Scout Programs

Programs available to Scouts at any level

Helmer Nature Center offers several activities for Scouts of any age.
These programs include all activity supplies.

Snowshoeing, $10 per Scout *(Snowshoe rental included),* **1.25 Hours**
Available December – early March (Weather Dependent)
Don't let the winters in Rochester get you down. Come learn about the history of snowshoes in North America and then head outdoors. We offer both traditional wooden and modern style shoes.

Maple Sugaring, $10 per Scout, 1.5 Hours
Available late February – late March
Learn about the history of Maple Syrup all the way back to the Native Americans in our region who first started making it. We will head out to our sugar bush and each scout will help to tap a tree and collect sap. At the evaporator, scouts learn about and observe the boiling process used to turn sap into delicious syrup. We will provide a sample of the maple syrup made on site.

Animal Presentation & Nature Hike, $10 per Scout, 1.5 hours
Meet Helmer Nature Center's Animal Ambassadors! Discover how their physical traits and behavioral instincts help them to survive in the wild. Then, take a trek on the nature center trails to explore wildlife habitats and observe seasonal changes.

Animal Presentation at your location, $80 *(additional charges may apply),* **45 minutes** Meet the animals of the Helmer Nature Center! Have our staff naturalists come to a troop or pack meeting along with some of our resident animals and teach your scouts about the care and behavior of some of our local wildlife. Scouts will get a chance to interact with some of our animals up close. *Designed for up to 25 participants. For larger groups, please contact HNC. Additional fees may apply. Mileage charge applies to trips further than 20 Mi. from the Helmer Nature Center*

Programs for Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts

A visit to Helmer Nature Center can help Cub Scouts fulfill their requirements for several Adventures. We can meet some of the requirements for the following:

Lion:	Mountain Lion
	Ready, Set, Grow
Tiger:	My Tiger Jungle
	Tigers in the Wild
Wolf:	Call of the Wild
	Finding Your Way
	Paws on the Path
Bear:	Fur, Feather, and Ferns
Webelos:	Into the Wild
	Into the Woods
Boy Scouts:	Bird Study
	Environmental Science
	Nature

Please call our office for more details on how we can help your Scouts earn their ranks.

Programs are $10 per scout, 1.5 hours

How to schedule a Scout Program:

Please call our office for details or questions for your specific program.

Programs are scheduled during the school year (September – June). Summer and school break programs are occasionally an option but are subject to staff availability.

Programs can be scheduled weekdays after 3:30 and most weekends. Program fees vary by program, and include program, snack and beverage. Programs require a minimum of 10 participants and maximum of 20. Groups of fewer than 10 will be charged the rate for 10 scouts.

Two adult chaperones are free plus an additional adult for every five scouts. Additional adults will be charged half of the scout rate.

Pizza can be provided with any program for an additional fee.

A $25 non-refundable deposit is required to reserve your program. The remainder of the fee is due on the day of the program. Reservation deposits are transferable within 60 days of the scheduled program

For more information or to schedule a program, please contact us at
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