



## Scout Group Day Visits



- Scout groups are welcome and encouraged to visit the park at any time during our normal hours of operation.
- Scout groups that wish to have the parking fee waived are required to make reservations at least two weeks in advance by calling 630 260 8162
- The groups should be comprised of scouts and leaders (no siblings or additional parents) in uniform. Tiger Cubs and Daisies may follow the same reservation procedure, but are required to bring one parent per child, (no siblings or additional parents).
- Any scout group visiting Cantigny with additional people (family outings) are required to pay the parking fee and reservations are not needed.
- Scout groups are invited to visit the McCormick Museum (guided tours only) and the First Division Museum (self guided tours only). Please indicate if your group plans to visit either museum when you make your reservation, depending on your group size a tour time may need to be reserved for the McCormick Museum. We require a minimum of one chaperone for every ten Scouts entering the museum.
- Copies of our Hiking Trail /Tree identification Guide may be picked up at the Visitors Center Information Desk. Completion of the Guide meets some of the requirements for the Webelos Forester Activity Badge, Boy Scout Forester Merit Badge and Junior Girl Scout Outdoor Connections badge. This activity is best for SUMMER and FALL. The trees must have leaves for it to be successful.
- Fishing is allowed by Scout groups at Shaffner Pond, in the northeast corner of the park. Fishing is allowed only on Saturday and Sunday mornings, from sunrise to 8:30 a.m. and on Mondays from 9:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m. Please call Security at 630 260 8207 to arrange a fishing outing. The pond is home to bluegill, bass, carp and catfish and is strictly catch and release. Please bring your own fishing poles, bait and gear.

A **self-directed** visit to Cantigny can easily meet some of the requirements for the following badges/awards:

### Tiger Cubs

Let's Go Outdoors  
Feed the Birds  
Fun Outdoors  
Leave No Trace

### Wolf Cub Scouts

Your Living World  
Birds  
Outdoor Adventure  
Leave No Trace

### Bear Cub Scouts

Sharing Your World w/ Wildlife  
Leave No Trace

### Webelos Scouts

Forester  
Naturalist  
Outdoorsman  
Leave No Trace

### Boy Scouts

*With Merit Badge Counselor*  
Orienteering  
Hiking  
Camping  
Bird Study  
Forestry  
Wilderness Survival  
American Heritage

### Daisies

Nature experiences

### Brownies

Earth and Sky  
Eco-Explorer  
Outdoor Adventurer  
Plants  
Ready, Set, Go Camping  
Listening to the Past

### Junior Girl Scouts

Local Lore  
Camp Together  
Earth Connections  
Finding Your Way  
Hiker

Outdoor Cook  
Outdoor Creativity  
Outdoor Fun  
Wildlife  
Your Outdoor Surroundings  
Architecture

### Teens

All About Birds  
Plant Life  
Wildlife  
Museum Discovery  
Women Through Time  
Camping  
Orienteering



*Note: Our campsites may be reserved during daylight hours Tuesday-Thursday for Scout activities. Practice pitching tents, learn to build a fire, cook a meal or review safe camping procedures. To reserve a campsite space for daytime activities, please call 630 260 8162.*

**PLEASE NOTE: The awards and badges listed above are not formalized staff-led programs, but rather awards and badges that could have some of their requirements met through a visit to Cantigny. Scoutmasters and adult leaders would need to plan the activities.** For activity examples, please call 630 260 8162 or email JBonniwell@Cantigny.org.

### Cantigny Staff Led Programs:

Cantigny's education staff is currently creating merit badge programs to offer to Boy and Girl Scouts. These programs will be listed on our website, [www.Cantigny.org](http://www.Cantigny.org) and [www.FirstDivisionMuseum.org](http://www.FirstDivisionMuseum.org), as they become available. Cantigny currently offers a variety of badge programs for Brownies and Junior Girl Scouts through the Prairie Winds Council Northstar Guide. Girl Scouts from any Council may sign up for these programs. Visit [www.GirlScoutsPW.org](http://www.GirlScoutsPW.org) to learn more.



