



2023-2024 GIRL SCOUT BROWNIE EVENT DATES AT LINCOLN CAVERNS

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Lincoln Caverns has been serving the Girl Scout Community for over thirty years. By providing activities that are both engaging and educational, Lincoln Caverns offers Girl Scouts an opportunity to learn and make memories that will last a lifetime. **Event dates are ideal for smaller troops.** Registration for these events is limited to Girl Scouts, leaders, and GSUSA registered parents. Event dates give girls an opportunity to join other scouts from Pennsylvania and nearby states to complete a girl-centered learning adventure. All programs include a pre-tour program about cave conservation and a cavern tour. Advance registration is required for all event day programs. Registration closes ten days prior to the event, or when the event has booked to capacity.

TWO-DAY COMBO/OVERNIGHT EVENTS:

Experience our most popular offerings for Girl Scouts with our overnight programs! Saturday evening arrival is at 5:45 PM, with an opportunity to unload gear and check-in until 6:15 PM. Orientation begins promptly at 6:15 PM and the program runs until 8:00 PM. Sunday programs begin at 8:45 AM and conclude at 2:15 PM. Program descriptions are available on the next page.

DATES:

Saturday/Sunday, November 4 - 5, 2023: Eco-Friend & Letterboxer
(with optional *Going Batty Patch*)

Saturday/Sunday, December 2 - 3, 2023: WOW! Wonders of Water ... Underground!
(with optional *Brownie Cave Explorer Patch*)

Saturday/Sunday, March 9 - 10, 2024: WOW! Wonders of Water ... Underground!
(with optional *Fossil Fun Patch*)

Saturday/Sunday, May 4 - 5, 2024: WOW! Wonders of Water ... Underground!
(with optional *Rocks Rock Patch*)

Saturday/Sunday, June 8 - 9, 2024: Eco-Friend & Letterboxer
(with optional *Brownie Cave Explorer Patch*)



COST: \$57.00 per person, includes indoor lodging, evening snack, lunch on Sunday



ECHO'S EXTRA!! Echo loves learning and if you do too, arrive early Saturday to add-on a third badge program to your combo! Check-In begins at 2:00 PM on Saturday followed by two 45-minute workshops to meet the requirements for the extra patch program that weekend. A break for supper will be provided prior to the start of the evening program.

Additional Fee: \$12.00 per person. Pre-registration required.

ONE-DAY EVENTS FOR GIRL SCOUT BROWNIES & JUNIORS:

Single day events are perfect for troops of mixed age levels! Group leaders and registered participants may check-in between 8:45 AM - 9:15 AM. Group leaders will gather at 9:15 for their orientation. All participants must be ready to begin at 9:30 AM, and the program will run until 3:00 PM. Program descriptions are available on the next page.

DATES:

Saturday: March 16, 2024 - **Brownie Going Batty Patch** OR Junior Animal Habitats Badge

Saturday: May 11, 2024 - **Brownie Letterboxer Badge** OR Junior Geocacher Badge

COST: \$24.00 per person

WANT TO ADD A SECOND BADGE? - STAY OVER FRIDAY NIGHT... Join us on a Friday evening prior to a one-day Saturday program. Complete a second badge or patch program during your visit for an additional \$200.00 per troop plus lodging fees.

Arrival Time: Friday 6:45 PM. Friday Program: 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Overnight Options without program are also open to troops choosing to come in Friday night for a Saturday event.

SAFETY COMES FIRST - Program Changes & Precautions:

At Lincoln Caverns, the safety of our guests and team has always been our top priority. Our goal is to work together to stay healthy and safe, while enjoying a positive cavern experience.

- ✓ Workgroups for all Scout programs will be limited, based on Council guidelines.
- ✓ Workshops will take place in rooms (or outside) appropriate to the size of the group, where all who choose to distance may do so.
- ✓ Larger workshop groups will be divided into two smaller groups for cavern tours.
- ✓ Due to the natural cavern environment, there are areas where distancing cannot be guaranteed.
- ✓ Please follow your Council guidelines regarding in-person gatherings. Our staff will make every effort to follow the same guidelines when possible.
- ✓ Handwashing and sanitizing stations are always available during workshops.

