

Scout Programs

We offer special events for both Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts throughout the year. These events are scheduled to meet the requirements of a specific badge, patch, belt loop or academic pin. Scout special event days are offered in the spring and fall seasons and are a great way for troops and packs to achieve their goals. While all scout programs are available to groups of 20 or more year 'round, a group minimum is not required on Scout special event days. Registration and payment in advance is required and space is limited.

GSUSA Caves ROCK!

Delve deep into cave science—learn how caves form and develop. We'll uncover the rock beneath our feet, discovering forms of life that lived long ago! Each participant collects and identifies their very own authentic fossil specimens! Participation in this program earns Junior Girl Scouts the *Caves Rock* badge and Brownie Girl Scouts the *Fossil Safari* Try-It.



GSUSA Rocks Rock!

Learn the difference between rocks, minerals and gems. Discover how weathering and erosion affects the land all around us. Participants collect and identify their very own rocks, minerals and gems using our outdoor sluice! Participation in this program earns Junior Girl Scouts the *Rocks Rock* badge and Brownie Girl Scouts the *Let's Get Diggin'* Try-It.

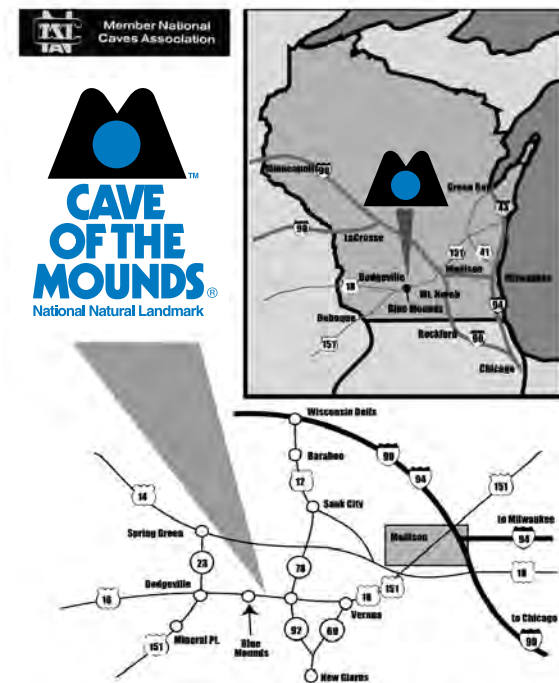
BSA Geology Merit Badge

Dig down and discover the earth beneath your feet! We'll take you on a journey through earth science as you complete all the requirements of this badge with a knowledgeable experienced guide. Each scout will leave with their very own collection of rocks, minerals and gems for later study.



BSA Orienteering Merit Badge

Plot your course and learn survival skills along the way! All participants will develop and practice compass skills on our challenge and triangulation courses after an interactive presentation with an experienced guide. Scouts work in teams to complete most of the requirements for this badge.



Don't See It? We'll Create It!

Let us design a program to meet the requirements of a specific badge, patch, belt loop or academic pin for your troop or pack. From forests and prairies to ecosystems and conservation, no matter what level of scouts you have, just contact us and we'll do the rest!

Cave of the Mounds is located 20 miles southwest of Madison just off U.S. Highways 18 & 151 between Mount Horeb and Blue Mounds.

Wisconsin's conservation history and leadership has a long tradition. Cave of the Mounds, National Natural Landmark, is proud to continue this tradition of environmental stewardship as a charter member of Travel Green Wisconsin. Through this certification program, we work to continuously improve our environmental footprint by reducing energy, water and waste consumption, encouraging recycling, providing environmental education opportunities and restoring native ecosystems. While visiting us, please help us to care for this special place so that future generations may also appreciate it as we do today. For more info, visit www.travelgreenwisconsin.com.



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Learning through discovery...

Over a million years ago, deep beneath the ground, our classroom began to form. Water gradually dissolved the rock to create our underground world. Today, you can still see that water dripping into our Cave. Listen to the timeless sound, and imagine yourself back in that ancient world.

...where wonders loom around every corner...

Cave of the Mounds is proud to serve a wide variety of groups ranging in age from preschool through adulthood, for both recreational and educational purposes. We provide a memorable experience designed to meet the needs of each group, while supporting the goals and objectives of teachers, group leaders, scout groups and trip and travel organizations.

