



# SPRING/SUMMER 2016 YOUTH GROUP PROGRAMS

**Maplewood Nature Center**  
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[www.maplewoodnaturecenter.com](http://www.maplewoodnaturecenter.com)  
(Click on Programs & Events)



**Visitor Center Hours**  
Tuesday—Saturday  
8:30 am-4:30 pm

**Trail Hours**  
Open Everyday

**Nature Play Yard**  
Open Everyday

**SELF-GUIDING  
ACTIVITIES—FREE**

Visit the **ANIMAL AMPHITHEATRE**, open during Visitor Center building hours.  
Explore the **NATURE PLAY YARD**, adjacent to the parking lot.  
Hike the **TRAILS** and search for wildlife!

*Large groups should call or email to schedule your visit.*

You can request these self-guiding activities for your group:

**NATURE TRAIL MAP**  
**NATURE BINGO HIKE**



**SPECIAL EVENTS**

**BIRD BANDING DAY** on Saturday, April 30, 9:30 – Noon

*Free, Drop-in program for all ages.*

Watch licensed biologists capture, band and release wild birds . Learn what returned bands can tell us about migration and bird populations. Bring a camera. Use binoculars to observe birds with from the boardwalk.

**CADETTE TREE BADGE ARBOR DAY EVENT** on Saturday, May 7, 1:00-4:00 pm

*For Girl Scouts ages 11-13, accompanied by adults.*

*Fee: \$10/child. Register at [Events](http://girlscoutsvr.org/events/) (girlscoutsvr.org/events/) or call 800-845-0747. Includes Tree Badge.*

Discover how to protect the trees and pollinators that depend on each other! Explore trees at the nature center, make fun tree art, and learn about food products that come from trees, including maple syrup and wild fruits.

**PEER INTO THE POND** on Saturday, May 28, 10:00 –11:30 am

*Free, Drop-In Program on Boardwalk. For all ages, children accompanied by adult*

Join the naturalist on the boardwalk to catch, identify and release water bugs, minnows and other pond minibeasts. View your critter live under a microscope.

**MONARCH OPEN HOUSE** on Saturday, August 27, 1:00-3:00 pm

*Free., Drop-in Program for all ages*

Mad about Monarchs? Find out why and how monarchs are tagged. Learn about their magnificent migration. See monarchs in their life cycle stages. There'll be crafts for kids and butterfly gardening information for adults. Discover citizen science opportunities for you to help these beautiful butterflies survive.

**NATURALIST—LED PROGRAMS**

*Group programs can be scheduled Tuesday through Saturday, between 9:00 am and 4:30 pm.  
Evening programs are scheduled according to naturalist availability.*

*Program length is 1-1 1/2 hours.*

*FEE: \$4.00/child with minimum fee of \$20.00 Adult chaperones are free.*

**WILDLIFE  
SEARCH**

Use your eyes to detect signs of wildlife that live at Maplewood Nature Center. Touch and see one of our live animals and learn how it lives. For all ages.

**PONDER  
THE POND**

Scoop up some tiny pond creatures for close observation. Learn what these invertebrates can tell you about the health of a wetland. For all ages.

**BIRDING**

Use binoculars on a birding hike. Become familiar with the common birds and their calls. Find out what you can do to help slow the decline of native songbirds. For all ages.

**WEBELOS  
NATURALIST  
BADGE**

Use binoculars to observe birds and other wildlife at Maplewood Nature Center. Learn about bird flyways and which birds use them. Identify some poisonous plants and animals. For grades 3-6. *Purchase of badge/patch should be made at the Scouting office.*

**JUNIOR GIRL  
SCOUT  
HABITAT  
BADGE**

Observe wild birds and mammals on the nature center trails. Investigate wild habitat And find out how it meets animals' needs. Observe a snake or amphibian up close. For grades 4-5. *Purchase of badge/patch should be made at the Scouting office.*

**SERVICE  
PROJECTS**

Seed collecting, planting, removing invasive plants and other projects are available during spring, summer and fall.

Youth interested in earning Eagle scout or Gold and Silver Awards should phone 651-249-2170 or email [info@maplewoodnaturecenter.com](mailto:info@maplewoodnaturecenter.com).



*Our facility complies with A.D.A. requirements.  
Please inform us of any special needs so we can more fully accommodate your group.*