs \$7.50/scout.



BROWNIE “READY, SET, GO CAMPING!” PROGRAM

The Back to Natives staff LOVES to go camping, and we want to help make camping a fun experience for Brownies, too! During this program, scouts participate in a “Roll-a-Bag Relay” to learn how to properly roll up their sleeping bags. On a “scent” hike, scouts use their noses to enjoy the native plants they find. Along the trail, scouts decorate their own bandana to keep, and learn how to use their bandanna on a camping trip. Scouts practice tying a few simple knots using red licorice, then enjoy their handiwork – yummy! The program is 2 hours and costs \$7.50/scout.

BROWNIE “EARTH IS OUR HOME” TRY-IT PROGRAM

Brownies learn that people must share the Earth with plants and animals. Scouts learn about ecosystems, and make their own plant terrarium to take home. They take a nature hike to search for the homes of wild animals. Along the trail they discuss renewable and non-renewable resources, and learn how they can help save energy. They make their own biodegradable furniture polish and “draft stoppers” to make their own homes more “green.” Scouts participate in an environmental service project that helps maintain habitat for wildlife. The program is 2.5 hours and costs \$8.50/scout.

JUNIOR “HIKER” BADGE PROGRAM

The Back to Natives staff LOVES to go hiking, and we want to help make hiking a fun experience for Girl Scouts, too! During this program, scouts learn how to plan a hike, how to dress for a hike and what to include in their day packs, including the items that should be included in a basic first aid kit. Scouts learn about the hazards that could be encountered along the trail, and how to cope with them. Along the trail, scouts stop to observe their environment with a drawing exercise, and later try to identify their plant or animal in a field guide. Scouts write haiku to help them remember their experience. The program is 2 hours and costs \$7.50/scout.

JUNIOR “ECO-ACTION” BADGE PROGRAM

Juniors take action to help people, plants and animals on the earth. During a nature hike, scouts discuss ways that water, soil and air become polluted, and play a game to learn ways to conserve water. Scouts discuss the negative impacts of plastic, pick up trash along the trail and decorate their own canvass shopping bag to take home. They create art out of trash, and learn about a famous female environmentalist. Scouts participate in an environmental service project to improve habitat for wildlife. The program is 2.5 hours and costs \$8.50/scout.

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