Douglas-Hart Nature Center maintains 70+ acres of restored Illinois habitat, including woodlands, prairie, and wetlands. The visitor center contains live animals, interactive exhibits, a library, and a playroom.

The Douglas-Hart Nature Center is a private, 501(c)3 non-profit. We receive no tax support.

You may visit the Nature Center with your scouts to explore on your own. Please call ahead to find out if other groups are expected that day.

The trails and visitor center can be enjoyed by all visitors at no cost. Programs led by our educators have fees to cover basic expenses and to remain sustainable.

While we encourage you to bring your scouts to Douglas-Hart, our educator is also happy to travel to your site if you prefer. Adjustments to the program might be necessary, and a travel fee may apply.

The classrooms, campfire, and other areas are available to rent, for a fee. Overnight camping is not available.

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Programs earn all badge requirements unless they are listed with this symbol.

### Planning your Program

It's a good idea to start planning your den's trip to Douglas-Hart 3-6 months in advance. Dates (especially weekends) fill quickly.

To schedule, please call or email the Douglas-Hart Nature Center with your interest.

Each program accommodates 4-12 scouts. Larger groups may require an additional fee.

Your den may choose to pay for the program with group funds, or by dividing the cost among the scouts. If your group is very small, consider coordinating with another small local den, to share in the cost.

### Symbols Key

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### Custom Programs

Scout leaders may request a custom program, designed to meet specific requirements or to simply be a fun outing. All programs include hands-on experiences and discovery. Contact the Nature Center to inquire about a custom program.

### Cub Scout Awards

- **World Conservation Award**: Tigers, Wolves, Bears, Webelos
  - Program includes a den service project.
  - Post req. is rank-specific.
  - 1 hr : no cost

- **Conservation Good Turn Award**: Tigers, Wolves, Bears, Webelos
  - Program includes a pack service project.
  - 2 hrs: no cost

- **Outdoor Activity Award**: Tigers, Wolves, Bears, Webelos
  - Program completes the outdoor activities. Scouts will still need to attend a scout camp and earn a rank-specific badge.
  - Tigers / Wolves : 2 hrs : $30
  - Bears / Webelos : 3 hrs : $40

- **NOVA Awards**: Wolves, Bears, Webelos
  - This program includes several modules exploring STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) topics. Scouts may complete one or all modules.
  - Each module is a 4-hour program, ($50) recommended as two, 2-hr meetings.