

# Robinson

JAMES & ANNE

## NATURE CENTER



Howard  
County

RECREATION & PARKS



SCOUT  
PROGRAMMING



*Schedule a program for your Boy Scout or Girl Scout troop to meet requirements for different badges.*

## Scheduling Scout Programs

Scout programs are scheduled during the nature center's hours of operation:

Wednesday-Saturday	9 AM-5 PM
Sunday	Noon-5 PM
Closed on Mondays & Tuesdays	

Scout programs must be booked in advance of your visit. To schedule a scout program, you must fill out and return a scout program registration form that can be found at: [www.howardcountymd.gov/RobinsonNatureCenter](http://www.howardcountymd.gov/RobinsonNatureCenter).

## Program Specifics

### What do scout programs include?

Scout programs include admission to the nature center and a naturalist-led program of your choice. Depending on the program you choose, classroom components, outdoor activities and/or a planetarium portion will be incorporated. Our scout programs are designed to complete the requirements necessary for each designated badge or achievement. Programs marked with an asterisk (\*) have requirements that must be completed at home. All scouts will receive a certificate of completion; however, scout leaders are responsible for securing badges once their troop members have completed all requirements.

### How many scouts can you accommodate?

Each scout program can accommodate a maximum of 20 participants. There is no minimum group size, though there is a minimum fee, dependent on program length.

Program Length	Minimum Fee
1.5 hours	\$120
2 hours	\$150
2.5 hours	\$180

For smaller troops, we recommend combining efforts with another troop to help offset costs. Only registered scouts may attend the program.

### How much does a scout program cost?

The program cost is noted under each program in this brochure. The cost listed is per scout and includes all program materials. Troop leaders coordinating registration are eligible for free admission. Additional adults are subject to the center's \$5 daily admission fee. Due to material costs for these programs, we cannot issue refunds. Payment must be received one week in advance of the program.

### How should scouts prepare for their program?

It is important to dress for the weather as part of each program will take place outside, rain or shine. We strongly recommend that participants wear socks and close-toe shoes. If you are looking for a program without an outdoor component, please consider booking our planetarium option.

For additional questions, please call 410-313-0400.

# Girl Scouts

## Daisies – Make the World a Better Place (Rose Petal)

**Year-round availability / 1.5 hours /**

**\$12 per participant**

Everyone can make a difference! After reading Rosie's story, you'll head outside and discover why it's important to keep our forests and rivers clean. Along your walk, look for ways to make the world a better place. All Daisies make a birdfeeder to take home.

## Daisies – Use Resources Wisely (Green Petal)

**Year-round availability / 1.5 hours /**

**\$12 per participant**

Learn what it's like to be "green" by reading Clover's story and taking part in our recycling challenge. Turn trash into treasure by making an art project from recycled materials and discover ways that you can use resources wisely in your own home.

## Brownies – Hiker

**Year-round availability / 2 hours /**

**\$15 per participant**

Hiking is a great way to explore the outdoor world! Brownies discover how to pick a hiking trail, what gear is needed and how to make hiking both fun and safe. Play games, sing songs and fuel up by making your very own trail mix.

## Brownies – Bugs

**Available April–October / 2 hours /**

**\$15 per participant**

Learn all about our favorite 6 legged friends and other small invertebrates. Brownies take a close look at different insect groups and their amazing adaptations. Using nets and magnifiers, venture outside to search for and observe bugs in their natural habitats. All Brownies make an insect craft to take home.



*Explore the property and see if you can uncover hidden geocaches!*

## Brownies – Senses

**Year-round availability / 2 hours /**

**\$15 per participant**

Discover how your senses compare to those belonging to our forest friends. Put your senses to work on a sensory-based hike that is promised to open your eyes, ears and nose! Can you smell as well as a bear, see as far as a hawk or hear as well as an owl? Come find out!

