ThreeRivers
PARK DISTRICT

scouts 2012-2013 September – May

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 private program. All equipment is provided.

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.

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

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 – 763.694.7717

Silverwood Park–763.694.7707

BOY SCOUTS (ALL)

▶ SNOWSHELTERS
Humans have lived in snowshelters for thousands of years! Learn the varied techniques used to build three different snowshelters (igloos, snow caves, and quinzhees) and then build your own Athabaskan Quinzhee! Reservations required. $5. Ages: 6-17.
February 21 – Thursday, #125104-02
4:15 p.m.-5:45 p.m.,
French Regional Park

▶ 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. Reservations required. $5. Ages: 5-18.
March 10 – Sunday, #230304-00
2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.
Baker Near Wilderness Settlement

BEARS

▶ SNOWSHOEING
Discover the history and designs of snowshoes, then strap on a pair for an exhilarating hike through the snow-covered woods. Be a wildlife detective and scout for tracks along the way. Reservations required. $5. Ages: 7-9.
January 8 – Tuesday, #124504-00
4:30 p.m.-6 p.m.,
Cleary Lake Regional Park
January 10 – Thursday, #125104-03
4:30 p.m.-6 p.m.,
French Regional Park

▶ WEATHER - ARROW POINT TRAIL
Explore the wonders of weather and complete five requirements. Read weather instruments: barometer, thermometer and anemometer. Build a weather vane and a rain gauge. Learn how to identify cloud types. Reservations required, by phone only; call 763.559.6700. $5. Ages: 7-10.
April 20 – Saturday
10 a.m.-12 p.m. , #212204-01
1 p.m.-3 p.m., #212204-00
Eastman Nature Center

BEARS & WEBELOS

▶ ICE FISHING
Learn what equipment is needed to have a successful ice fishing trip. See types of lures and bait, use an ice auger, and go inside a fish house. 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. Reservations required. $8. Ages: 8-12.
February 9 – Saturday, #125904-00
9 a.m.-11 a.m., Fish Lake Regional Park

WEBELOS

▶ NATURALIST BADGE
Do birds have hollow bones? Are turtles amphibians? Learn the answers to these questions and more. Reservations required. $5. Ages: 8-13.
January 20 – Sunday, #130304-16
3 p.m.-5 p.m.
February 3 – Sunday, #130304-17
2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.
April 9 – Tuesday, #230304-03
6 p.m.-8 p.m.
Baker Near Wilderness Settlement

▶ 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! Reservations required. $7. Ages: 8-13.
April 21 – Sunday, #230304-04
2 p.m.-5:30 p.m.,
Baker Near Wilderness Settlement

▶ 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, if weather permits. Reservations required. $5. Ages: 8-13.
October 9 – Tuesday, #430304-14
6 p.m.-8 p.m.
January 13 – Sunday, #130304-14
3 p.m.-5 p.m.
February 19 – Tuesday, #130304-15
4 p.m.-6 p.m.
March 19 – Tuesday, #230304-01
6 p.m.-8 p.m.
May 7 – Tuesday, #230304-02
6 p.m.-8 p.m.
Baker Near Wilderness Settlement

▶ FORESTER BADGE AT KROENING
Become a forester for the day! Meet record-setting trees, including the fastest-growing tree in North America. Learn how to measure a tree's height, read the history of a tree in its rings, and identify the trees and plants around you. Use forestry tools to uncover forest secrets. Reservations required. $5. Ages: 8-13.
October 13 – Saturday, #416904-02
1 p.m.-3 p.m.,
North Mississippi Regional Park

▶ GEOLOGY
Explore the rocks and minerals we use in our daily lives. Create a "fossil". Dig into earthquakes, mountains, weathering, and volcanoes. Talk with a geologist and see a "rock show". Reservations required, by phone only; call 763.559.6700. $5. Ages: 8-13.
November 10 – Saturday
10 a.m.-12 p.m., #412204-02
1 p.m.-3 p.m., #412204-03
Eastman Nature Center

WEBELOS (CONT.)

