

# scouts 2011-2012

You'll find numerous events for scouts of all ages throughout the Park District, such as Backpack Programs for exploring the outdoors, overnight stays in cabins or tents, and programs for groups working toward specific badges.

Individual scouts or troops may come to a public program, or groups may schedule a custom program. All equipment is provided.

## eNewsletters

For program updates, additions, and reminders, please sign up for our Youth Leader eNewsletter on our website.

For more information or to register please call 763.559.6700 or visit [ThreeRiversParks.org](http://ThreeRiversParks.org)

Instructors can design and lead a program to meet your needs or help your group work towards earning their Scout badges. Three Rivers offers financial assistance for individuals, schools and agencies serving youth so that all may have a chance to take part in the experience.

Contact each location for custom programs:

Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park – Visitor Center 763.694.7790  
 Baker Park Reserve – Baker Near-Wilderness Settlement 763.694.7724  
 Carver Park Reserve – Lowry Nature Center 763.694.7650  
 Elm Creek Park Reserve – Eastman Nature Center 763.694.7700  
 Gale Woods Farm – 763.694.2001  
 Golf Baker National – 763.694.7673  
 Cleary Lake – 763.694.7778  
 Eagle Lake – 763.694.7697  
 Glen Lake – 763.694.7826  
 Hyland Lake Park Reserve – Richardson Nature Center 763.694.7676  
 Hyland Ski & Snowboard Area/Chalet Golf Center 763.694.7800  
 The Landing - Minnesota River Heritage Park – 763.694.7784  
 North Mississippi Regional Park –  
 Kroening Interpretive Center – 763.694.7693  
 Outdoor Recreation School – 763.694.7720  
 Silverwood Park–763.694.7707

## BOY SCOUTS (ALL)

### ► SNOW SHELTERS

Humans have lived in snow shelters for thousands of years! Find out the different techniques to building three different snow shelters, igloos, trenches, and quinzhees, and then build your own Athabaskan quinzhee! Res. Req. \$5. Ages: 5-17.

**February 9 – Thursday** #125004-09  
**4:15-5:45 PM, French.**

### ► MAPLE SYRUPING

Celebrate the arrival of spring as you participate in the process of maple syruping. Tap a tree, collect and boil down sap. Learn old-fashioned and new technologies. Res. Req. \$5. Ages: All.

**March 20 – Tuesday** #211304-16  
**4:30-6 PM, Lowry.**

**March 20 – Tuesday** #230304-24  
**6-8 PM, Near-Wilderness Settlement.**

## BEARS

### ► SNOWSHOEING

Experience a real winter getaway! Discover the history and designs of snowshoes, then strap on a pair for an exhilarating hike through the snow-covered woods. Res. Req. \$5. Ages: 7-10.

**January 10 – Tuesday** #12450400  
**4:30-6 PM, Cleary.**

**January 12 – Thursday** #12500405  
**4:30-6 PM, French.**



## BEARS & WEBELOS

### ► ICE FISHING

Learn what equipment is needed to have a successful ice fishing trip. See types of lures and bait. See an ice auger in use and fish house set-up. Class includes ice and cold weather safety and emergency response. After instructions, participants will have a hands-on experience fishing from a freshly cut hole in the ice. All equipment provided. Res. Req. \$8. Ages: 8-13.

**February 11 – Saturday** #125904-02  
**9-11 AM, Fish.**

### ► ARCHERY

Spend an evening learning archery basics from NASP- and DNR-certified instructors. Learn range safety and proper shooting techniques. Equipment provided. Res. Req. \$5. Ages: 7-12.

**April 10 – Tuesday** #230304-31  
**6-8 PM, Near-Wilderness Settlement.**

**April 19 – Thursday** #224904-13  
**4:30-6 PM, French.**

## WEBELOS

### ► FORESTER BADGE

With a naturalist, investigate the forest and identify trees and plants. Discover how animals and people depend on trees. Look at tree rings and learn how to read them. (January and February programs on snowshoes.) Res. Req. \$5. Ages: 8-13.

