

# LOST RIVER CAVE



CUB SCOUTS  
BEAR RANK

PROGRAM GUIDE  
2016



# FUR, FEATHERS, AND FERNS



**Rank:** Bear

**This program can be applied to the fulfillment of:**

- Bear Core Adventures
- Bear Rank Cub Scout World Conservation Award

**Duration:** 2 hours

## Cooperative Learning:

Combining this program with the *Discovery Cave Crawl* can place Scouts up close and personal with the ecology of the cave—a unique and differing community than on the surface.

## Availability:

This program is available during the late spring and summer seasons. It can be booked for any day of the week, from 9-10:30AM, 1-2:30PM, or 6-7:30PM. Weekdays during the school year may have availability between 2:30-6pm. A significant part of this program is done outdoors on the trails, therefore the time of Sunset should be considered when booking evening classes.

## SUMMARY

Scouts look at plants and animals by examining clues of their existence, watching their behavior and structures, and learning more about their dependence on a healthy ecosystem.

## Service Learning Project:

Pair this program with a Service Learning Project to make a more complete experience. An invasive plant pull can help the park get rid of exotic plants that take the space and nutrients from native species. Collect litter along the trails that can be harmful to wildlife. Cleaning the gardens out of weeds and old fruit to go towards composting.

## Requirements Met:

This program meets all but one requirement needed to fulfill this adventure. At the end of the program Scouts will have experienced:

- Wildlife clues and signs
- Wildlife susceptibility
- Wildlife observation
- Plants on a micro-scale
- Composting

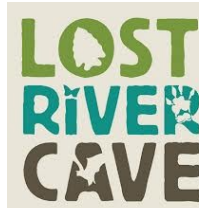
To complete this activity after the Guided Program, Scouts will need to plant an herb or vegetable garden.

## Making Connections:

Understanding the interdependence that occurs in nature can help Scouts realize the dependence we have on each other and our connection with nature.



# CUB SCOUT OUTDOOR ACTIVITY AWARD OPPURTUNITIES



IN ADDITION TO ATTENDING SCOUT DAY CAMP OR RESIDENT CAMP,  
SCOUTS AT EACH RANK NEED TO COMPLETE A SELECT NUMBER OF OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES TO  
FULFILL THE CUB SCOUT OUTDOOR ACTIVITY AWARD.

**Tiger Rank: 4 activities**  
**Wolf Rank: 5 activities**

**Bear Rank: 6 activities**  
**Webelos Rank: 7 activities**

## A visit to Lost River Cave can provide the following Outdoor Activities:

☐ **Nature Hike**– Hike up to 3 miles on the park. Park map available to determine routes.

☐ **Picnic Fun Day**– Choose from picnic tables near the Nature Explore Classroom or the Prairie, or bring blankets and find a place in the Valley.

☐ **Nature /Conservation Project**–  
Work with a Park Naturalist to create a service project for your unit. Choices can include:  
Updating nesting boxes  
Removing Invasive Plants

☐ **Buddy System**– Practice the Buddy System on a guided tour of the cave. There is a cost, per scout for cave tours.

☐ **Outdoor Aquatics Activity**– explore the cave on Kayak. Begin with simple basics and end with team building games. There is a cost, per scout for this activity.

☐ **Nature Observation Activity**– Lost Rive Cave is home to 7 different ecosystems

- Spring
- Prairie
- Forest
- Cave
- Wetland
- Meadow
- Bluehole

Visit these areas and compare them using the Nature Observation Activity Worksheet provided at the front desk of the Visitor's Center .

☐ **Outdoor Service Project**– Work with a Park Volunteer Coodinator to create a service project for your unit. Choices can include:  
Invasive Plant Pull  
Trash Collection  
Garden Weeding

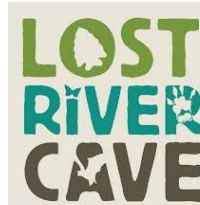
☐ **Explore a Park**–Provide each Scout with a Trail Guide and Map to the park. Hike the trails and have the Scouts learn about different facets of the park from the guide. Study the map to look at facilities provided to park visitors. Guides and Maps available at the Visitor's Center.

☐ **Pack Overnight**– Camp overnight at Lost River Cave during the *Great American Campout* in late October. There is a cost, per unit , for this activity. Reserve your spot today!

# CUB SCOUT PROGRAMS AND OUTINGS

## FEE SCHEDULE

ALL PROGRAMS HAVE A 5 SCOUT MINIMUM



### TIGER PROGRAMS

Backyard Jungle	\$15.00 per Scout
Tigers in the Wild	\$13.00 per Scout

### WOLF PROGRAMS

Paws on the Path	\$13.00 per Scout
Call of the Wild	\$13.00 per Scout
Finding Your Way	\$15.00 per Scout
Grow Something	\$20.00 per Scout



### BEAR PROGRAMS

Fur, Feathers, and Ferns	\$13.00 per Scout
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### WEBELOS PROGRAMS

Walkabout	\$15.00 per Scout w/out Requirement 2
	\$20.00 per Scout w/ Requirement 2
Earth Rocks	\$25.00 per Scout
Into the Wild	\$20.00 per Scout



### CAVE TOURS

Cave Boat Tour	\$5.00 per Scout
Discovery Cave Crawl	\$30.00 per Scout
Kayak the Cave	\$30.00 per Scout

### EXTRAS

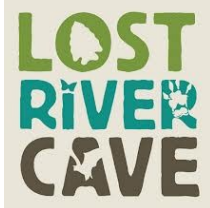
Small Gemstone Sluice bag	\$3.50
Large Gemstone Sluice bag	\$5.50
Fossil Sluice bag	\$8.50
BIG Gemstone and Fossil Sluice bag	\$16.50
Bucket Gemstone and Fossil bag	\$19.50



The use of the trails, picnic areas, and the Nature Explore Classroom are ALWAYS FREE!



## CONTACT INFORMATION



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