...for an experience they'll never forget!

Educational Programs are developed and presented with the Cave experience in mind, encouraging your group to make connections in relation to their actual experience and that's powerful learning!

Call today to reserve your unforgettable trip back in time!

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Programs That Meet Your Needs

Our programs are designed to help you accomplish specific goals with your group. All programs are interactive and presented especially for the needs, ages and ability levels of your group. Regardless of the program you choose, your group will treasure their visit for years to come!

The Cave Tour

The heart of our experience, The Cave Tour takes your group on an underground adventure into a "living" cave environment. Accompanied by one of our interpretive tour guides, the thrill of discovery leads your participants around every corner—inspiring inquiry and encouraging imagination.

Educational Programs

Educational Programs build on the exciting ideas that are naturally revealed in the Cave and help participants make connections to other areas of learning. Adding about one hour of programming, each program gives your group the unique opportunity to comprehensively discover educational topics in a natural setting with an active, hands-on approach for powerful learning.

Explore earth science both above and below ground!

SpeleoQUEST takes your group on a journey through sinkholes, caves and the unique and interesting nature of Wisconsin's driftless area and the surrounding karst landscape.

RocksROCK provides each participant with their very own collection of rocks, gems and minerals to investigate as they uncover the most basic materials that make up the planet Earth.

PaleoTALES examines the stories that ancient life can tell us about how earth existed in the distant past through the inspection and identification of their very own collection of authentic fossils.

GeoJOURNEY presents a deeper look into the construction of rocks or fossils and their orderly development through geologic time by inspecting their very own rock and mineral or fossil collections. Includes a guided walk along our GIANT Geologic Timeline!

Diggings to Discovery investigates the cultural history of Cave of the Mounds and the Blue Mounds area from the early settlers through the lead mining boom to the discovery of Wisconsin's oldest classroom!

Self-Guided Experiences

Mine for gems and minerals like a geologist...or **Dig** for fossils like a true paleontologist! **Walk** the line through geologic time... or **Hunt** for fossils in the foundation of our historic barn! **Explore** our groomed interpretive trails or beautiful gardens! Self-guided experiences allow you to add additional learning experiences before or after your scheduled tour or program.

- Cave Miner
- Fossil Dig and Crystal Quest

Pace Yourself
Per Participant.....\$3.50

- Geologic Timeline
- Interpretive Trails
- Barn Fossil Hunt

**Includes teacher guide*
Go at your own speed!
Per Participant.....\$1.00

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Group Tour & Educational Program Rates:

Available to groups of 20 or more with a two-week advance reservation. Seasonal restrictions may apply.



The Cave Tour

Approximately 1 hour educational tour

Adult..... \$9.00
Youth (grades 7-12)..... \$6.50
Child (grades K-6)..... \$5.50



The Cave Tour + SpeleoQUEST The Cave Tour + Diggings to Discovery

Approximately 2 hours of programming

Adult..... \$11.00
Youth (grades 7-12)..... \$8.50
Child (grades K-6)..... \$7.50



The Cave Tour + RocksROCK The Cave Tour + PaleoTALES The Cave Tour + GeoJOURNEY

Approximately 2 hours of programming and includes sluicing and identification

Adult..... \$13.00
Youth (grades 7-12)..... \$10.50
Child (grades K-6)..... \$9.50

Special Packages

GeoTREK—Any 2 programs PLUS the cave tour. You choose!

Mound Bound MAX—GeoTrek PLUS orienteering.

Approximately 3 to 5 hours of programming and includes sluicing and identification

All Ages—GeoTREK..... \$15.00
All Ages—Mound Bound MAX..... \$20.00

All programs are available "ala carte" with or without The Cave Tour. Please ask our educational team if you are interested in a program arrangement that does not appear above. All programs are available year 'round and are offered RAIN or SHINE—please dress appropriately.

Group rates and educational programs are available to groups of 20 or more with a two-week advance reservation.
Reservations for May and June are recommended by January 1. Seasonal restrictions may apply.

Have a small group? Ask about our Small Group Package.

Please contact our Educational Coordinator for more information about programs for small groups.