▶ICE FISHING
Learn what equipment is needed to have a successful ice fishing trip. See types of lures and bait, use an ice auger, and go inside a fish house. 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. Reservations required. $8. Ages: 9-17.
January 19 – Saturday, #125104-04
9 a.m.-11 a.m.
French Regional Park

▶CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING
Try striding, stopping, uphill, downhill and poling techniques. Follow your instructor down the trail to practice your new skills. Ski rentals are available for an additional $4 and can be paid for at the beginning of the lesson. Reservations required. $5. Ages: 10-17.
January 22 – Tuesday, #125104-05
4:30 p.m.-6 p.m.
French Regional Park
January 29 – Tuesday, #123004-01
4:30 p.m.-6 p.m.
Hyland Lake Park Reserve

▶NATURALIST BADGE AT EASTMAN
Do birds have hollow bones? Are turtles amphibians? Learn the answers to these questions and more. Will use snowshoes, if weather permits. Reservations required, by phone only; call 763.559.6700. $5. Ages: 9-11.
February 9 – Saturday
10 a.m.-12 a.m., #112204-01
1 p.m.-3 p.m., #112204-02
Eastman Nature Center

▶ORIENTEERING
Do you like to hunt, camp or explore? Learn the skill of using a map and compass to find your way in the great outdoors. Reservations required. $5. Ages: 8-13.
February 23 – Saturday, #115404-00
1 p.m.-3 p.m.
Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park

▶GEOLOGY ROCKS ON THE RIVER
Discover the secrets of rocks and minerals by participating in activities designed to help earn your geology badge! Make fossils, learn how a volcano works, meet Minnesota rocks and learn how to identify some common ones, and make a collection on the shore of the Mississippi River! Reservations required. $5. Ages: 8-13.
April 20 – Saturday, #215404-00
10 a.m.-12 p.m.
Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park

BOY SCOUTS

▶KAYAKING
Spend an evening learning the basics of kayaking, including multiple paddle strokes and water safety with our knowledgeable instructors. Finish the lesson with a paddle along the scenic shoreline. All equipment provided. Reservations required. $12.
September 25 – Tuesday, #425004-03 (Ages: 10-17) **5 p.m.-6:30 p.m.**
May 20 - Monday, #225004-01 (Ages 8-12)
4:30 p.m.-6 p.m., French Regional Park

▶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. Reservations required. $9. Ages: 10-17.
October 8 – Monday, #423004-01
5 p.m.-7 p.m.
Hyland Lake Park Reserve

▶ARCHERY
Spend the morning learning archery basics from a NASP certified instructor. Learn range safety, proper shooting techniques, and compound bow and arrow maintenance. All equipment provided. Reservations required. $6.50. Ages: 10-17.
November 3 – Saturday, #421504-01
10 a.m.-11:30 a.m., Carver Park Reserve
April 16 – Tuesday, #221904-00
4:30 p.m.-6 p.m., Elm Creek Park Reserve

▶ASTRONOMY
Explore the night sky during the day! Start at the "Water Planet" and journey out to the moon and beyond. Visit a star bag to view constellations and find the North Star. Make a pinhole planetarium. Reservations required. $5. Ages: 8-13.
December 1 – Saturday, #111304-00
10 a.m.-12 p.m., Lowry Nature Center

▶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. Reservations required. $9. Ages: 8-12.
May 13 – Monday, #225004-00
4:30 p.m.-6 p.m., French Regional Park

BOY & GIRL SCOUTS

▶SNOWSHOE UNDER THE FULL MOON
Snowshoe under the full moon! When not on snowshoes you can meet a hibernator, test your skills on the tracking challenge, roast marshmallows over the fire, and warm up with hot cocoa. Snowshoes provided. If there is no snow we will take a winter hike. Reservations required. $5. Ages: 5-17.
January 26 – Saturday - #116904-00
6 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
North Mississippi Regional Park