**September 20 – Tuesday** #430304-09  
**6-8 PM, Near-Wilderness Settlement.**

**October 8 – Saturday** #416904-01  
**1-3 PM, Kroening.**

**November 17 – Thursday** #412904-04  
**4:30-6 PM, Richardson.**

**January 15 – Sunday** #130304-08  
**2:30-4:30 PM, Near-Wilderness Settlement.**

**February 26 – Sunday** #130304-13  
**2:30-4:30 PM, Near-Wilderness Settlement.**

**May 1 – Tuesday** #230304-30  
**6-8 PM, Near-Wilderness Settlement.**

### ► KAYAKING

Spend an afternoon learning the basics of kayaking, including paddle strokes and water safety with our knowledgeable instructors. Paddle along a scenic lakeshore filled with wildlife. Res. Req. \$12. Ages: 10-17.

**September 27 – Tuesday** #425004-03  
**4:30-6 PM, French.**

**September 29 – Thursday** #425004-04  
**4:30-6 PM, French.**

**May 21 – Monday** #225004-16  
**4:30-6 PM, French.**

### ► FALL COLOR CANOE

Enjoy a relaxing paddle under the changing autumn leaves at Hyland Park Reserve. Learn about some of the history of the park while being on the lookout for animals and birds that call this park home. All equipment provided. Res. Req. \$5. Ages: 10-17.

**October 6 – Thursday** #423004-02  
**4:30-6:30 PM, Hyland.**

### ► ARCHERY

Spend an evening learning archery basics from a NASP-certified instructor. Learn range safety, proper shooting techniques, and compound bow and arrow maintenance. All equipment provided. Res. Req. \$6.50. Ages: 10-17.

**October 10 – Monday** #421904-01  
**4:30-6 PM, Elm Creek.**

**April 24 – Tuesday** #224504-01  
**4:30-6 PM, Cleary.**

### ► NATURALIST BADGE

Do birds have hollow bones? Are turtles amphibians? Learn the answers to these questions and more. (January and February programs on snowshoes.) Res. Req. \$5. Ages: 8-13.

**October 11 – Tuesday** #430304-11  
**4:30-6 PM, Near-Wilderness Settlement.**

**January 22 – Sunday** #130304-09  
**2:30-4:30 PM, Near-Wilderness Settlement.**

**February 5 – Sunday** #130304-11  
**2:30-4:30 PM, Near-Wilderness Settlement.**

**April 10 – Tuesday** #230304-27  
**6-8 PM, Near-Wilderness Settlement.**

## WEBELOS (CONT.)

### ► ICE FISHING

Learn what equipment is needed to have a successful ice fishing trip. See types of lures and bait. See an ice auger in use and fish house set-up. Class includes ice and cold weather safety and emergency response. After instructions, participants will have a hands-on experience fishing from a freshly cut hole in the ice. All equipment provided. Res. Req. \$8. Ages: 10-17.

**January 21 – Saturday** #125904-00  
**9-11 AM, Fish.**

### ► CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING

Try striding, stopping, uphill and downhill techniques and poling. Follow your instructor down the trail to practice your new skills. Ski rentals are available and can be paid for at the beginning of the lesson (\$4). Res. Req. \$5. Ages: 9-17.

**January 24 – Tuesday** #123004-01  
**4:30-6 PM, Hyland.**

**January 31 – Tuesday** #125004-07  
**4:30-6 PM, French.**

### ► BADGE FESTIVAL

Build fires, see live animals, identify trees and more to complete components of three badges – Naturalist, Forester, and Outdoorsman Badges – in one afternoon! Res. Req. \$7. Ages: 8-13.

**April 15 – Sunday** #230304-28  
**2 PM-5:30 PM, Near-Wilderness Settlement.**

### ► WINTER SURVIVAL

Prepare for your safety by learning key components of winter wilderness survival. Use your creativity to turn everyday objects into survival tools, and build a survival shelter. Hear true stories of winter survival in Minnesota. Decide what they did well and what they could have done better! Res. Req. \$5. Ages: 8-13.

