

## **BEAR SCOUT ACTIVITY DAY 2016**

**Sponsored by:  
Asbury Woods Nature Center's  
Explorer Post 808**

Dear Cub **Scout Leader**,

The members of Explorer Post 808 invite you to bring your troop to Asbury Woods Nature Center for a fun filled day of environmentally oriented activities. The activities will fulfill the requirements for the new "Fur, Feathers, and Ferns" Bear Adventure requirements. The activities we have planned are as follows:

**"Animal Signs and Plant Hike"**: In this activity the Scouts will:

1. Through sightings or signs left behind find out what animals' live in our area.
2. Identify and interpret the signs animals leave behind. They not only identify the animal, but tell the story of what it was doing.
3. Learn to identify and know the benefits of common plants, including trees that are found in our area.
4. Use magnifying glass bug boxes to take a "microhike" to look at plants and bugs up close.

**"For the Birds"**: In this activity the Scouts will:

1. Learn the common song birds that live in our area.
2. Learn that if you want to attract birds, or any animal, you need to provide them with the proper food, shelter, water and space.
3. Build a simple bird feeder to take home.

**"Observe Native Animals Up Close"**: In this activity the Scout will:

1. Learn about, meet, and touch if they want, the live native animals at Asbury Woods.
2. Observe the animals in their habitat exhibit. Describe and draw what they saw.
3. Describe and discuss one or more new things they learned today at Asbury Woods today.
4. Learn how protecting wildlife habitats are important in protecting wildlife and what happens when habitats are destroyed. Define extinction and t threatened species. Be able to see and name an animal that is threatened in PA. Name an animal that has become extinct in the past 100 years.

**"Composting and Vegetable Gardens"**: In this activity, the Scouts will:

1. Learn what compost is, what it is used for, and how to make some for their garden.
2. Observe the Composting station at Asbury Woods.
3. Plant vegetable seeds in a container they can take home, care for, and plant outside once it is big enough. And, once it bears fruit, eat it. Learn that plants are living things too and have the same needs as animals.

*Each boy will receive a certificate showing that they completed the activities.*

**Who:** Cub Scouts: Bears

**When:** Saturday, October 1, 2016

Session #1: 8:45 am to 12:15 pm. An afternoon session will be offered if the morning session fills.

**Where:** *Asbury Woods Nature Center, 4105 Asbury Rd. Erie, PA 16506.*

Phone: 835-5356

**Cost:** \$7.00 per Scout (Cost includes materials for activities and a certificate of participation)

**SCHEDULE: Morning Session:**

1. **8:30 am:** Leaders check your scout pack/troop in at the Information Counter in the Nature Center. There will be a brief introduction at 8:45am.
5. **9:00 am to 12:15 Noon:** Four 40 minute activities. The packs will be grouped with other packs to form four groups that will rotate through the four activities until they have completed all four of the activities. (maximum group size is 25).

**Afternoon Session will be offered if the morning session fills:**

1. 12:30 pm: Check in. Same procedure as stated above for the morning session.
2. 12:45 pm to 4:15 pm: Repeat of morning session.

**MAILED IN or IN PERSON, PREPAID, PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED,  
NO PHONE IN REGISTRATIONS.**

**LEADERS**, to register your pack, fill out the form on the next page. Send the form along with your check, payable to Asbury Woods Partnership, to Asbury Woods Nature Center, 4105 Asbury Rd., Erie, PA 16506. You will receive confirmation of the registration.

We must keep the maximum size per group at 25 Scouts. This means we can handle 100 Scouts per session. REGISTER EARLY, TROOPS WILL BE SIGNED UP ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVE BASIS BY POST MARK, or DATE THE FORM WAS DELIVERED IN PERSON TO THE NATURE CENTER. Once we reach the 100 maximum numbers we will not be able to accept any more registrations.

Packs are responsible for providing adult leaders to supervise your Scouts. Typically one adult per 10 scouts. We will provide colored ID badges for each of the four groups in each session to make it easier to keep the groups together. We will provide a schedule the morning of the activity so you will know which group your pack is assigned, and the order your group will follow to complete the four activities.

In case of cancellation due to severe weather, a Post 808 representative will contact the Scout Leader. In case your pack has to cancel or if you have questions please contact Steve Wasiesky at Asbury Woods Nature Center after 1:30 pm on weekdays. *Refunds will be made to those canceling or reducing the numbers from their packs attending up until Sept. 24th. If you have to cancel please let us know as soon as possible so we can let scouts on the waiting list attend the event. No refunds will be made after Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>.*

All of the activities will be taught by the members of Explorer Post 808 and Staff of Asbury Woods. Proceeds will go to help fund Post 808 activities and Asbury Woods Nature Center.

**NOTE: SPACE IS LIMITED SO PLEASE SEND YOUR CHECK AND REGISTRATION FORM IN EARLY!!!**

**PACK OR TROOP LEADERS, PLEASE USE THE REGISTRATION FORM ON THE NEXT PAGE. DO NOT USE THE GENERAL ASBURY WOODS PROGRAM REGISTRATION FORM.**



**SCOUT ACTIVITY DAY**  
**Asbury Woods Nature Center**  
**Program Registration Agreement**

Please complete and sign the registration form below and return to the Nature Center to register for the scouting program.

**Release from Injury Claims:** On behalf of the Scout Pack or Troop and any of the minor scouts for whom I have the authority to sign this Release, I give permission to attend and participate in the Scout Activity Day program. I hereby release and discharge the Asbury Woods Partnership, Millcreek Township School District, their agents, employees, staff members, directors, officers and volunteers from any claims, responsibilities or liabilities for any injuries or harm incurred as a result of or in any way related to our group participation in the program for which registration is sought.

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**Signed: Scout Leader** Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Print Name**

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**Signed: Adult Participant Designee (If not the leader), Print Name** Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**LEADER/DESIGNEE INFO:** DAY PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY** \_\_\_\_\_ **STATE** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-MAIL** \_\_\_\_\_

<b>PACK or TROOP #</b>	<b># of Scouts</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME (AM Session or PM Session)</b>	<b>FEE (# of scouts X \$7.00)</b>

**TOTAL ENCLOSED \$** \_\_\_\_\_

***No refunds for cancellations made within a week of the scheduled program.***

**Please make checks payable to: Asbury Woods Partnership, Inc.**  
**4105 Asbury Road Erie, PA 16506**

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