

RENT MERKLE CABIN OR THE FIRE PIT!

Looking for a unique spot to host your next meeting or scout function? Spring Valley's historic Merkle Cabin and rustic outdoor fire pit will provide a memorable setting for your next gathering.



Merkle Cabin features:

- Modern kitchen and restroom
- Meeting area with a stone fireplace
- Windowed porch with seating for 30

The fire pit includes:

- Use of the stone fire pit, perfect for hot dog and marshmallow roasts, or other scout ceremonies
- Firewood and water for extinguishing flames
- Access to picnic tables and shelter
- Trash and recycling containers



Merkle Cabin and the fire pit may be rented separately or together. Call 847-985-2100 for rental rates and booking details. Reservations are required at least two weeks in advance.

SPRING VALLEY



NATURE CENTER and HERITAGE FARM

1111 E. SCHAUMBURG ROAD
SCHAUMBURG, IL 60194

South side of Schaumburg Road,
between Meacham and Plum Grove Roads.

GROUPS AND TRAILS HOURS

Daily, April to October8 a.m.-8 p.m.
Daily, November to March8 a.m.-5 p.m.

NATURE CENTER/MUSEUM HOURS

Daily9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day

VOLKENDING HERITAGE FARM HOURS

April to October Tue.-Sun.....10 a.m.-4 p.m.
 Mon.....Site and Buildings closed
November to MarchOpen for special events only

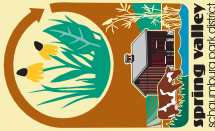
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SCOUT PROGRAMS at Spring Valley



Schaumburg Park District

GENERAL INFORMATION

Spring Valley is an excellent setting for nature, science, and history-related badges and patches!

- Programs are hands-on and take place outdoors in nature (so dress for the weather)
- Groups will be led by a trained staff member
- Time can be spent before or after programs in our public picnic area and playground

Reservations must be made at least two weeks in advance. Call 847-985-2100 to book today!

GIRL SCOUTS PROGRAMS

DAISY ACTIVITIES - 1 Hour (Year Round)

Build your own program by putting together any three of the following:

- Alphabet Hike*
Mini-Garden
Thumbprint Figures
Working with Clay
- Tie-Dye Butterflies*
Reading Poetry
What's in the Bag

DAISY PETALS - 1 Hour

- **Use Resources Wisely (Year Round)**
Bring Clover's story to life as you explore the world of honeybees and enjoy a visit with Spring Valley's composting worms.
- **Make the World a Better Place (Year Round)**
Bring Rosie's story to life at Spring Valley. Clean up the trails while on a litter scavenger hunt and plant a flower to take home.

BROWNIE BADGES - 1.5 Hours

- **Bugs (Fall or Spring)**
Learn what makes a bug a bug while on an insect safari. After searching for bugs in action, looking for their homes and learning some insect anatomy, make your own butterfly to take home!

- **Senses (Year Round)**

Use your senses to explore the natural world. Visit the prairie, garden and woodlands.

- **Hiker (Year Round)**

Lace up your boots and get ready to move! Learn new skills like map reading, direction following and observation before walking the trails.

- **Letterboxer (Year Round)**

Join an awesome adventure game that is played all over the world. Solve tricky clues, learn new lingo and build your own stamp while searching for Spring Valley's hidden secrets.

JUNIOR BADGES - 2 Hours

- **Flowers (Spring)**

Dig into the world of flowers! Uncover the science behind their beauty by learning about flower biology, playing games, growing your own plant and making a beautiful flower craft.

- **Detective (Year Round)**

Hone your powers of observation while solving fun mysteries! Become an expert code-cracker, practice collecting and examining fingerprints and analyze evidence under a microscope.

- **Gardener (Spring)**

Visit the Kids' Garden and try your hand at weeding, watering and planting. You'll learn all about garden design, what to plant where and even set up an experiment to complete at home.

- **Geocacher (Year Round)**

Learn all the ins and outs of geocaching, including how to use a GPS receiver, how to find and hide caches and even what you should and shouldn't leave behind.

- **Animal Habitats (April-November)**

Meet the farm animals and take a hike to look for wild ones. Along the way you'll explore what all animals need to survive and be healthy!

- **Camper (Year Round)**

Try your hand at important outdoor skills, including knot tying, map reading and compass work, campfire building and even a little bit of cooking. You will be all set for your next campout!



JUNIOR BADGES AT HERITAGE FARM

- 2 Hours

- **Playing in the Past (April-November)**

Become a 19th century farm girl. Learn how to dress, help out around the farm and play games while learning what life was like over 130 years ago.

- **Social Butterfly (April-November)**

Learn proper etiquette with some 19th century flare. You will practice manners, put on a tea party and learn everything you need to know to become a social butterfly.

CUB SCOUTS ADVENTURES

TIGER - 1.5 Hours

- **My Tiger Jungle (Fall or Spring)**

Meet the wildlife that lives right outside your backdoor. Discover how you can be helpful to local plants and animals.

- **Tigers in the Wild (Year Round)**

Hike the trails with a naturalist and seek out the animals and plants that call Spring Valley home.



- **Sky is the Limit (Year Round)**

Set your eyes to the night sky. Learn all about stars and constellations, and look at distant objects through a telescope.

WOLF - 1.5 Hours

- **Paws on the Path (Year Round)**

Learn some map and hiking basics, then complete a one mile trek with a naturalist as we search for plants and animals.



BEAR - 1.5 Hours

- **Fur, Feathers and Ferns (Fall or Spring)**

Hike the trails and take a closer look at the plants and animals common to Illinois. Then dig into the compost pile and plant a vegetable seed to take home.

- **Super Science (Year Round)**

Step into nature's laboratory. Conduct experiments on static electricity, buoyancy and color.

WEBELOS - 2 Hours

- **Walkabout (Year Round)**

Join an experienced naturalist to improve hiking skills. Identify poisonous plants, prepare a first aid kit and practice Leave No Trace on the trail.

- **Earth Rocks! (Year Round)**

Uncover your inner rock hound. Perform scientific tests, start your own rock collection, and examine rock, mineral and fossil specimens.

- **Into the Wild (Year Round)**

Head outdoors to become familiar with local birds, mammals and insects. Your journey will take you through the prairie, woodlands and wetlands.

- **Into the Woods (Year Round)**

Become an expert in tree anatomy and identification. Learn which forest plants are native and why they are important to wildlife, decode the meaning of tree rings and learn to care for your own plant.

FEE PER GROUP (includes two adults and up to 15 scouts)

1-1½ Hour:.....\$71.25 (Additional Participants \$4.75 each) 2 Hour:.....\$75 (Additional Participants \$5 each)