**January 28 – Saturday** #116904-05  
**1-3 PM, Kroening.**

### ► CANOEING

Learn canoeing skills in this beginner's class, including equipment selection, basic strokes, and getting in and out of the canoe without tipping! Try out your new skills canoeing on a lake. All equipment provided. Res. Req. \$9. Ages: 9-17.

**May 14 – Monday** #225004-14  
**4:30-6 PM, French.**

## WEBELOS & CUB SCOUTS

### ► GEOLOGY ROCKS!

Explore rocks and minerals that we use everyday. Create a fossil. Dig into earthquakes, mountains, weathering and volcanoes! Work on requirements for your Webelos and Cub scout Geology badge. Res. Req. \$5. Ages: 8-13.

**April 14 – Saturday** #211304-18-19  
**1-2:30 PM or 2-3:30 PM**  
**Lowry.**

## BOY & GIRL SCOUTS

### ► FALL COLORS TRAM

Board our "Bluebird Express" tractor-drawn ride for an hour-long ride to view fall colors and spectacular park scenery. Come early or stay late to hike the trails on your own or have a picnic lunch. Ride starts at Rush Creek Group Camp, please be prompt. Res. Req.; phone only, 763.559.6700. \$5. Ages: All.

**October 1 – Saturday** #412404-00-01  
**10:30 AM-Noon or 12:30-2 PM, Elm Creek.**

### ► WONDERFUL WILDLIFE

Discover some animals and plants that are helpful and others that are poisonous. On a hike, use binoculars to observe birds and other animals. Draw and journal your findings. Discuss endangered or extinct animals. Res. Req. \$5. Ages: 8-13.

**October 20 – Thursday** #412904-05  
**4:30-6 PM, Richardson.**

### ► NATURALIST BADGE

Do birds have hollow bones? Are turtles amphibians? Learn the answers to these questions and more. Res. Req.; phone only, 763.559.6700. \$5. Ages: 8-13.

**November 19 – Saturday** #415404-03-04  
**10:30 AM-Noon or 1-2:30 PM,**  
**Coon Rapids Dam.**

### ► WILDLIFE BADGE

Discover animals and plants that are helpful and poisonous. Discuss endangered and extinct animals. On a hike, use binoculars to observe birds and other animals. Draw and journal your findings. Res. Req.; phone only, 763.559.6700. \$5. Ages: 8-13.

**January 21 – Saturday** #115404-03-04  
**10:30 AM-Noon or 1-2:30 PM, Coon Rapids Dam.**

### ► WALK WHEN THE MOON IS FULL: SCOUT SNOWSHOE HIKE

Scouts and Scout leaders enjoy the moonlit woods on a guided snowshoe hike. Discover the world of nocturnal animals. End the evening with hot cocoa. Res. Req. due to a limited snowshoe supply; phone only, 763.559.6700. \$5. Ages: 5+.

**February 7 – Tuesday** #115704-00  
**6-7:30 PM, Eagle.**

### ► BIRDS

Discover the birds that live in our area. Learn to identify birds, watch birds at the feeder, and go on a hike with binoculars. Meet a live, captive bird up close. Res. Req. \$5. Ages: 6-10.

**April 17 – Tuesday** #212904-14  
**4:30-6 PM, Richardson.**

### ► WEATHER

Explore the wonders of weather; learn how to read weather instruments such as a thermometer and anemometer. Build a weather vane, make a rain gauge, and learn how to identify the different types of clouds. Res. Req.; phone only, 763.559.6700. \$5. Ages: 8-13.

**April 28 – Saturday** #215404-04-05  
**10 AM-Noon or 1-3 PM, Coon Rapids Dam**

## GIRL SCOUTS (ALL)

### ► GIRL SCOUT

#### BADGE FESTIVAL

Enjoy the fall afternoon at the log cabin lodge. Investigate wildlife, use a map and compass, and examine the Earth while completing components of three badges - Finding Your Way, Wildlife, and Earth Connections Badges - in one afternoon! Res. Req. \$7. Ages: 8-13.

