



# FALL 2016

# YOUTH GROUP PROGRAMS

## Maplewood Nature Center

2659 Seventh Street East  
Maplewood, MN 55119  
651.249.2170

[www.maplewoodmn.gov](http://www.maplewoodmn.gov)  
(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

Hike the trails and search for wildlife!  
Request these activities for your group:

- NATURE TRAIL MAP
- NATURE BINGO HIKE
- TREE QUEST



Visit the ANIMAL AMPHITHEATRE during building hours.

Explore the NATURE PLAY YARD. Adjacent to the nature center parking lot.

*Call to schedule your visit. to ensure the facility is available for your*

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### FREE! FALL BIRD BANDING DAY

(For all ages, youth groups welcome)

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 9:30AM-NOON**

Confusing Fall Warblers—Oh My! Watch licensed biologists capture, band and release wild birds to learn about age, migration, and populations. **Free. Drop in.**

### NATURALIST ACTIVITIES FOR WEBELOS SCOUTS

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19,**

**9:30AM-11:30AM or 1:30-3:30PM**

Identify common Minnesota wildlife, and learn about poisonous plants and animals in Minnesota. Explore wetland and woodland habitats on a hike with binoculars. Many of the activities during this program help you meet requirements for a Webelos Naturalist Activity Badge. Scout leaders can call to register their group, or individuals can register online. **Fee: Prepay \$5/child by Thursday, November 17.**

### WALK WHEN THE MOON IS FULL

(For ages 6 and up with adult, small scout troops welcome!)

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 6:30PM-8:00PM**

Hike by the light of the moon, learn some fun facts about the moon, and c'mon outside as we enjoy the moonshadows of the trees and breathe the brisk air! Back at the nature center enjoy a cup of hot cider as we listen to stories from Ojibwe, Dakota and other cultures!

**Fee: Prepay \$4.00/person by Sunday, December 11.**

### IT'S THE BOMB!

(For ages 8 and up, with adult)

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2:00PM-4:00PM**

Make and take a scented bath bomb using simple, natural ingredients. Add a few dried flower petals for some extra pizzazz! Bring home one bomb, a recipe and plastic mold to get a jump on your holiday gift giving. Wear old clothes (we will use food coloring), bring a medium sized bowl, and a whisk. **Fee: Prepay \$5/person by Wednesday, November 9.**

*To Register, call 651-249-2170*

**(Turn page for more Naturalist-guided activities & Scout Badges)**



## Schedule a Naturalist-led Activity for your group:

- Includes an Animal Amphitheatre visit & outdoor hike
- Naturalist instruction in topic of your choice, up to 2 hours

Available Tuesday through Saturday, 8:30am-5:00 pm.  
Evenings scheduled according to naturalist availability.  
**FEE: \$4.00/child. Minimum fee of \$20.00**  
**Adult chaperones 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.  
(All Seasons) **Age Level: K– 2nd grades**

### WEATHERWISE:

Learn about the sun, clouds and wind and how you can predict the weather! Use weather instruments to record your observations. Make a simple weather instrument or do a cloud painting.  
(All seasons) **Age Level: 3rd—6th grades**

### NIGHT OWL PROWL:

A special night program to learn about the Great Horned Owl and take a night hike in search of one. Play an owl and mouse predator-prey game.  
(November—February) **Age Level: 3rd—7th grades**

## SCOUT Badges: Schedule your scout group for activities that help fulfill badges/patch requirements.

*Purchase of badge/patch should be made at your scout office.*

Note: These activities are open to all interested groups!

### SHARING YOUR WORLD WITH WILDLIFE (Bear Scouts)

Watch birds with binoculars. Learn about the once numerous passenger pigeon and some endangered species. Find out how wildlife managers improve habitat and what you can do for wildlife in your yard. Make a log suet feeder (optional).  
**Age level: 3rd grade**

### 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.  
**Age level: 3rd—6th grades**

### ANIMAL HABITATS FOR JUNIOR GIRL SCOUTS

Observe wild birds and mammals at the nature center. Investigate some wild habitat and find out how it meets their needs. Observe a snake or amphibian up close.  
**Age Level: 4th—5th grades**

## SERVICE PROJECTS AVAILABLE:

Seed collecting, planting, removing invasive plants and other projects are available during spring, summer and fall. Individuals interested in earning Eagle scout or Gold and Silver Awards should phone 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.*



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