▶MAPLE SYRUPING
Celebrate the arrival of spring as you make maple syrup. Tap a tree, collect and boil down sap, and taste finished syrup. Learn old-fashioned and new technologies. Reservations required. $5. Ages: 5-17.
March 19 – Tuesday, #211304-T4
4:30 p.m.-6 p.m., Lowry Nature Center

▶WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT
Carver Park Reserve is home to so many different animals that it is often hard to keep track of them all. Learn how we monitor animals like bluebirds and osprey, try a frog survey, and play games to help us understand how animal populations interact with each other and the environment. Reservations required. $5. Ages: 8-13.
April 13 – Saturday, #211304-00
10 a.m.-12 p.m., Lowry Nature Center

▶NATURE AT NIGHT
Explore the sights and sounds of nature at night. We'll learn how nocturnal animals adapt, test our night vision and hearing, and go on a hike. Great preparation for summer camping trips. Program is for both boy and girl scouts. Girl scouts will receive the Night Hike fun patch at the program. Reservations required. $5. Ages: 8-13.
May 3 – Friday, #215404-01
7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.
Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park

▶L.O.S.T.
Do you have the skills and the knowledge to survive in the woods? Join us for a Living Outside Survival Training (L.O.S.T.). Our experiEastman Nature Centered instructors will teach you the life-saving skills of fire building, shelter building, signaling, and wilderness safety. All equipment provided. Reservations required. $6. Ages: 9-17.
May 16 – Thursday, #224904-00
4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m., French Regional Park

GIRL SCOUTS (ALL)

▶KAYAKING
Spend an evening learning the basics of kayaking, including multiple paddle strokes and water safety with our knowledgeable instructors. Finish the lesson with a scenic paddle along the shoreline of Medicine Lake. All equipment provided. Reservations required. $12. Ages: 10-17.
September 24 – Monday, #425004-00
5 p.m.-6:30 p.m., French Regional Park

▶FALL COLOR CANOE
Enjoy a relaxing paddle under the changing autumn leaves on Medicine Lake at French Regional Park. 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. Reservations required. $9. Ages: 10-17.
October 9 – Tuesday, #425004-01
4:30 p.m.-6 p.m., French Regional Park

▶ARCHERY
Spend the morning learning archery basics from a NASP certified instructor. Learn range safety, proper shooting techniques, and compound bow and arrow maintenance. All equipment provided. Reservations required. $6.50. Ages: 10-17.
October 11 – Thursday, #421904-02
4:30 p.m.-6 p.m., Elm Creek Park Reserve

▶WONDERS OF WATER FESTIVAL
Come discover the issues of water through interactive games, activities and interpretive displays led by local Girl Scouts during their 100th Centennial take Action Project. Roll the dice as you unfold the journey of water, dip in the pond in search of critters, and stroll along the meandering Rush Creek. Stop by anytime. Free event.
October 13 – Saturday,#412207-02
12-3pm, Eastman Nature Center

▶L.O.S.T.
Do you have the skills and knowledge to survive in the woods? Join us for a Living Outside Survival Training (L.O.S.T.). Our experienced instructors will teach you the life-saving skills of fire building, shelter building, signaling, and wilderness safety. All equipment provided. Reservations required. $6. Ages: 9-17.
November 10 – Saturday, #424904-04
1 p.m.-3 p.m., French Regional Park

▶SNOWSHELTERS
Humans have lived in snowshelters for thousands of years! Learn the varied techniques used to build three different snowshelters (igloos, snow caves, and quinzhees) and then build your own Athabaskan Quinzhee! Reservations required. $5. Ages: 5-17.
February 5 – Tuesday, #12510406
4:15 p.m.-5:45 p.m.
French Regional Park

