

## Spring 2017 Girl Scout Program Options

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**Globetrotters & Homebodies-** meet our “ambassador animals” up close and discover their native habitats, from rainforests to deserts, and what goes into caring for them at the Zoo. Construct an animal house from recycled materials and play a game to discover why some animals and their habitats are more endangered than others. Scouts receive a workbook on local endangered plants, animals and ecosystems, complete with suggestions and projects for protecting them. Afterward, extend the learning with an endangered species or rainforest scavenger hunt, costumed play in the Children’s Enchanted Forest, or a visit with our goats in the contact yard.

Daisies: 3 Cheers for animals  
Brownies: A World of Girls  
Juniors: Animal Habitats Badge  
Cadettes: Tree Badge

**Botanist for a Day-** Explore how plants eat, drink, breathe and communicate. Enjoy a snack provided by flowers, learn to speak secret flower code and use recycled materials to make bouquets. Meet and greet zoo animals that eat flowers and spread seeds. Learn the importance of pollinators. Finish your visit on zoo grounds, where you will chat with a botanist and hunt for plants. You will receive your own botanist notebook where you can record your findings and continue your flower journey with take home activities and community projects.

Daisies: Between Earth & Sky  
Brownies: A world of Girls & Bugs Badge  
Juniors: Legacy Naturalist Flowers Badge

### **Botanist for a Day: Flowering Plants of the Amazon Sunday February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017 1:00-2:30 p.m.**

Explore Amazonia as a Botanist to learn how plants eat, drink, breathe, and communicate. Enjoy a snack of plant parts from the Amazon Rainforest and use recycled materials to make an orchid in Mesker Park Zoo’s Orchid Escape! Go behind the scenes of Amazonia to see how we maintain a tropical environment in Indiana and meet a real botanist! You will receive your very own Botanist Notebook where you can record your findings and continue your flower journey with a scavenger hunt, take home activities, and community projects.

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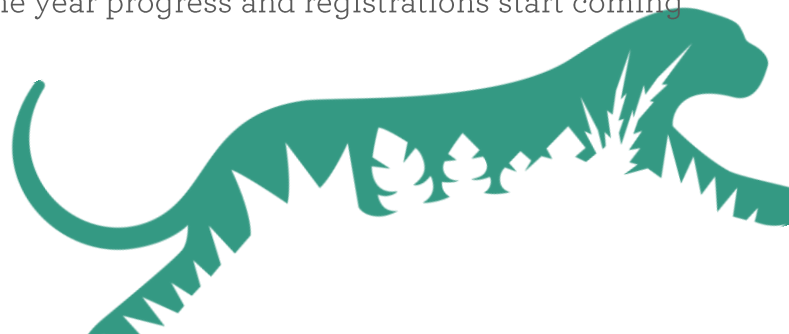
**Did we forget something?** If you think that we could help your Girl Scouts earn a badge or journey that we currently do not offer? Send us the information and we can put together a new program for your girls! (Putting these together does take some time, so please allow 3-4 weeks for preparation)



# Information about Girl Scout Programming at Mesker Park Zoo & Botanic Garden

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- Please arrive as a group at the OLD Zoo entrance located on Bement Dr. This gate is locked and a staff member will arrive approx.. 15 minutes before the program begins to let you in
  - At this time take note of how many people you have in your group and let us know if your numbers have changed.
  - Unfortunately we cannot issue refunds for those who do not show up. Cancellations must be made prior to the day of the program.
- Programs are 1.5 hours long. Scavenger hunts, Goat brushing in the contact yard, & costumed stage play in the children's Enchanted Forest are considered "extension activities" and will take place after the initial 1.5 hour program.
  - Extension Activities are dependent on the weather and must be scheduled when registering
  - Leaders and parents will be provided with answer keys for the scavenger hunt
- Our programs have a minimum limit of 10 scouts and a maximum limit of 30. If there is not enough interest in a program on a particular day we will have to cancel. It is not common that we have to cancel once a troop(s) has already paid, so we will determine cancellation and make-up days on a case by case basis.
- At least 1 adult (usually a troop leader) must attend and remain present during the program
  - We suggest 1 adult per every 4 children when out in the Zoo
- Materials prepared are for Scouts only. Tags who attend the program must remain seated and quiet for the duration of the program
  - Extra activities can be provided to keep tags busy during the program, just ask!
  - Have someone prepared to manage tags if they become disruptive.
- Let us know of any food, animal, or plant allergies. Some of our programs contain food and all involve our ambassador animals.
- A note about Registration: We have our scout program days and times set for the year. We determine the program for a particular day based on interest so our registration process is "first-come, first-served". We ask that you pick two potential days & times to account for this. It is our goal to accommodate everyone's first choice, but this is not always possible so complete your registration before the **TWO** week deadline to insure that you get the day and time that you want.
  - Call us to talk about your options as the year progress and registrations start coming in



# Spring 2017 Girl Scout Program Registration

Leader Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Leader Address \_\_\_\_\_

Troop # \_\_\_\_\_ Leader Email \_\_\_\_\_

Who will be attending? (Circle all that apply)    Daisies                      Brownies                      Juniors                      Cadettes

## CHECK THE PROGRAM YOU WISH TO ATTEND

\_\_\_\_ Globetrotters & Homebodies                      \_\_\_\_ Botanist for a Day

\_\_\_\_ Botanist for a Day: Flowering Plants of the Amazon Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>\*

## CHOOSE TWO DATES YOU WISH TO ATTEND

(rank as 1 & 2, we will try our best to accommodate your first choice)

\*If you are planning to attend Botanist for a Day: Flowering Plants of the Amazon, ONLY select Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>

\_\_\_\_ Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup>

\_\_\_\_ Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup>

\_\_\_\_ Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>

\_\_\_\_ Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>

\_\_\_\_ Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>

\_\_\_\_ Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>

\_\_\_\_ Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup> \*

\_\_\_\_ Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup>

\_\_\_\_ Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup>

\_\_\_\_ Sunday March 19<sup>th</sup>

## CHOOSE A TIME(S) TO ATTEND

Saturday

Sunday

\_\_\_\_ 9:30a.m. - 11:00a.m.

\_\_\_\_ 1:00p.m. - 2:30p.m.

\_\_\_\_ 12:30p.m. - 2:00p.m.

## CHOOSE AN EXTENSION ACTIVITY

\_\_\_\_ Scavenger hunt (self-lead)

\_\_\_\_ Costumed stage play in the Children's Enchanted Forest (self-lead)

\_\_\_\_ Goat brushing in our contact yard

## PAYMENT

# Scouts \_\_\_\_ x \$12 each = \_\_\_\_\_

# Adults & tags w/ Zoo Membership = \_\_\_\_\_

# Adults \_\_\_\_ x \$7.50 each = \_\_\_\_\_

# Tags \_\_\_\_ x \$6.50 each = \_\_\_\_\_ \*\*

# Leaders \_\_\_\_\_

Troop leaders are free (up to 2 leaders). Fees will be waived for adults & tags with a valid Zoo Membership who are not participating in the program.

\*\*Tags do not participate in the program. Extra scavenger hunts and coloring pages can be provided upon request.

Total (full payment due with registration) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ (Payable to Evansville Zoological Society)

MC/Visa \_\_\_\_\_ Exp \_\_\_\_\_