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| BADGE/PATCH | Each program includes two 45-minute workshops, a pre-tour program about caves, and a 90-minute cavern tour through two beautiful crystal caverns. |
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| LETTERBOXER BADGE | Girls will engage in a 'snowball' battle to learn letterboxing slang. Creativity is explored by learning to craft a letterboxing stamp. Finally, girls will work in teams to hide a letterbox, develop a set of clues, and find letterboxes hidden by other teams. |
| ECO-FRIEND BADGE (only available April 15-November 15) | Spend the day outdoors! Take a tour through the cave, and then a nature hike to the campground. Girls will learn about fire building safety and tell a nature story around the campfire. Wildlife rehabilitation will also be discussed. |
| CAVE EXPLORER PATCH | Discover fascinating facts about creatures inhabiting cave systems. Learn about adaptations and how these animals depend on each other for survival. Then, learn some 'caving basics' and great caver crawls with Lincoln Caverns' caver's squeezebox! |
| ROCKS ROCK PATCH | Investigate the differences between rocks, minerals, and gems. Discover how we use rocks in our daily lives and examine the properties of minerals. Look at maps, photos, and satellite images to learn about the interesting physical features of the earth. |
| FOSSIL FUN PATCH | Travel through time making posters of geologic periods. Discuss the formation of fossils and inspect sample fossils. Play a fun dinosaur game to learn about extinction events. Make a fossil cast to take home. |
| GOING BATTY PATCH | Learn which bat species live in your area. Be active with an exciting echolocation game. Bat anatomy, bat myths, and bat benefits are discussed. Girls make a poster promoting bat benefits and a recycled bat craft! |
| WOW! Wonders of Water ... Underground Love Water & Save Water <i>*Only Available as an Overnight*</i> | Water, Water, Everywhere! Learn about the water cycle by following Wendy the Waterdrop on her adventures underground. Two exciting activities teach girls about what water is doing when we can't see it. Discuss groundwater, erosion, runoff, and pollution with a fun soil experiment. Create a poster about water and a recycled craft. Take a recycling pledge and discuss the wonders of water ... underground! *This program includes four 45-minute workshops and is only available as an Overnight/Combo. |

TO REGISTER:

1. Choose an Event Date(s) that works best for the most members of your troop.
2. Fill out the attached registration form and roster.
3. Make a payment for the full registration amount. Event space is only held with full payment of fees. **All fees are non-refundable and non-transferable**; however, substitutions can be made. All participants, both girls and adults, must be registered Girl Scouts. Registrations can be accepted in the following ways:
 - a. Online at www.lincolncaverns.com through the Calendar of Events
 - b. By Phone: (814) 643-0268
 - c. By Email: info@lincolncaverns.com
 - d. By USPS: Lincoln Caverns, Inc., 7703 William Penn Highway, Huntingdon, PA 16652

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ADDITIONAL OPTIONS:

These items may be purchased individually the day of your program at the full retail price in the gift shop. Purchase in advance with your group reservation to save money and time! The scout price is available for all pre-purchased items when a minimum of one for each Girl Scout is purchased; you may also purchase enough for the adults in your group.

SOUVENIR PATCHES: Lincoln Caverns Patches make a wearable souvenir and memory of their visit. In the gift shop, patches will be \$2.98 plus tax.

SCOUT COST: **\$2.50** each (when purchased in advance with group payment)



BADGE/PATCHES: Our own program patches (Fossil Fun, Rocks Rock, Going Batty, and Cave Explorer) are available with registration. Quantities may be limited on the day of your visit. (GSUSA badges and Journey sets you will need to purchase through your Girl Scout Council office.)

SCOUT COST: **\$2.50** each (when purchased in advance with group payment)



TIE DYE MAP BANDANAS – Great souvenir for the whole group! It's a map you can wear – the tie-dye bandana is printed with a map of Lincoln Caverns & Whisper Rocks with a bat border! Bandanas are available in the gift shop for \$8.98 on day of visit.

