




**OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK
9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.**

The Environmental Education and Resiliency Center is a unique, hands-on learning center focused on environmental management and storm resiliency. The goal is to connect the community with the natural environment by providing outreach and educational programming.

The Center will also be used for storm response purposes. The Hempstead Lake Dam will be monitored from the center and the data tracked to assist in storm preparation and response.

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Center Hempstead Lake State Park, Field 1
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Website 
<https://parks.ny.gov/parks/hempsteadlake>

**Please email us at:
HempsteadlakeEE@parks.ny.gov
if you are interested in booking a
scout program.**

**Participants are \$4.00 per person.
Up to four adults will be allowed free
program entry. All additional adults
must pay \$4.00.**

**Please be advised there is an \$8.00
private vehicle fee during select
portions of the year.**

**Is your troop looking for volunteer
opportunities? Is one of your
scouts looking for a place in their
community to complete award
projects?**

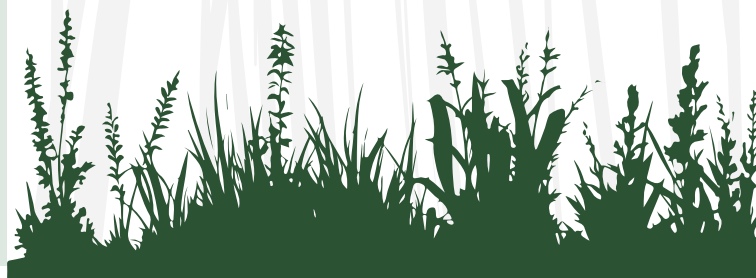
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Environmental Education
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**SCOUT & YOUTH GROUP
PROGRAMS**



**New York State
Parks, Recreation and
Historic Preservation**



Animal Helpers

Through observation of furs and skulls, scouts will discover how animals help inspire human designs. Scouts will have the opportunity to meet our Ambassador Turtles before designing an invention that could combat a human problem.

- Available to Daisy, Brownie, Junior, Lion, Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Webelos, and Arrow of Light
- Available all seasons

Bug Buddies

Scouts will uncover the world of bugs and insects through outdoor discovery, games, and artistic expression. Scouts will learn the important role that insects play in our environment and will be able to identify common insects.

- Available to Daisy, Brownie, Lion, Tiger, Wolf, and Bear
- Available May to September

Scouts in the Garden

Students will go on a short nature scavenger hunt and observe familiar plants in the park. We will discuss what a plant needs to grow, survive, and get nutrients, while also discovering the parts of a plant and what each part does. Scouts will learn the skills needed to maintain a garden at home.

- Available to Daisy, Brownie, Lion, Tiger, Wolf, and Bear
- Available May to September

Natural Artists

Scouts will participate in a sensory hike before learning about the relationship between nature and artistic mediums. Scouts will have the opportunity to document the park's beauty during a writing exercise and a watercolor exercise that uses boiled pond water!

- Available to Cadette, Senior, Ambassador, and Boy Scouts
- Available all seasons

Nature Walk

Enjoy a lakeside walk under the guidance of an Educator! Scouts will be given binoculars and field guides to help them explore. While on their journey they will be led in nature games.

- Available to Junior, Cadette, Senior, Ambassador, Webelos, Arrow of Light, and Boy Scouts
- Available all seasons

Orienteering

Discover how to find your way using a compass. Then, use what you've learned to follow a course--who knows what we might find along the way!

- Available to scouts of all age ranks
- Available all seasons

Scouts in Space

Become an astronaut for a day! Join us as we learn about the Earth's Sun, Moon, constellations, and the surrounding planets. Scouts will be introduced to leaders in the field of space exploration and will discover the steps to take to become a STEM professional.

- Available to Daisy, Brownie, Junior, Lion, Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Webelos, and Arrow of Light
- Available all seasons

Scout programs may feature outdoor activities. Please advise scouts to dress for the weather and to wear closed toe shoes.

Sustainability Stewards

Discover the many ways we can practice sustainability daily. Scouts will venture into the park to examine sustainable solutions in their surroundings and collaborate on creating a "sustainable city." Scouts will also begin their exploration of careers in sustainability.

- Available to Cadette, Senior, Ambassador and Boy Scouts
- Available all seasons

Trees Are Terrific

Scouts will learn about the structures of trees as well as develop identification skills. Then, scouts will put their new skills to the test on a short forest walk in the park. Book Trees are Terrific in February and March to also uncover the wonders of maple syrup science!

- Available to scouts of all age ranks
- Available all seasons

All scout programs are 1.5 hours long in duration and occur during the Center's listed hours of operation, unless otherwise requested.

Scout programs are offered on weekends and during local school breaks, unless otherwise requested.

The Center can host between 6 and 25 scouts per program. Please be advised that only registered scouts may participate in program activities.

Scout programs may help to fulfill a variety of badges, but the Center does not distribute badges following the completion of a scout program. A list of badges that our programs help to fulfill can be provided upon request.