**October 2 - Sunday** #43030410  
**2:30-6 PM, Near-Wilderness Settlement.**

### ► SNOW SHELTERS

Humans have lived in snow shelters for thousands of years! Find out the different techniques to building three different snow shelters, igloos, trenches, and quinzhees, and then build your own Athabaskan quinzhee! Res. Req. \$5. Ages: 5-17.

**February 7 - Tuesday** #12500408  
**4:15-5:45 PM, French.**

### ► FISH LAKE ICE FESTIVAL

Winter getting you down? Spend the day exploring scenic Fish Lake with your troop, and learn about all the fun activities you can do in a great Minnesota winter! Our instructors will be teaching you how to ice fish, snowshoe, kick sled, and build winter survival quinzhees. Cold? Warm up next to a bonfire, and roast marshmallows to keep your energy level up. All equipment provided. Res. Req. \$15. Ages: 7-17.

**February 25 - Saturday** #12590404  
**10 AM-2 PM, Fish.**

### ► MAPLE SYRUPING

Sap to syrup! Tap a tree, collect the sap, and watch as it's boiled down to maple syrup. Make maple sugar and discover how Native Americans and the early settlers used this natural resource to help sustain their way of life. Sample the natural sweetness in the parks! Res. Req. \$5. Ages: 5-17.

**March 12 - Monday** #225004-08  
**4:30-6 PM, French.**

**March 13 - Tuesday** #225004-09  
**4:30-6 PM, French.**

**March 15 - Thursday** #225004-10  
**4:30-6 PM, French.**

**March 19 - Monday** #225004-11  
**4:30-6 PM, French.**

**March 20 - Tuesday** #225004-12  
**4:30-6 PM, French.**

**March 22 - Thursday** #225004-13  
**4:30-6 PM, French.**

**March 22 - Thursday** #211304-17  
**4:30-6 PM, Lowry.**

## BROWNIES

### ► WATER EVERYWHERE

Is there water in your lunch? Discover what foods contain water and how you can help conserve the water you use. Visit a pond to look for plants and animals under the surface. Collect some critters to observe under a microscope. Try a salt water experiment. Res. Req. \$5. Ages: 5-12.

**October 13 – Thursday** #411304-T9  
**4:30-6 PM, Lowry.**

### ► MOUNTED PATROL

Meet the horses and officers who form the Mounted Patrol of Three Rivers Park District. Learn how horses and humans work together and help the officers groom and saddle the horses. Res. Req. \$5. Ages: 7-11.

**October 27 – Thursday** #420604-00-01  
**4:30-6 PM or 6-7:30 PM, Baker.**

### ► SNOWSHOEING

Experience a real winter getaway! Discover the history and designs of snowshoes, then strap on a pair for an exhilarating hike through the snow-covered woods. Res. Req. \$5. Ages: 7-10.

**January 10 – Tuesday** #125004-04  
**4:30-6 PM, French.**

**January 12 – Thursday** #124504-01  
**4:30-6 PM, Cleary.**

**February 14 – Tuesday** #125004-10  
**4:30-6 PM, French.**

**February 16 – Thursday** #125004-11  
**4:30-6 PM, French.**

### ► ECO-EXPLORER

Become a junior ecologist and discover how plants and animals depend on each other. Peek under logs and peer into tree holes. Explore river banks for beaver homes. Study insects and the birds that eat them. Play predator-prey and food chain games. Complete all requirements for the eco-explorer badge. Res. Req. \$5. Ages: 6-8.

**April 21 – Saturday** #216904-04  
**1-3 PM, Kroening.**

## BROWNIES & JUNIORS

### ► ICE FISHING

Learn what equipment is needed to have a successful ice fishing trip. See types of lures and bait. See an ice auger in use and fish house set-up. Class includes ice and cold weather safety and emergency response. After instructions, participants will have a hands-on experience fishing from a freshly cut hole in the ice. All equipment provided. Res. Req. \$8. Ages: 7-13.