## Juniors – Geocaching

**Year-round availability / 2 hours /**

**\$15 per participant**

Geocaching is your chance to be part explorer, and part detective. Take part in this adventure that teaches you how to use GPS units to uncover the location of hidden treasures known as "geocaches." All Juniors will make a "trade item" to take home and hide.



*Take a hike, and immerse yourself in nature.*

## **Juniors – Flowers**

**Available April–October / 2 hours /  
\$15 per participant**

Stop and smell the flowers! Go on a flower hunt to discover how flowers grow and why they are so important. Learn how flowers help people while taking a close look at what is in bloom. All Juniors make a flower craft to take home.

## **Cadettes – Trees**

**Year-round availability / 2 hours /  
\$15 per participant**

Branch out and spend some time with the trees! Hike outside through the forests, learn how trees grow and how they get everything they need to survive. Along the way, collect twigs and other items found in nature. Once back inside, transform these items into a beautiful picture frame.

## **Ambassadors – Water**

**Available April–October / 2 hours /  
\$15 per participant**

Dive deep into the wonderful world of water. Hike outside to the Middle Patuxent River while discovering what makes water Earth's most precious resource. Become inspired and create your own water art to share with your troop. Investigate water issues, learn how you can conserve water and inspire others to do the same.

## **Cub Scouts**

### **Tiger and Wolf Cubs**

While we do not offer programs designed for these levels of cub scouts, feel free to contact us about our naturalist guided tours which may cover topics of interest to your troop. Book your individualized program now! Cost and availability vary.

### **Bear Cubs –**

### **Fur, Feathers and Ferns\***

(Required Adventure)

**Available April–October / 2.5 hours /  
\$18 per participant**

Join a naturalist, and search for signs of animals and insects living nearby. Along your hike, learn how to identify plants growing alongside our trails and discover their role in the ecosystem. Take a walk through nature center gardens and learn how you can transform your own table scraps into food for plants. \*As part of this Bear adventure, cubs are required to plant their own vegetable or herb garden. All Bears receive a seed packet to help them get their garden started.



*Make observations, and discover the important role of wildlife, trees and humans in the environment.*

## **Webelos – Earth Rocks!**

(AOL Elective Adventure)

**Year-round availability / 2 hours /**

**\$15 per participant**

Discover what it takes to be a geologist. Venture outside, and go on a rock hunt. Inside, learn how to identify your new-found rocks, use magnifying glasses to spot their differences and record your results.

## **Webelos – Into the Woods\***

(AOL Elective Adventure)

**Year-round availability / 2 hours /**

**\$15 per participant**

Trees are terrific! Whether they're providing habitat for animals or serving as a valuable resource for humans, trees help all creatures big or small. Hike through the forest and learn how to identify common trees and plants while recording your observations in a field journal. Learn how to care for trees and discover what makes them so important.

\*As part of this Webelos adventure, boys are required to plant their own tree or plant. All Webelos receive a list of recommended native plants to help get them started.

## **Webelos – Into the Wild\***

(AOL Elective Adventure)

**Available April–October / 2 hours /**

**\$15 per participant**

In this adventure, learn about wildlife and the balance of nature. Join a naturalist and head out onto the trails in search of insects, birds and other wildlife. Explore terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems while exploring the various roles plants and animals play in the food chain.

\*As part of this Webelos adventure, boys are required to care for an "insect, amphibian or reptile zoo", set up an aquarium or terrarium and observe birds over a period of time. While these requirements cannot be met during the program, all Webelos will go home with a field journal to assist them in making their observations.





*Travel through the universe in our Naturesphere planetarium and full-dome theater.*

## **Additional Opportunities**

### **Planetarium Programs**

**Year-round availability / 1 hour / \$9 per participant / Minimum cost \$135**

Witness the wonders of the night sky, and immerse yourself in a digital planetarium experience. Begin by discovering what is visible in the nighttime sky, and observe the seasonal changes of our constellations. Make observations as you explore the relationship between celestial bodies. End your experience by watching a full-dome digital film of your choice. With over a dozen films to choose from, there is something for everyone. See our full-dome feature film planetarium brochure ([www.howardcountymd.gov/Naturespherefeatures](http://www.howardcountymd.gov/Naturespherefeatures)) for film descriptions and age recommendations.