▶ 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! Reservations required. $5.
Ages: 5-17.
March 11 – Monday, #225004-02
4:30 p.m.-6 p.m.
March 12 – Tuesday, #225004-03
4:30 p.m.-6 p.m.
March 18 - Monday, #225004-04
4:30 p.m.-6 p.m.
March 19 – Tuesday, #225004-05
4:30 p.m.-6 p.m., French Regional Park

▶ TEAMBUILDING TREK

Embark on an adventure with your troop to test your team-working skills. Your troop will be presented with a series of both 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.
Reservations required. $5. Ages: 7-14.
April 9 – Tuesday, #224904-04
April 11 – Thursday, #224904-05
April 22 – Monday, #224904-06
April 23 – Tuesday, #224904-07
4:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m., French Regional Park

▶ CAMPING SKILLS 101

A fun introduction to camping in the great outdoors! Learn how to select an ideal campsite and pitch a tent. Practice the art of fire-building and make a campfire snack. Discover the meaning of "leave no trace" as you practice proper camping etiquette. Reservations required. $7. Ages: 8-17.
May 7 - Tuesday, #224904-02
4:30 p.m.-6 p.m.
May 9 – Thursday, #224904-03
4:30 p.m.-6 p.m., French Regional Park

BROWNIES

▶ BUGS

Explore the fascinating world of "bugs"! Learn about the common insect orders of Minnesota and the differences between insects and their creepy crawly cousins. Go on a hike to see bugs in action in their prairie and forest homes, and make an insect craft. Reservations required, by phone only; call 763.559.6700. $5. Ages: 7-10.
September 22 - Saturday
10 a.m.-12 p.m., #412204-00
1 p.m.-3 p.m., #412204-01
Eastman Nature Center

▶ 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 officer's groom and saddle the horses. Reservations required. $5. Ages: 7-11.
November 14 – Wednesday
4:15 p.m.-5:30 p.m., #420604-00
5:45 p.m.-7 p.m., #420604-01
Baker Park Reserve, Public Safety Office

▶ SNOWSHOEING

Discover the history and designs of snowshoes, then strap on a pair for an exhilarating hike through the snow-covered woods. Be a wildlife detective and scout for tracks along the way. Reservations required. $5. Ages: 6-8.
January 8 - Tuesday, #125104-07 (Ages: 6-8)
4:30 p.m.-6 p.m.
French Regional Park Visitor Center
January 10 – Thursday, #124504-01 (Ages: 6-9)
4:30 p.m.-6 p.m., Cleary Lake Regional Park

BROWNIES & JUNIORS

▶ GEOCACHER

Learn how to use a GPS and then head to the woods to find hidden geocaches. Make a trade item and look up a geobug. Get ready for an adventure! February program on snowshoes, if weather permits. Reservations required. $5. Ages: 8-13.
October 14 – Sunday, #430304-15
3 p.m.-5 p.m.
February 17 – Sunday, #130304-21
3 p.m.-5 p.m.
April 7 – Sunday, #230304-08
2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.
Baker Near Wilderness Settlement

▶ CAMPER BADGE OVERNIGHT

Complete your Camper Badge and then some when you stay overnight in rustic log cabins at the Baker Near-Wilderness Settlement. Practice camping skills such as back country navigation, night hiking, fire building, outdoor cooking, and more. All meals are included. Six scouts per adult maximum. $35 per scout, $10 per adult chaperone. Reservations required, by phone only; call 763.559.6700. Ages: 8+.
October 18-19 – Thursday-Friday, #430304-A1-A8
2 p.m.-12 p.m.
Baker Near Wilderness Settlement

▶ DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY

Learn about digital cameras from an expert and take lots of photos. Edit three photos and make a digital photo project. Share your photos. Reservations required. $5. Ages: 8-13.
December 2 – Sunday, #130304-18
3 p.m.-5 p.m.
March 12 – Tuesday, #230304-05
6 p.m.-8 p.m.
April 16 - Tuesday, #230304-06
6 p.m.-8 p.m.
Baker Near Wilderness Settlement

