



2023-2024 SCOUTS BSA CAMPOREE EVENTS AT LINCOLN CAVERNS

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Lincoln Caverns has been serving the Scouting Community for over thirty years. By providing activities that are both engaging and educational, Lincoln Caverns offers Scouts BSA an opportunity to learn and make memories that will last them a lifetime. Scouts BSA Programs are available year-round in our Indoor Learning Center.

Event dates are ideal for smaller troops. To accommodate more scouts, registration on these event dates is limited to Scouts BSA, leaders, and registered scout parents. Event dates give scouts an opportunity to join others from Pennsylvania and nearby states to complete a scout-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 been booked to capacity.

EVENT DATES:

Visit for a single merit badge program or stay for the weekend, earning two merit badges! Detailed times, descriptions, and fees are listed on the following pages. Event dates can be reserved with a small per person deposit and payment in full is due two weeks prior to the event. Perfect for small troops. Each program meets all requirements towards the merit badge. September and June programs include primitive camping at Warrior Ridge Campground. October and February programs include indoor lodging at our Visitor Center.

Friday – Sunday, **September 22-24, 2023** – Geology & Mammal Study Merit Badges

Saturday - Sunday, **October 28-29, 2023** – Ghosts & Goblins Party with Geocaching Merit Badge

Friday – Sunday, **February 2-4, 2024** – Exploration & Geology Merit Badges

Friday – Sunday, **June 7-9, 2024** – Geocaching & Exploration Merit Badges

MERIT BADGE PROGRAM	Each program includes 5+ hours of related hands-on informational sessions, a pre-tour program about caves and a 90-minute cavern tour through two beautiful crystal caverns.
GEOLOGY	Discover the depths of geoscience studies. Scouts will investigate rock & mineral properties, while learning to identify them. They will dive deep into geologic time while exercising their creativity and looking at sample fossil specimens. Mineral resources, maps, and career possibilities are also discussed. Each scout will put together a rock collection and a fossil collection to take home. Black Light Adventure cavern tour included.
GEOCACHING	Engage in a fun outdoor activity that promotes the ideals of Leave No Trace practices. Scouts will learn to operate a handheld GPS unit, set coordinates, and find waypoints. They will use teamwork and games to discuss map-making, geocaching lingo, safety, and rules. Scouts will also get practice using a map and compass. A scout-centered geocache hunt awaits at the end of the day. Each scout makes a CITO craft to use in their own geocaching adventures. Black Light Adventure or Ghosts & Goblins cavern tour included.
MAMMAL STUDY	Build on teamwork and scouting ideals while participating in this Merit Badge. Bats are the focus of the Mammal Study program, as they are a key “nuts & bolts” species in ecosystems around the world. Discover their importance to the habitats they live in, investigate different bat families, and research local bat species that live in your neighborhood. Complete the Merit Badge by working with your troop to build a bat house for your community. Black Light Adventure cavern tour included.
EXPLORATION	We are excited to premiere a new Merit Badge Program, emphasizing the history of speleology, the study of caves, cave exploration, research, and conservation. Scouts plan and carry out their own scientific expedition in the cave, performing experiments and analyzing the data following the experience. Workshops are followed by Black Light Adventure tours!

SAFETY COMES FIRST - Program Changes, Guidelines & 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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Geology & Mammal Study Merit Badge Camporee

DATES: Friday-Sunday, September 22-24, 2023

TIMES: Geology Merit Badge - Saturday, September 23, 2023 - 8:45 AM - 3:45 PM

Blacklight Adventure Tour - Saturday, September 23, 2023 - 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM (ALL)

Mammal Study Merit Badge - Sunday, September 24, 2023 - 8:45 AM - 3:45 PM

DESCRIPTION: Visit us for both merit badge programs or choose between the Geology Merit Badge on Saturday, and the Mammal Study Merit Badge on Sunday. All participants will get to experience the Blacklight Adventure tour on Saturday evening. Explore the caverns with flashlights and investigate the depths with blacklights.

INCLUDED:

Geology Merit Badge - Includes Friday night camping, program, pizza lunch, and rock & fossil collections for each scout.

Mammal Study Merit Badge - Includes Saturday night camping, program, a bat house for each troop **, and Italian sub lunch.

COMBO: Includes Friday and Saturday night camping, pizza lunch (Saturday), Italian sub lunch (Sunday), rock & fossil collections for each scout, Blacklight Adventure Tour, a bat house for each troop**, and workshops to complete both merit badge programs.

FEES: Geology - **\$57.50** per scout & **\$47.50** per adult (Reserve with a deposit of \$10/person)

Mammal Study - **\$59.50** per scout & **\$49.50** per adult (Reserve with a deposit of \$10/person)

Combo (Both Programs) - **\$103.00** per scout & **\$89.00** per adult (Reserve with a deposit of \$20/person)

****All scouts will participate in building a bat house. Troops of fewer than 8 scouts may purchase materials for building a bat house at cost at the time of the program. ****

Ghosts & Goblins Party with Geocaching Merit Badge

DATES: Saturday/Sunday, October 28-29, 2023

TIMES: Begins Saturday at 1:45 PM; Ends Sunday at 3:30 PM

DESCRIPTION: Engage in a frightfully good time by taking the haunted tour of Lincoln Caverns, the natural tour of Whisper Rocks, making a Halloween craft, playing games, daring the night-time haunted trail, and Haunted Hayride on Saturday! Sunday, join us for the Geocaching Merit Badge. Includes a CITO craft for each scout.