**February 18 – Saturday #125904-03**  
**9-11 AM, Fish.**

### ► TEAM BUILDING TREK

Embark on an adventure with your troop to test your team-working skills. Your troop will be presented with a series of physical and mental challenges as you trek through the woods. Your journey will end at our Challenge Course where you will be presented with one final element. Come prepared to use your imagination and have a lot of fun as you grow together as a troop. Res. Req. \$5. Ages: 7-13.

**April 10 – Tuesday #224904-10**  
**4:30-6 PM, French.**

**April 12 – Thursday #224904-11**  
**4:30-6 PM, French.**

**April 23 – Monday #224904-14**  
**4:30-6 PM, French.**

**April 24 – Tuesday #224904-15**  
**4:30-6 PM, French.**

### ► ARCHERY

Spend an evening learning archery basics from a NASP-certified instructor. Learn range safety, proper shooting techniques, and compound bow and arrow maintenance. All equipment provided. Res. Req. \$6.50. Ages: 7-13.

**April 17 – Tuesday #224504-00**  
**4:30-6 PM, Cleary.**

**April 26 – Thursday #224904-16**  
**4:30-6 PM, French.**

## JUNIORS

### ► FINDING YOUR WAY BADGE

It's no fun getting lost! Learn how to use a map and compass to navigate. Test your skills on the compass course. (February program on snowshoes). Res. Req. \$5. Ages: 8-13.

**October 16 – Sunday #430304-12**  
**2:30-4:30 PM, Near-Wilderness Settlement.**

**February 12 – Sunday #130304-12**  
**2:30-4:30 PM, Near-Wilderness Settlement.**

**February 18 – Saturday #116904-06**  
**1-3 PM, Kroening.**

**April 3 – Tuesday #230304-26**  
**6-8 PM, Near-Wilderness Settlement.**

### ► HIKER BADGE

Discover planning and packing basics for short and long hiking trips. Assemble some essentials for a practice hike to the Trumpeter Swan Refuge (2.5 miles). Res. Req. \$5. Ages: 8-13.

**November 6 – Sunday #43030413**  
**2-5 PM, Near-Wilderness Settlement.**

### ► FROSTY FUN BADGE

Have fun outside during the winter. Use snowshoes (weather permitting) or hike to discover which animals are out and about during this season. Res. Req. \$5. Ages: 8-13.

**January 29 – Sunday #130304-10**  
**2:30-4:30 PM, Near-Wilderness Settlement.**

**February 16 – Thursday #112904-04**  
**4:30-6 PM, Richardson.**

### ► WILDLIFE BADGE

Discover animals and plants that are helpful and poisonous. We discuss endangered and extinct animals. On a hike, use binoculars to observe birds and other animals. Draw and journal your findings. Res. Req. \$5. Ages: 8-13.

**March 27 – Tuesday #230304-25**

**April 24 – Tuesday #230304-29**

**6-8 PM, Near-Wilderness Settlement.**

## JUNIORS & SENIORS

### ► KAYAKING

Spend an afternoon learning the basics of kayaking, including paddle strokes and water safety with our knowledgeable instructors. Paddle along a scenic lakeshore filled with wildlife. Res. Req. \$12. Ages: 10-17.

**September 20 – Tuesday #425004-01**

**September 22 – Thursday #425004-02**

**May 22 – Tuesday #425004-17**

**May 24 – Thursday #225004-18**

**4:30-6 PM, French.**

### ► LIVING OUTSIDE SURVIVAL

#### TRAINING (L.O.S.T.)

Do you have the skills and the knowledge to survive in the woods? After immersing yourself in our survival scenarios you will be learning fire, shelter, signaling, and wilderness safety with our experienced instructors. All equipment provided. Res. Req. \$6. Ages: 9-17.