▶ ANIMAL HABITATS

Find out about wild animals. Investigate an animal habitat and create an animal house. Explore endangered habitats and help protect them. Reservations required. $5. Ages: 8-13.
December 4 – Tuesday, #130304-19
4 p.m.-6 p.m.
April 2 – Tuesday, #230304-07
6 p.m.-8 p.m.
Baker 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. Reservations required. $5. Ages: 8-13.
January 27 – Sunday, #130304-20
3 p.m.-5 p.m.
Baker Near Wilderness Settlement

▶ ANIMAL HABITATS AT EASTMAN

Explore three types of animal habitats through a fun scavenger hunt. Observe and touch live animals. Create an animal home with sticks, rocks, grass, and mud. Play an interactive game to learn about food chains, and end the day by helping wildlife. Reservations required, by phone only; call 763.559.6700. $5. Ages: 8-13.
May 18 – Saturday
10 a.m.-12 p.m., #212204-02
1 p.m.-3 p.m., #212204-03
Eastman Nature Center

JUNIORS & SENIORS

▶ SLACKLINING & CHALLENGE COURSE

Alone we can accomplish a lot, but together rwe 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 challenge and slacklining course. Be prepared to laugh and bond as a troop. Reservations required. $8. Ages: 10-17
October 27 – Saturday, #424904-01
12 p.m.-2:30 p.m., French Regional Park
April 13 – Saturday, #224904-01
9 a.m. – 11:30 p.m., French Regional Park

▶ CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING

Try striding, stopping, uphill, downhill and poling techniques. Follow your instructor down the trail to practice your new skills. Ski rentals are available for an additional $4 and can be paid for at the beginning of the lesson. Reservations required. $5.
January 21 – Monday, #125104-09 (Ages: 9-16)
4:30 p.m.-6 p.m., French Regional Park
January 28 – Monday, #123004-00 (Ages: 9-15)
4:30 p.m.-6 p.m., Hyland Lake Park Reserve

▶ 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. Reservations required. $12. Ages: 10-17.
May 21 – Tuesday, #225004-06
4:30 p.m.-6 p.m., French Regional Park

JUNIORS & CADETTES

▶ ICE FISHING

Learn what equipment is needed to have a successful ice fishing trip. See types of lures and bait, use an ice auger, and go inside a fish house. 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. Reservations required. $8. Ages: 9-14.
January 19 – Saturday, #125104-08
12 p.m.-2 p.m., French Regional Park

