

CUB SCOUTS

Our programs are tailored to meet BSA requirements.

TIGER CUBS

Tiger Adventure: Backyard Jungle

Scouts will use the Rancocas trails to investigate the plants and animals that are found in the preserve. By identifying some of the living things they see and hear, scouts will learn about the way plants and animals interact in nature. The program includes building a simple bird house and learning how to plant a tree or shrub.

Tiger Adventure: Tigers in the Wild

Start off by learning about outdoor codes and principles and how to prepare for a hike. Then scouts will participate in a scavenger hunt as they hike the Nature Center trails looking for signs of wildlife and learning to ID some of the plants and animals they see. Back at the Center, scouts will record their sighting and observations, in addition to learning about two resident Rancocas animals.



All photos from Rancocas archives taken by RNC staff, volunteers, and campers.

WOLF CUBS

Wolf Elective Adventure: Grow Something

Plants are an important part of the food chain and have specific needs to grow and survive. By visiting the Rancocas gardens, scouts will become familiar with some of the local trees and plants that grow in our zone. Scouts will learn about terrariums and make one to take home, along with a seedling to care for. Note: additional fees may apply for materials.

Wolf Adventure: Paws on the Path

Prepare for a one-mile hike by learning about outdoor codes, ethics and principles, and trail safety. Become familiar with the RNC trail map and its symbols. Then, wearing appropriate clothing and using your "Six Essentials" pack, we'll observe local animals, ID them, and record our sightings as we hike the habitats of Rancocas.



BEAR CUBS

Bear Adventure: Fur, Feathers, & Ferns

A visit to the nature center is a wonderful way to experience wildlife in its natural setting. We'll complete a one-mile hike and observe signs of plants and animals along the trail while learning to use a magnifying glass and binoculars to take a close-up and distance view of what we find. Scouts will also learn why wildlife can become extinct and visit the Rancocas composting bins to see decomposition in action.

WEBELOS

Into the Woods: Trees are important to our ecosystem and they improve our environment, and the Rancocas preserve is the perfect place to investigate them. Through hands-on activities, scouts will learn about: the different ways trees & wood are used; the two tree categories; six species of local trees & plants and their uses; the parts of a tree and how it functions; the story of tree growth rings; and how to plant a tree.



Earth Rocks!: A slide presentation will explain the basics of the science of geology and rock formation, and scouts will engage in several hands-on activities that include learning about the Mohs scale of hardness, geological building materials, everyday geological materials, fossils, and geological features in our area. Then it's outside to observe parts of the geography of the Rancocas preserve and record what we see. Along the way we'll hunt for rocks, examine them with a magnifying glass, and try to ID each specimen.

Into the Wild: Visiting a nature center is a great way to experience wildlife. We'll start by observing, identifying, and recording the different birds we see at the center and learn about their local flyways. Then hike the Rancocas trails to investigate woodland, meadow, and wetland habitats, learning about the importance of each and which animals are part of the food chain there. While outside, scouts will see examples of how Rancocas is protecting the balance of nature.

Webelos Walkabout

In this adventure, we'll prepare for a three-mile hike by planning the hiking route, reviewing a first-aid kit contents, and learning about potential plant and animal hazards on Rancocas trails. Before heading out on the trails, we'll review scout outdoor codes, ethics, and principles and learn about healthy food choices. While out on the hike, scouts will complete a service project and assume leadership roles.

Planning Your Visit

Pricing & Scheduling

Tiger Cubs \$80 for the first 10 scouts; \$8 for each additional scout or sibling.

Bears, Wolves, & Webelos....\$90 for the first 10 scouts; \$9 for each additional scout or sibling

Programs are 90 minutes for Tiger Cubs, and 2 hours for Bears, Wolves, & Webelos. Programs are tailored to meet BSA requirements.

To schedule a visit, call 609-261-2495 or email info@rancocasnaturecenter.org.

To facilitate scheduling please have several possible dates and times in mind. Spring and Autumn dates fill up quickly so be sure to make your reservations early.

Many programs are taught outside, rain or shine, so please dress appropriately.

COMING SOON: MERIT BADGES

Rancocas will begin offering Merit Badge Days starting in Spring 2016. Call 609-261-2495 and speak to a staff person for additional information.



EAGLE SCOUT PROJECTS

We're proud to have fostered successful Eagle Scout projects at the Rancocas Nature Center.

If you are looking for projects for your Gold, Silver, or Eagle Awards, we have many to choose from. Please inquire with our Sanctuary Director at least six months prior to a scout's 18th birthday. Scouts are welcome to suggest a project, or they can select one from a projects list.

WELCOME TO THE RANCOCAS NATURE CENTER

The Center is centrally located in South Jersey in close proximity to Mt. Holly, Cherry Hill, and Philadelphia. Situated in the Rancocas State Park, the site includes varied natural habitats. Join us this season and experience the value of environmental education at its best.

CENTER HOURS:

Tues.-Sat., 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sun., Noon to 5 p.m.
NOTE: The center closes at 4 p.m. from Nov. 1 to Mar. 31, and is closed on Mondays and holidays. No dogs allowed.

DIRECTIONS TO THE RANCOCAS NATURE CENTER:

FROM I-295: Exit 45A (Mt. Holly/Willingboro exit). Head east on Rancocas Road. The Center is on the right-hand side, about 1.8 miles from I-295.

FROM STATE ROUTE 206: Connect with Route 38 southeast of Mount Holly. Take Route 38 west to Route 541 By-pass, turn right, following Route 541 to Rancocas Road (2nd intersection). Turn left onto Rancocas Road and proceed about 1 mile. The Center will be on the left.

FRIENDS OF RANCOCAS NATURE CENTER

The Friends will promote stewardship and provide environmental education in the Rancocas State Park for surrounding communities through the operation of the Rancocas Nature Center.

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Boy Scout Programs at the Rancocas Nature Center



Rancocas' diverse habitats and wildlife offer year-round outdoor opportunities to explore and investigate nature.



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