

Wissahickon Valley Watershed Association Girl Scout Programs

*Scouts of all ages will enjoy a hands-on outdoor program
while fulfilling badge requirements.*

The Watershed Association is located at 12 Morris Road, Ambler, PA 19002-5499.
Please call **215-646-8866** to schedule your program.

Programs are held on Sundays from 11-12:30 or 2-3:30 and after school during the week. The cost is \$4 per child or teen with a minimum charge of \$40 per group. A \$40 deposit is required to hold a date. We offer programs that are designed to fulfill badge requirements as well as general interest programs.

The recommended dress for a woods program is long pants, boots or sneakers and a hat. Creek program participants should wear shorts, waterproof shoes or shoes that can get soaked, and a hat, and bring a complete change of clothing.

Groups may enjoy our museum after the program and use our outdoor picnic tables or indoor seating. There are no sales here; have the girls leave their money at home.

General Interest Programs

Creek Peek Wade into the Wissahickon and collect animals like crayfish, fish and water insects. Examine and identify the water creatures on a television screen. (April-October)

Native American Life Experience what life was like for the original inhabitants of our area, the Lenape. Use bows and arrows, play Native American games, go inside a wigwam and prepare traditional food.

Maple Sugaring Gather sap from our maple trees and learn the process that produces maple syrup. (February-early March)

Birds Examine mounted birds, learn bird anatomy and seasonal migration patterns through games and activities.

Meet the Reptiles Learn about reptiles and meet and touch the snake and turtles that live in our museum.

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- Animals** Hike into the woods to learn about the wild animals that live around us. Meet live animals at our center like a snake, turtles, rabbit & insects & learn about their adaptations.
- Earth and Sky** Explore the woods and creek to find signs of erosion. Dig in the soil to find the different plants and animals that live at each level. Through active games, learn about the water cycle and the role of the sun and clouds.
- Eco-Explorer** Enjoy a scavenger hunt as we search the woods for natural treasures while learning about the habitats of local animals.
- Plants** Identify trees and plants on our hike by learning about their unique leaves, bark, seeds and flowers. Make plant rubbings, do a leaf hunt, and discover the many ways that we use plants every day.
- Water Everywhere** Wade into the Wissahickon Creek to catch and identify the animals that live there. View the crayfish, fish, and water insects on our special television.

Junior Girl Scout Badges

- Earth Connections** Study an ecosystem, find examples of ecological succession, learn to identify trees and plants, and see why WVVA preserves open space.
- Water Fun** Wade into the Wissahickon Creek to investigate a fresh water environment and how it would be affected by pollution. Make sensory observations about the ecosystem and identify the crayfish, fish, and water insects that live there.
- Wildlife** Learn about animal adaptations and classifications, identify poisonous plants and animals in our area, and see nature using binoculars and magnifying lenses.
- Your Outdoor Surroundings** Take a guided hike through our nature preserve while collecting objects to describe, classify and draw.
- Water Wonders** See how the water cycle works, examine adaptations of animals that live in the water, and find water food chains in the creek.

Cadette & Senior Girl Scout Interest Projects

- All About Birds** Learn about birds unique biological adaptations and how to identify different kinds of birds. Enjoy a bird walk through the woods using binoculars.
- Eco-Action I** Learn about the Lenni Lenape tribe of Native Americans - the first people who lived in this area. Discover how they survived by living in harmony with the Earth.
- Eco-Action II** Wade into the Wissahickon Creek to catch and identify the animals that live there. Use indicator species as well as water quality tests to determine if the creek is polluted.
- Wildlife** Hike through the woods to learn to identify trees and plants. Look for animals and signs of animals like shelters, food sources and tracks.