

Boy and Girl Scout Discovery Backpacks

Scout leaders can reserve one of our Discovery Backpacks for use during a troop visit. Backpacks can accommodate up to 20 youth with at least 2 adult chaperones. These backpacks contain all the materials, maps and directions needed to complete required badge activities during a self-guided visit. Backpacks may be used outdoors April-October and can be completed in approximately 1.5- 2 hours. Backpacks may be kept for up to three hours.

Brownies Ready, Set, Go Camping "Try It" Backpack

This backpack encourages Brownies to test out beginning camping skills. They will try a bedroll relay, make a "storm", find uses for a bandana, and follow their noses during a hike. Brownies can complete their Ready, Set, Go Camping "Try It" badge if all activities are done during a visit. Badges not included.

Junior Girl Scouts Outdoor Connections Backpack

This backpack contains materials, picture cards, and teaching activities that focus on the natural world. Junior Girl Scouts will explore the variety of plant life in our prairie, identify trees along our hiking trail and act out various animal adaptations, among other activities. At the end of their exploration, they will have completed the Outdoor Connections badge requirements. Badge not included.

Wolf Birds Backpack

This backpack includes instructions and activities within the Bird Elective (#13). Scouts will enjoy getting to know more about our feathered friends through hands-on activities, beginning a bird log and taking a bird identification walk. This elective is part of the World Conservation Award. Arrow patches not included.

Webelos Forester Backpack

Webelos will explore the various aspects of forests and trees through the activities included in this backpack. Be prepared for a walk through our forest areas and hands-on exploration including reading tree rings and discussing forest layers. This backpack includes the instructions and supplies needed to complete five of the Forester requirements. Forester pin not included.

Fees and reservations: Scout Discovery Backpacks are available at no charge. A valid driver's license is required as a deposit at check-out time and a usage agreement must be signed. Leaders are asked to reserve backpacks at least **one week in advance**. A reservation confirmation and facilitator information will be sent. Request forms are available online at www.cantigny.org or by calling 630 260 8162

Discovery Backpacks are available for pickup at the Visitors Center Information Desk at 9:00 am. Discovery Backpacks must be returned in their original condition after the three hour 'rental' period. *Discovery Backpacks loaned out after 2:00 pm may only have 1-2 hours of usage depending on when the Backpack was checked out. (All Backpacks must be returned by 5:00 pm)*

PEAK Packs

Cantigny is proud to offer PEAK Packs for use by schools and organized youth groups. PEAK Packs introduce and explore the concepts of Leave No Trace. Leave No Trace is a set of principles for participation in outdoor recreation that seeks to minimize the impact on the natural environment. The program strives to educate all those who enjoy the outdoors about the nature of their recreational impacts as well as techniques to prevent and minimize such impacts. PEAK Packs are available for up to three hours.

The primary goals of the PEAK program are to:

- Increase awareness of Leave No Trace
- Promote the stewardship of public lands
- Meet the demands of diverse youth populations
- Have fun!

Intended learning outcomes of the PEAK program are to:

- Develop a sense of stewardship for the natural world
- Understand how to be safe and prepared for adventures in the outdoors
- Understand how to reduce impact on the environment when recreating outdoors
- Introduce the idea of making responsible decisions when participating in outdoor activities



Cantigny offers two Packs for use during a park visit:

PEAK Pack

The PEAK Pack includes six fun and engaging field-tested Activities, which are designed to teach kids age six to twelve about Leave No Trace. Each activity or "module" can be delivered in 30-60 minutes depending on group size, available time, etc. Each module comes in its own plastic folder, and all six modules are included in the backpack- we suggest trying just one or two in a visit. Each module contains instructions on how to facilitate the activity as well as supporting materials. Also included in the PEAK Pack is a Start Card, which offers many helpful teaching tips and an overview of the Leave No Trace program.

