

2023-2024 GIRL SCOUT JUNIOR 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 at 6:15 PM and the program runs until 9:00 PM. Sunday programs begin at 8:45 AM and conclude at 3:00/3:45 PM. Program descriptions are available on the next page.

DATES:

Saturday/Sunday, October 14 - 15, 2023: Ghosts & Goblins Party with Animal Habitats Badge Saturday/Sunday, November 11 - 12, 2023: Geocacher Badge & Geology Rocks Patch Combo (with optional Going Batty Patch)

Saturday/Sunday, March 23 - 24, 2024: Animal Habitats Badge & Jr. Cave Explorer Patch (with optional Geology Rocks Patch)

Saturday/Sunday, April 13 - 14, 2024: Geocacher & Animal Habitats Badges (with optional Jr. Cave Explorer Patch)

Saturday/Sunday, May 18 - 19, 2024: Geocacher & Jr. Cave Explorer Patch Combo (with optional Animal Habitats Badge)

COST: \$65.00 per person, includes indoor lodging, evening snack, lunch on Sunday

**SPECIAL GHOSTS & GOBLINS PARTY IN OCTOBER! Check-In begins at 1:45 PM on Saturday followed by Introduction To Speleology Program and Cavern Tour (One Haunted, One Natural), then a party with pizza supper, games and crafts. Conclude the evening with a nighttime walk on the Haunted Trail and a Haunted Hayride! Survivors will participate in the Animal Habitats Badge on Sunday with a lunch-time meal of OIP Italian Subs. Girls will be provided with materials for a craft OR for a troop project. Fee: \$65.00 per person.



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 1:00 PM on Saturday followed by three 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: \$18.00 per person. Must pre-register for these programs.

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 3:45 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: **\$28.00** 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 \$300.00 per troop plus lodging fees. Arrival Time: Friday 5:45 PM. Friday Program: 6:00 – 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.





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✓ 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.

BADGE/PATCH	Each program includes three 45-minute workshops, a pre-tour program about caves, and a 90-minute cavern tour through two beautiful crystal caverns.	
ANIMAL HABITATS BADGE	Focus on cave habitats and endangered species! Games and activities teach girls about the importance of saving fragile cavern ecosystems and the animals that live there. Each troop will build a bat house to put up in their community.	
GEOCACHER BADGE	Get outside with geocaching games! Girls will experience a geocaching adventure designed just for Scouts! Learn to use a GPS unit, make a Travel Bug, and play a game of bingo to learn the vocabulary of geocaching. This is a rain or shine event, so please be prepared with outdoor all-weather gear.	
GEOLOGY ROCKS PATCH	Rock your girl power with a geoscience adventure! Girls will perform rock experiments, examine fossil samples, make a fossil, and engage in experiments about soil and groundwater conservation.	
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 spelunker crawls with Lincoln Caverns' squeezebox!	
GOING BATTY PATCH	Learn which bat species live in your neighborhood. Be active with an exciting bat game. Bat anatomy, bat myths, and bat benefits are discussed. Girls will make a poster about how we can be great neighbors to bats! **All girls will participate in building a bat house. Troops of fewer than 8 girls may purchase materials for building a bat house at cost at the time of the program.	

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 as 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.

<u>SOUVENIR PATCHES</u>: 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)

<u>BADGE/PATCHES</u>: Our own program patches (Geology Rocks, 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)







<u>TIE DYE MAP BANDANAS</u> – 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)

<u>GEMSTONE MINING:</u> 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)

<u>SCOUT DAY T-SHIRTS</u>: 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











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ADD-ONS TO ONE-DAY EVENTS: (Indoor lodging and pizza lunch are included in the cost of Overnight Events)

INDOOR LODGING: 'Slumber Party style' lodging - bring your sleeping bags and pillows! There is space to sleep up to 50 people 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.

<u>PRIMITIVE CAMPING</u>: Secluded group 'clusters' in the woods atop Warrior Ridge. Each cluster features picnic tables, trash barrels, fire rings, and porta-johns. Water for putting out fires is available on site. Drinking water must be transported from Lincoln Caverns' Visitors Center. Access is conveniently located just off Route 22 via a gravel road. Camping available as many nights as needed - no limit to length of stay. (Available mid-March through mid-November or as weather permits) COST PER NIGHT:

15 or fewer children and adults – **\$52.50** total

16 or more children and adults - \$3.50/person

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

FIREWOOD: \$8.00/Tub

** No outside firewood is permitted. (Find out more at http://www.dontmovefirewood.org/)

<u>DOMINO'S PIZZA LUNCH OPTION:</u> 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.
- Your event will be held RAIN or SHINE. Most activities are under cover and/or indoors, however participants must walk outside between workshops (& for geocaching). 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.
- 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.
- > Girl Scouts 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.



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REGISTRATION FORM/ROSTER

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ROSTER

Please fill out the roster completely with all Girl Scout, 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 Juniors!				
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 pla accordingly. If the individual is a child, please list the adult they should be grouped with:					
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Thank You!