SCOUT COST: **\$8.00** each (when purchased in advance with group payment)



GEMSTONE MINING: Pan for REAL gems! We'll have your bags boxed and ready for your troop to sift for real gems in our sluice during your gift shop break or following your workshops. (Available mid-March through mid-Nov. only.) Most Scouts visiting us pan for gems - help them save by ordering in advance!

SCOUT COST: **\$5.50**/bag of small mineral rough

\$9.50/bag of large mineral rough

\$7.50/bag of fossils

(When purchased in advance with group payment)



SCOUT DAY T-SHIRTS: Remember your scouting adventure with a shirt designed especially for scouts. Shirts are available in the gift shop - Youth and Adult sizes \$19.98; XXL \$24.98 on day of visit. Colors may vary.

SCOUT COST: **\$17.00** each (**Add \$2/XXL** shirt purchased)



REUSABLE WATER BOTTLES: Start teaching your scouts about water conservation and reducing plastic waste. Scouts can use these water bottles to refill

continuously throughout their visit and at home as a reminder of this important lesson. – Bottles cost \$2.98 plus tax in the gift shop.

SCOUT COST: **\$2.50** each



ADD-ONS TO ONE-DAY EVENTS: (These are included in the cost of Overnight Events)

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INDOOR LODGING: 'Slumber Party style' lodging - bring your sleeping bags and pillows! There is space to sleep up to 50 persons comfortably upstairs and downstairs in our learning center. Restroom facilities are in the Visitors' Center and refrigeration is available upstairs. No showers or indoor cooking facilities are provided; however, a variety of restaurants are located within three miles and pre-purchased meal options are available. Indoor lodging available ONE NIGHT ONLY. Groups of 20 or less may share lodging with another Girl Scout Troop of like size and age level. A \$25 deposit is required to reserve overnight lodging. **Due to health and safety regulations with federal, state, and local mandates, as well as differing policies between Girl Scout Councils, lodging capacity is subject to change.**

COST PER NIGHT:

15 or fewer children and adults - **\$105.00** total

16 or more children and adults - **\$7.00/person**

LATE ARRIVAL FEE: \$25.00 for arrivals after 9:00 PM. No group arrivals/check-ins after 11:00 PM.

DOMINO'S PIZZA LUNCH OPTION: Two large slices of one-topping Domino's pizza with side of applesauce, and your choice of soda or water. This lunch option is only available when ordered and paid in full prior to the event.

COST: \$6.00/person.

Additional Information & Next Steps:

- All rates are subject to change and will be confirmed at the time of reservation.
- Registration fees are non-refundable, and dates are non-transferable. If a registered group member is unable to attend, substitutions are encouraged and welcomed. Rainchecks will be given to individuals only in the event of extenuating circumstances and must be used within one year of the originally scheduled program.
- **If any of your group members have experienced recent signs of illness including fever, cough, shortness of breath, vomiting, diarrhea, etc., we expect them to stay home and reschedule with us within the next year. Please continue to monitor current information from your council, government officials, and the CDC for health and safety recommendations.**
- Your event will be held RAIN or SHINE. Most activities are under cover and/or indoors, however participants must walk outside between workshops (& for letterboxing). **RAINGEAR IS REQUIRED!** Warm clothing will be needed on some dates, and a jacket is a **MUST** for the cavern tour on ALL dates. **Rubber non-slip soled shoes with good treads are also REQUIRED.**
- Brownies and adults will be divided into 'workgroups' for the day. Your troop may be divided for workshops and cavern tour but will view the slide presentation together and meet for lunch.
- Most workshops, facilities, gift shop and restrooms are wheelchair accessible, however only a portion of the cavern tour has access for scouts with physical disabilities. We will be glad to arrange a personal tour for a Scout and their chaperone if they have specialized needs and are unable to take the tour with the rest of their group; however, this **MUST** be requested with your registration, as an additional staff person will be necessary.
- **PLEASE CALL Lincoln Caverns IN ADVANCE**, when possible, if there are changes to your roster. (Adults and/or girls) This will save time during registration.
- A confirmation of your troop's acceptance, along with a **FACT SHEET** containing complete details and further instructions will be sent via email or USPS upon receipt of your registration.
- Please note who the first aider is with your group when sending your roster. You **MUST** have a first aider for overnight programs! First aid supplies are available as needed. Lincoln Caverns' staff are certified in first aid and CPR, in the event your first aider is unavailable during the program hours.
- Questions? Please give us a call or send us an email! Office hours are 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM, 7 days a week. Phone 814-643-0268, or e-mail: info@lincolncaverns.com.