Teen Activity Pack

The Teen Activity Pack is a supplement to the PEAK program and consists of four educational activities designed for older youth audiences. These activities include: "Principle Presentation", "Ethics Game", "How Prepared are You?" and "Unlocking the Past." The hands-on activities have been used to educate both teens and adults about Leave No Trace. In addition to learning about the seven principles, the activities engage participants in higher-level discussions surrounding the themes of conservation, land ethics and responsible outdoor recreation.

Fees and reservations: PEAK Packs are available at no charge. A valid driver's license is required as a deposit at check-out time and a usage agreement must be signed. Teachers/Leaders are asked to reserve backpacks at least **one week in advance**. A reservation confirmation and facilitator information will be sent. Request forms are available online at www.cantigny.org or by calling 630 260 8162. PEAK Packs are available for pickup at the Visitors Center Information Desk at 9:00 am. PEAK Packs must be returned in their original condition after the three hour 'rental' period. *PEAK Packs loaned out after 2:00 pm may only have 1-2 hours of usage depending on when the Pack was checked out. (Packs must be returned by 5:00 pm)*

Family Discovery Backpacks

Go on a bug hunt, listen for bird calls, and make discoveries in the gardens with one of our Discovery Backpacks. Backpacks are available, at no charge, for up to **three hours** of use during your park visit. Backpacks are geared for use by families with children in preschool- 5th grade.

Birds of a Feather

Explore the world of birds through activities and games. Use binoculars to look for birds with the Cantigny Field Guide, measure your wingspan and flapping rate, play bird BINGO, read a story and more!

Gone Buggy!

We're buggy about bugs at Cantigny! Borrow this backpack and discover bug facts, check out real bugs with the bug viewers, get a "bug's eye" view of the park and learn how to tell a bug from an insect.

In the Garden

How do the plants and flowers in Cantigny's gardens grow? What fruits and vegetables grow on vines? What do marigold seeds look like? Learn the answers to these questions and more with this backpack. Enjoy a story, play nature BINGO and draw in your take home garden journal.

Fees and reservations: All Family Discovery Backpacks are free of charge and available on a first-come, first serve basis. They can be checked out for up to three hours from our Visitors Center Information Desk, beginning at 9:00 am. Advance reservations are not accepted. A valid driver's license is required as a deposit at check-out time and a usage agreement must be signed. Discovery Backpacks must be returned in their original condition after the three hour 'rental' period. *Discovery Backpacks loaned out after 2:00 pm may only have 1-2 hours of usage depending on when the Backpack was checked out. (All Backpacks must be returned by 5:00 pm)*

Recreation Packs

Looking to add another dimension to your next group or family outing? Check out one of our Recreation Packs and enjoy a variety of sports equipment and games! We have two Packs available - one geared for families/large groups with mixed ages (family pack) and one geared for preK-5th grade day camps and youth groups (youth group pack).

The Family Pack includes: A football, a soccer ball, 2 Frisbees, a horseshoe set, two baseball bats, a baseball tee, bases and baseballs, 6 potato sacks, 4 'scoop and toss' cups and balls, and 6 orange cones. Activity ideas and instructions are included. Advance reservations are not accepted for our family pack. The family pack is available on a first come, first serve basis.

The Youth Group Pack includes: A football, a soccer ball, 2 Frisbees, a parachute, 6 potato sacks, ostrich egg relay race equipment, Bucket Blast game equipment and 6 orange cones. Activity ideas and instructions are included.

The youth group pack must be reserved at least **one week in advance**. A reservation confirmation will be sent. Request forms are available online at www.cantigny.org or by calling 630 260 8162.

Recreation Packs can be picked up out at our Visitors Center Information Desk. For either Pack, a valid driver's license is required as a deposit at check-out time and a usage agreement must be signed. The Family Recreation Pack must be returned in its original condition before park close (sunset).

The Youth Group Pack must be returned in its original condition after the three hour 'rental' period. *Packs loaned out after 2:00 pm may only have 1-2 hours of usage depending on when the Pack was checked out. (The Pack must be returned by 5:00 pm)*