\*Planetarium programs are designed to help fulfill requirements for the Senior “Sky” badge, Cadette “Night Owl” badge, Tiger “Sky is the Limit” elective and Boy Scout “Astronomy” merit badge. Each program can be tailored to meet the needs of your group.

### **LEED Tour**

**Year-round availability / 1 hour / \$9 per participant  
Minimum cost \$90**

Learn how engineers build “green!” LEED, or Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, is a green building certification system that promotes sustainable development and environmental health. This tour emphasizes our connection to the natural world by exploring different forms of green technologies found at the Robinson Nature Center while discussing issues such as storm water management and natural resource consumption. LEED tours can be tailored to any level of scout.

### **Scout Volunteer Work Days!**

Get to know other scouts in your community while working together to help the environment! If you are interested in participating in our next Scout Work Day, please contact the Nature Center’s Volunteer Coordinator at 410-313-0406. Potential projects include forest and stream clean up, tree plantings, invasive plant removal, trail maintenance and garden work. All groups must maintain a ratio of 1 leader per 12 scouts. Leaders are required to stay with their group at all times. Groups must sign-up in advance as work days are limited to the first 60 participants. Scout work days are free to attend and open to scouts of all ages. Tools, gloves and snacks will be provided.

# Planetarium Films Age recommendations

Film	Pre-K	K - 2nd grade	3rd - 5th grade	Middle School	High School
One World, One Sky: Big Bird's Adventure	X	X			
The Little Star that Could	X	X			
The Weather	X	X			
Zula Patrol: Down to Earth	X	X			
Molecularium		X	X		
Astronomy: 3,000 Years of Star-Gazing			X	X	
Earth, Moon & Sun			X	X	
Astronaut			X	X	
We Are Aliens			X	X	
Oasis in Space			X	X	X
Two Small Pieces of Glass			X	X	X
Passport to the Universe			X	X	X
Stars			X	X	X
Impact!				X	X
Black Holes				X	X

## Love, explore, discover nature at the **ROBINSON NATURE CENTER!**

- 2 stories of multisensory, interactive exhibits
- Children's Discovery room
- NatureSphere digital planetarium and full-dome movie theater
- Historic mill ruins
- Nature trails, arboretum, rain gardens and more...





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### Hours

Wednesday-Saturday: 9 AM-5 PM  
Sunday: Noon-5 PM  
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### Daily Admission

Adults: \$5  
Children (3-17 yrs): \$3  
Under 3: FREE  
\* Wednesdays are complimentary for families and individuals. Group visits are subject to admission fees and must be booked in advance.

### Annual Passes

Annual pass holders are entitled to complimentary general admission to Robinson, use of its trails, markdowns in the gift shop during designated events and discounted admission to certain programs. Annual passes expire one year from the date of purchase. (NR) = Non-Resident of Howard County.

Senior (50 years +)	\$20 / \$40 (NR)
Student (with school ID)	\$20 / \$40 (NR)
Individual	\$25 / \$50 (NR)
Family (household)	\$50 / \$100 (NR)

Add an additional \$50 to any annual pass level to enjoy Friends of Robinson Nature Center benefit.

### Friends of Robinson Nature Center Membership Levels

Friends of Robinson Nature Center memberships include an annual pass to the nature center, as well as friends-only benefits. For details, please visit:

[www.howardcountymd.gov/RobinsonNatureCenter](http://www.howardcountymd.gov/RobinsonNatureCenter)

Patron	\$175
Supporter	\$250
Sustainer	\$500
Lifetime	\$1,000