CADETTES

▶ NIGHT OWL AT BAKER NEAR WILDERNESS SETTLEMENT

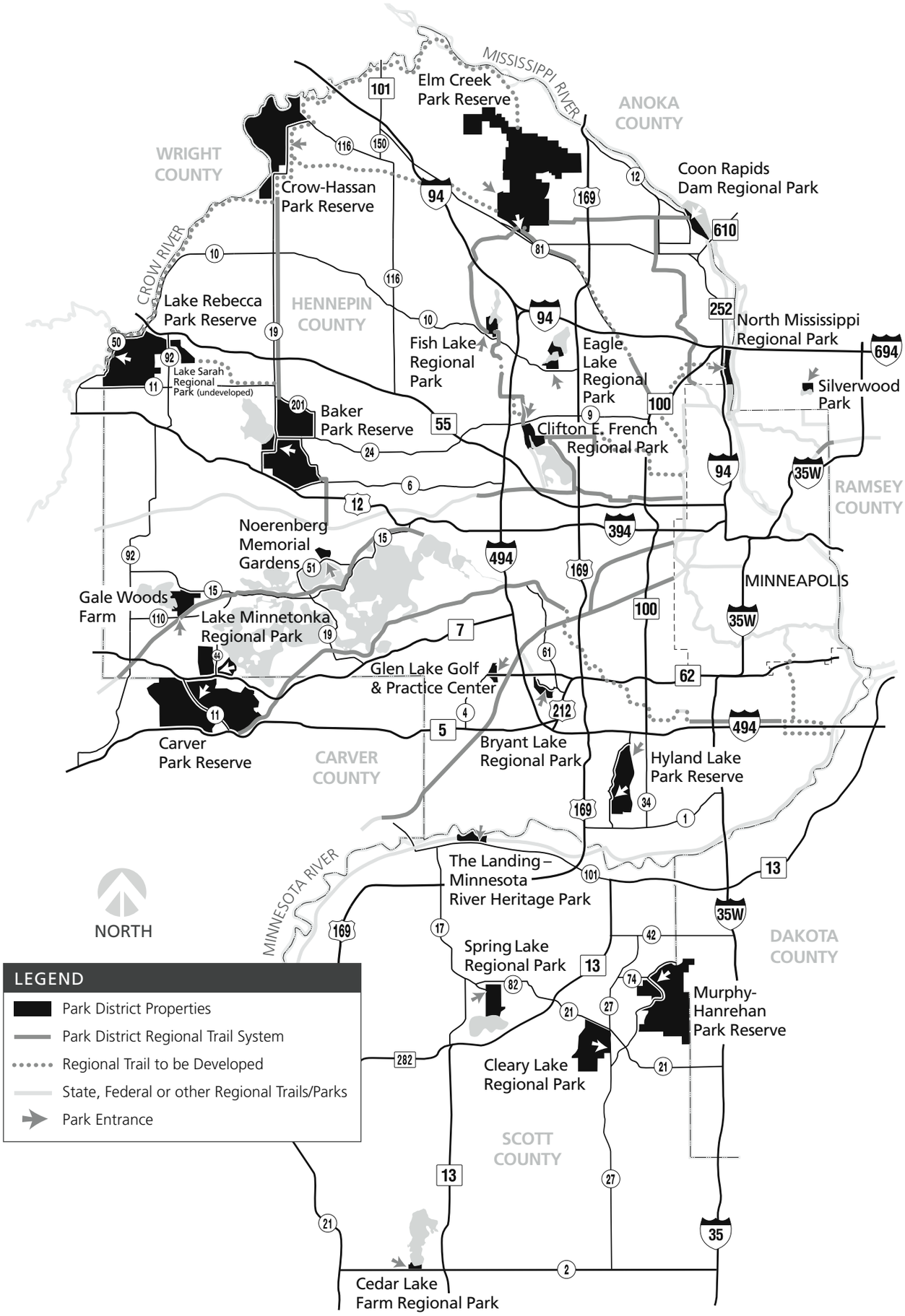
Explore the nocturnal world in this night time field trip. Turn out the lights, tune in your senses, and step out into the night. Perform experiments and create a legend. Reservations required $5. Ages: 10-15.
November 12 – Monday, #430304-16
March 5 – Tuesday, #230304-11
6 p.m.-8 p.m.
Baker Near Wilderness Settlement

▶ NIGHT OWL AT EASTMAN

Come explore the world at night. Meet a live great horned owl and learn about how it lives and hunts in the night. Take a hike and discover how our senses work differently in the dark, and learn how nocturnal animals use their senses. Finally, look up and take a trip across the night sky and learn about the constellations and their legends. Reservations required, by phone; call 763.559.6700. $5. Ages: 10-17.
January 11 – Friday, #112204-00
6 p.m.-7:30 p.m., Eastman Nature Center

▶ TREES (WITH MAPLE SYRUPING)

Learn about trees. Celebrate the arrival of spring as you participate in the process of maple syruping. Tap a tree, and collect and boil down sap. Learn old-fashioned and new technologies. Reservations required. $5. Ages: 10-15.
March 26 - Tuesday, #230304-10
6 p.m.-8 p.m.
Baker Near Wilderness Settlement



▶ 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.

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