

## program costs

### Field trip (field lab) program costs:

\$4 /student for half day programs (2-3 hours)

\$6/student for whole day programs (3- 5 1/2 hours)

Minimum charge for small groups: \$40

## funding for field trips

Need money to help fund your class field trip? The Environmental Education Association of Illinois (EEAI) is soliciting proposals of up to \$200 for the EEA mini-grant program. The mini-grant program is designed to support, enhance and expand the implementation of environmental education throughout the state of Illinois.  
<http://www.eeai.net/minigrant.htm>

*For a full list of program options visit our web site at [www.girlscouts-gsci.org](http://www.girlscouts-gsci.org) and select Camp & Property.*

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The Girl Scouts of Central Illinois Outdoor Education program engages participants in firsthand experiences with nature. Field trip/field lab experiences increase awareness of and appreciation for the natural world, thereby increasing participants' respect for the environment, themselves, and one another.

### our goal

- To provide fun, meaningful experiences with the natural world for area students and their teachers
- To help participants realize that the first step in becoming environmentally responsible is to understand the inter-relationship that exists between the earth and its inhabitants
- To help young people gain this understanding through interactive educational opportunities in an outdoor classroom
- To instill positive values in participants that will contribute to a more positive future for the environment



### our locations

**Camp Kiwanis** is a 55 acre forested camp facility located 12 miles from Champaign adjacent to Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve and the American Heritage Museum. Environmental education, creative arts, and archery are highlights of the programs offered here.

**Camp Myra S. Peairs** is an 88 acre camp facility featuring two miles of lakefront property on Lake Bloomington. Highlighted programs include sailing and aquatics, creative arts, archery, and outdoor living skills.

**Camp Tapawingo** is a 640 acre camp facility and equestrian center located 15 miles from Peoria in Metamora. This facility features an, adventure course, horseback riding, archery, canoeing, and miles of hiking trails.

**Camp Widjiwagan** is a 67 acre camp facility on Lake Springfield. Programming highlights include canoeing, creative arts, outdoor living skills, and environmental education.



## program curriculum

All curriculum units are correlated with Illinois Learning Standards and will be delivered at an age-appropriate level for students. Teacher input is encouraged in the planning of any of the field trip/ field lab experiences so that these experiential lessons will correlate well with the academic lessons being studied in your classroom. We design curriculum units to meet your needs and those of your students. The following descriptions are general. Some are better suited to certain age levels, but most can be modified to the learning level of students.

**AMAZING ANIMALS** – Tracks, homes, droppings, feathers, and other tell-tale signs will help us discover the animals that live in central Illinois as we hike through the woods or prairie.

**TREES ARE TERRIFIC** – Learn about trees and their importance to humans and wildlife, as well as the diversity that makes up a forest, through tools such as a tree identification guide and investigation of forest types and layers.

**SURVIVING OUTDOORS** – This class reinforces the concept of minimum impact on the environment while at the same time teaching skills such as fire building, water purifying, signaling, first aid tips, knot tying, orienteering, and shelter-building.

**PREDATOR/PREY** – Students will learn about the interconnected relationship between predator and prey as they role-play becoming herbivores, omnivores, and carnivores.

**POND EXPLORERS** – Proper methods of exploring for, collecting, and identifying 'critters' (organisms) provide students with a wealth of experience beyond the textbook. Participants may build an "observation pond" and older students may study the physical and chemical properties of lake water with lake monitoring equipment and explore watershed protection issues.

In addition to the obvious science-related focus, our environmental education programs can meet the needs of all curriculum areas, including language arts, math, social studies, history, and current events. Outdoor Education field trips also serve as great incentive trips, team-building experiences, and end of the year "special days." They are positive rewarding experiences for children, as well as fun and educational.