INCLUDED: Ghosts & Goblins tour of Lincoln Caverns, natural tour of Whisper Rocks, Haunted Trail, Haunted Hayride, Halloween party with games, crafts, & prizes, Saturday night lodging fee, nine hours of program, pizza supper, OIP Italian sub lunch, and a CITO craft for each scout.

FEES: **\$85.00** per scout & **\$68.00** per adult (Reserve with a deposit of \$10/person)

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Exploration & Geology Merit Badge Camporee

DATES: Friday-Sunday, February 2-4, 2024

TIMES: Exploration Merit Badge - Saturday, February 3, 2024 – 8:45 AM – 3:45 PM

Blacklight Adventure Tour – Saturday, February 3, 2024 – 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM (ALL)

Geology Merit Badge – Sunday, February 4, 2024 – 8:45 AM – 3:45 PM

DESCRIPTION: Visit us for both merit badge programs or choose between the Exploration Merit Badge on Saturday, and the Geology Merit Badge on Sunday. All participants will get to experience the Blacklight Adventure tour on Saturday evening. Explore the caverns with flashlights and investigate the depths with blacklights.

INCLUDED:

Exploration Merit Badge - Includes Friday night lodging, program, and a pizza lunch.

Geology Merit Badge - Includes Saturday night lodging, program, Italian sub lunch, rock/fossil collections.

COMBO: Includes Friday and Saturday night lodging, pizza lunch (Saturday), Italian sub lunch (Sunday), fossil and rock collections for each scout, Blacklight Adventure Tour, and workshops to complete both merit badge programs.

FEES: Exploration - **\$61.00** per scout & **\$51.00** per adult (Reserve with a deposit of \$10/person)

Geology - **\$63.00** per scout & **\$53.00** per adult (Reserve with a deposit of \$10/person)

Combo (Both Programs) - **\$110.00** per scout & **\$96.00** per adult (Reserve with a deposit of \$20/person)

Geocaching & Exploration Merit Badge Camporee

DATES: Friday-Sunday, June 7 - 9, 2024

TIMES: Geocaching Merit Badge - Saturday, June 8, 2024 – 8:45 AM – 3:45 PM

Blacklight Adventure Tour – Saturday, June 8, 2024 – 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM (ALL)

Exploration Merit Badge – Sunday, June 9, 2024 – 8:45 AM – 3:45 PM

DESCRIPTION: Visit us for both merit badge programs or choose between the Geocaching Merit Badge on Saturday, and the Exploration Merit Badge on Sunday. All participants will get to experience the Blacklight Adventure tour on Saturday evening. Explore the caverns with flashlights and investigate the depths with blacklights.

INCLUDED:

Geocaching Merit Badge - Includes Friday night camping, program, pizza lunch, and a CITO craft for each scout.

Exploration Merit Badge - Includes Saturday night camping, program, Italian sub lunch.

COMBO: Includes Friday and Saturday night camping, pizza lunch (Saturday), Italian sub lunch (Sunday), a CITO craft, Blacklight Adventure Tour, and workshops to complete both merit badge programs.

FEES: Geocaching - **\$57.50** per scout & **\$47.50** per adult (Reserve with a deposit of \$10/person)

Exploration - **\$59.50** per scout & **\$49.50** per adult (Reserve with a deposit of \$10/person)

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TO REGISTER:

1. Choose an Event Date(s) that works best for the most members of your troop.
2. Reserve with a deposit!
 - a. \$10/ person for single patch events
 - b. \$20/person for combo patch events
 - c. Deposit fees are made per person to reserve a space in the program. Only deposit fees for individuals attending the program and paying in full will be credited towards final payment. Deposit fees paid for those unable to attend are forfeited. **Deposits are non-transferrable and non-refundable.**
 - d. Deposits may be made online through the Calendar of Events, by phone, email, or USPS.
 - e. Deposits reserve your program space, but final payment must be made two weeks prior to the event.
3. Fill out the attached registration form and roster.
4. Make a payment for the full registration amount, minus the deposit paid for the number of people attending. **All fees are non-refundable and non-transferable;** however, substitutions can be made. All participants, both scouts and adults, must be registered with Scouts BSA. 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

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 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)



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



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Additional Information & Next Steps:

- All rates are subject to change and will be confirmed at the time of reservation/receipt of deposit.
- Deposits and 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.
- Events are held rain or shine! Events are rescheduled ONLY if adverse weather makes travel to Lincoln Caverns unsafe.
- 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.
- 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.
- Upon acceptance of your deposit, receipts and fact sheets with further instructions will be emailed to you. A confirmation and schedule will be emailed upon receiving your registration form, roster, and payment in full.
- 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.
- Due to changing policies between Scout Councils, indoor lodging capacity has been reduced and will be monitored on a program-to-program basis.
- 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, cell 814-386-3023, or e-mail: info@lincolncaverns.com.