Unable to attend a pre-scheduled event date? Schedule a program for your troop, or service unit, on a day that suits your group. Programs are available year-round through our indoor Learning Center. Siblings and registered Girl Scout parents may attend on these dates at your discretion; however, the programs are not recommended for preschoolers. Flat rate fees apply for groups with under 15 participants.

REGISTRATION FORM/ROSTER

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ALL FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE. Event will be rescheduled only if weather conditions make travel unsafe.

GROUP LEADER/ADULT IN CHARGE: _____
DAYTIME PHONE NUMBER: _____ - _____ - _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____
MAILING ADDRESS: _____
TROOP NUMBER: _____ COUNCIL: _____

Please number first (1) AND second (2) choice of dates

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One Day Events:

_____ Girl Scout Brownies @ \$24.00 each = \$ _____
_____ Adults @ \$24.00 each = \$ _____
_____ Friday Night (Combo) Program (\$200.00) \$ _____
_____ Additional Badge/Patch _____
_____ Friday Night Lodging (the greater of \$105.00 or \$7.00/person) \$ _____

OR Combo Events: (Lodging & Sunday Pizza Lunch included in fee)

_____ Girl Scout Brownies @ \$ 57.00 each = \$ _____
_____ Adults @ \$ 57.00 each = \$ _____
_____ Echo's Extra! (Program varies - see first page) @ \$12.00 each = \$ _____

PROGRAM FEE TOTAL:

\$ _____

ADDITIONAL OPTIONS (Must purchase a minimum of one for each Girl Scout):

_____ Tie Dye Map Bandana @ \$8.00 each = \$ _____
_____ Reusable Souvenir Water Bottle @ \$2.50 each = \$ _____
_____ Number of Lincoln Caverns Patches @ \$2.50 each = \$ _____
_____ Number of Program Patches @ \$2.50 each = \$ _____
_____ Fossil Fun _____ Rocks Rock _____ Cave Explorer _____ Going Batty
_____ Fossil Bags (small) of 'Rough Fossil Material' @ \$7.50 each = \$ _____

AND/OR

_____ Large Bags of 'Rough Mineral Material' @ \$9.50 each = \$ _____

AND/OR

_____ Small Bags of 'Rough Mineral Material' @ \$5.50 each = \$ _____

_____ Number of Lincoln Caverns Scout Day T-Shirts @ \$17.00 each = \$ _____

Child Sizes: _____ S _____ M _____ L Adult Sizes: _____ S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ XXL (add \$2/XXL shirt)

_____ Domino's Pizza Lunch (Topping: _____) @ \$6.00 \$ _____

_____ Late arrival fee (indoor lodging) 9:00 - 11:00 PM - add \$25.00 \$ _____

ADDITIONAL OPTION TOTAL:

\$ _____

TOTAL OF PROGRAM AND ADDITIONAL OPTIONS HERE:

\$ _____

CREDIT CARD INFORMATION: _____ VISA _____ MASTERCARD _____ DISCOVER Exp. Date: _____

Card Number: _____ - _____ - _____ - _____ Sec. Code _____

Signature: _____

ROSTER

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Please fill out the roster completely with all Brownie, Student, and Adult names. If registering more than one Troop at the same time, PLEASE USE separate sheets for EACH TROOP. It is suggested that you make and keep a copy of your registration form (front and back) for your records.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH! We'll look forward to hosting you and your Girl Scout Brownies!

Please indicate name of First Aider attending with your troop: _____

Please indicate any girls or adults with a disability or severe allergy (bees, food, etc.) so that we may plan accordingly. If the individual is a child, please list the adult they should be grouped with:

ROSTER: please indicate (b) Brownie OR (a) adult AND present school grade (or grade completed) for all girls participating.

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Thank You!

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