**October 3 – Monday #424904-04**

**October 17 – Monday #424904-05**

**4:30-6:30 PM, French.**

### ► FALL COLOR CANOE

Enjoy a relaxing paddle under the changing autumn leaves at Hyland Park Reserve. Learn about some of the history of the park while being on the lookout for animals and birds that call this park home. All equipment provided. Res. Req. \$9. Ages: 10-17.

**October 4 – Tuesday #423004-01**

**4:30-6:30 PM, Hyland.**

### ► ARCHERY

Spend an evening learning archery basics from a NASP-certified instructor. Learn range safety, proper shooting techniques, and compound bow and arrow maintenance. All equipment provided. Res. Req. \$6.50. Ages: 10-17.

**October 11 – Tuesday #421904-02**

**4:30-6 PM, Elm Creek.**

**October 18 – Tuesday #421504-00**

**4:30-6 PM, Carver.**

### ► CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING

Try striding, stopping, uphill and downhill techniques and poling. Follow your instructor down the trail to practice your new skills. Ski rentals are available and can be paid for at the beginning of the lesson (\$4). Res. Req. \$5. Ages: 10-17.

**January 23 – Monday #125004-06**

**4:30-6 PM, French.**

**January 30 – Monday #123004-02**

**4:30-6 PM, Hyland.**

**February 21 – Tuesday #125004-12**

**4:30-6 PM, French.**

**February 23 – Thursday #125004-13**

**4:30-6 PM, French.**

### ► ICE FISHING

Learn what equipment is needed to have a successful ice fishing trip. See types of lures and bait. See an ice auger in use and fish house set-up. Class includes ice and cold weather safety and emergency response. After instructions, participants will have a hands-on experience fishing from a freshly cut hole in the ice. All equipment provided. Res. Req. \$8. Ages: 10-17.

**January 28 – Saturday #125904-01**

**9-11 AM, Fish.**

### ► CHALLENGE COURSE

Alone we can accomplish a lot, but together we can accomplish so much more! Build communication, trust, cooperation, and leadership skills as your troop navigates a series of mental and physical challenges. Your troop will progress through ice breakers and initiatives to our more challenging elements. Be prepared to laugh and bond as a troop. Res. Req. \$8. Ages: 9-17.

**April 14 – Saturday #224904-12**

**April 28 – Saturday #224904-17**

**9-11:30 AM, French.**

### ► CANOEING

Learn canoeing skills in this beginner's class, including equipment selection, basic strokes, and getting in and out of the canoe without tipping! Try out your new skills canoeing on a lake. All equipment provided. Res. Req. \$9. Ages: 9-17.

**May 15 – Tuesday #223004-02**

**4:30-6 PM, Hyland.**

**May 17 – Thursday #225004-15**

**4:30-6 PM, French.**

### ► CROW RIVER CANOE

Canoe the scenic Crow River. Navigate through minor rapids and meandering channels. Discover some of the cultural and natural history of the area and explore wildlife along the river. Stop at a park for a picnic and relaxation. Some paddling skills recommended. All equipment is provided. Res. Req. \$35. Ages: 9-17.

**May 19 – Saturday #221804-01**

**9 AM-4 PM, Lake Rebecca.**

### ► SKI & SNOWBOARD

Try your hand at skiing or snowboarding at Hyland Ski and Snowboard Area at our Annual Girl Scout and Boy Scout Day! Get reduced ticket and rental rates for scouts and their families on Sunday, January 29, 2012. Scouts may also enjoy a discounted ski or snowboard lesson on that day. Boy Scouts: Remember to bring your signed blue card and earn your Merit Badge.



► VOLUNTEER SERVICES PROJECTS – 763.559.6706

Groups can help keep the parks beautiful or perform other tasks that are appropriate for the size and age of the group. A number of service project opportunities may be available for individuals who are 16 years of age or older. Scouting service-award projects are available on a limited basis. Call or visit our Web site for additional information.