Overnight Accommodations:

Indoor Lodging (October and February Programs Only): '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 Due to health and safety regulations with federal, state, and local mandates, as well as differing policies between Scouts BSA Councils, lodging capacity is subject to change.

PRIMITIVE CAMPING (September & June Programs Only): 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

FIREWOOD: \$8.00/Tub

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

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ROSTER AND TOTAL BALANCE DUE (fees less deposit paid) must be received NO LATER THAN TWO WEEKS PRIOR TO YOUR EVENT DATE. DEPOSITS AND ALL FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE. Event will be rescheduled only if weather conditions make travel unsafe or impossible.

REGISTRATION FORM/ROSTER *Please Print*

GROUP LEADER/ADULT IN CHARGE: _____

DAYTIME PHONE NUMBER: _____ - _____ - _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

TROOP NUMBER: _____ COUNCIL: _____

Please Mark 1st & 2nd Choice of Dates:

- _____ Saturday, September 23, 2023: Geology Merit Badge ONLY
- _____ Sunday, September 24, 2023: Mammal Study Merit Badge ONLY (Program begins Sat. @ 6:00PM)
- _____ Friday-Sunday, September 22-24, 2023: Geology & Mammal Study Merit Badge COMBO
- _____ Saturday/Sunday, October 28-29, 2023: Ghosts & Goblins Party with Geocaching Merit Badge
- _____ Saturday, February 3, 2024: Exploration Merit Badge ONLY
- _____ Sunday, February 4, 2024: Geology Merit Badge ONLY (Program begins Sat. @ 6:00PM)
- _____ Friday-Sunday, February 2-4, 2024: Exploration & Geology Merit Badge COMBO
- _____ Saturday, June 8, 2024: Geocaching Merit Badge ONLY
- _____ Sunday, June 9, 2024: Exploration Merit Badge ONLY (Program begins Sat. @ 6:00PM)
- _____ Friday - Sunday, June 7-9, 2024: Geocaching & Exploration Merit Badge COMBO

DEPOSITS:

_____ Single Event/person @ \$10.00 each = \$ _____
 _____ Combo Event/person @ \$20.00 each = \$ _____

One PATCH Events:

Saturday Sept. & June Programs – Geology (Sept.)/Geocaching (June):

_____ Scouts BSA @ \$57.50 each = \$ _____

_____ Adults @ \$47.50 each = \$ _____

Sunday Sept. & June Programs – Mammal Study (Sept.)/Exploration (June):

_____ Scouts BSA @ \$59.50 each = \$ _____

_____ Adults @ \$49.50 each = \$ _____

GHOSTS & GOBLINS PARTY w/ GEOCACHING MERIT BADGE (October):

_____ Scouts BSA @ \$85.00 each = \$ _____

_____ Adults @ \$68.00 each = \$ _____

Saturday February Program – Exploration:

_____ Scouts BSA @ \$61.00 each = \$ _____

_____ Adults @ \$51.00 each = \$ _____

Sunday February Programs - Geology:

_____ Scouts BSA @ \$63.00 each = \$ _____

_____ Adults @ \$53.00 each = \$ _____

OR Combo Events:

September & June:

_____ Scouts BSA @ \$ 103.00 each = \$ _____

_____ Adults @ \$ 89.00 each = \$ _____

February:

_____ Scouts BSA @ \$ 110.00 each = \$ _____

_____ Adults @ \$ 96.00 each = \$ _____

PROGRAM FEE TOTAL:

\$ _____

Please complete the registration form on next page.

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

_____	Tie Dye Map Bandana	@ \$8.00 each =	\$ _____
_____	Reusable Water Bottle	@ \$2.50 each =	\$ _____
_____	Lincoln Caverns Patches	@ \$2.50 each =	\$ _____
_____	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)	
_____	Tubs of Wood	@ \$8.00	\$ _____
_____	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 _____ MC _____ Discover EXP. DATE _____
 CARD NUMBER: _____ - _____ - _____ - _____ SIGNATURE: _____
 SECURITY CODE: _____

Please fill out the roster completely with all Scouts BSA, Student, and Adult names. If your group is larger than 25 total people, please make a copy and split your group evenly the way you would prefer your group members to be divided. A confirmation, with complete schedule, will be mailed within one week of receipt. Thank you very much! We're looking forward to hosting you and your Scouts!

Please indicate name of First-Aider attending with your troop: _____
 Please indicate any scouts or adults with a disability or severe allergy (bees, food, etc.) so that we may plan accordingly:

ROSTER: please indicate (B) Scouts BSA, (s) Student (other than Scouts), OR (a) adult AND present school grade (or grade completed) for all scouts and other students participating. **Please list male and female participants separately for overnight programs.**

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