### Cantigny Patch:

A general Cantigny patch is available for purchase at our Visitors Center Gift Shop for \$2.00



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# Overnight Camping Policies and Procedures

Please review carefully.

## Prior To Your Arrival:

- Campsite reservations are limited to nationally recognized youth groups (i.e., BSA, GSA, AWANA, Indian Guides, etc.). All campers must abide by the Boy or Girl Scout child to adult ratio guidelines. All scouts and leaders are encouraged to be in uniform and to display the American Flag and Scout Flag in the campsite. Camping is year round, except the month of January when the park is closed, in the area north of the picnic area. There is no cost.
- All scout groups reservations are required at least two weeks in advance by calling 630 260 8162. A **TOUR PERMIT** is required for us to accept your group on Cantigny grounds. You can obtain a tour permit from your council. Upon arrival, please present the tour permit to Cantigny Security. (Girl Scouts are not required to have a tour permit.)
- It is necessary to provide us with a **CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE** (to be sent back with your signed confirmation/hold harmless agreement) available from your council or organization, regardless of the county you live in. (Girl Scouts **are** required to provide a certificate of insurance.)
- Overnight camping is allowed on Friday and Saturday nights only. (No camping during holiday weekends or special event weekends) Only Scouts and their leaders may camp, with the exception of Cub Scouts, and Webelos (one adult to every child). Family camping is not permitted.
- We have two campsites available and each holds up to 100 people. Only one campsite per group may be accommodated.
- Cantigny is able to accommodate tent camping only (no campers or trailers). Tents should be a minimum of 100 feet from the road and 20 feet from campfires. Cantigny does not provide tents or canopies.
- Please occupy the campsite as early as possible (no later than 8:00 pm), as there are no lights in the campgrounds. Please keep vehicle traffic to a minimum by carpooling to Cantigny. Friday night groups who are not also camping Saturday night must pack up their gear and leave the campsite by 12:00 pm Saturday. Saturday night groups who did not camp Friday night, may not set up camp until after 12:00 pm Saturday.

## Upon Your Arrival:

- If arriving after park close, please enter the park through the private drive (small driveway entrance just North of the main gate). The gate will open after you pull in to the driveway. Cantigny Security will greet the adult supervisors; brief them on park policy then escort your group to the designated campsite.
- **Parking:** Vehicles should stay on the road surface and not park on the grass. Once vehicles are unloaded, they must be moved to the main parking lot. Vehicles **may not** be left on the private drive. Everyone with a vehicle will be asked to complete our a temporary parking ID card sign a disclaimer and display the top portion on their rear view mirror.
- Leaders must accompany their campers at all times throughout the grounds and museums. For general park activity suggestions for Scouts, please call 630 260 8162.
- For the safety of the campers after dark, we ask that they stay in the campsite and picnic area restrooms. No one is permitted out of the campsite after dark, except to use the picnic restrooms or go to the Security office.
- **Washrooms:** The restrooms in the picnic area are left open at night for the campers' convenience. Please make sure that the restrooms are left in the condition that you found them. Please notify Security of any maintenance needs.
- **Water:** Water pumps are located in both campsites. During the colder months, please shut the water pump off completely to prevent freezing.
- **Trash:** Trash containers are located throughout the picnic area and campsites for use by all campers. All additional garbage should be bagged up and placed by the side of the road so that Security can pick up it. Security will be happy to provide additional garbage bags if necessary. Green recycling bins are also located in the picnic area– please use these bins for disposing of glass, plastic, paper and aluminum.
- **Fires:** Established fire pits are located in each campsite. Campfires are not permitted anywhere else. Please do not leave your fire unattended and extinguish your fire completely upon departure. Bonfire size fires are not permitted.
- **Firewood:** We provide firewood free of charge to all campers. All unused firewood must be restacked before leaving the campsite.
- **Cooking Equipment:** You may bring whatever cooking equipment you choose. Designated hot coal pits must be used when disposing of barbeque coals.
- **Hiking Trail Maps:** A basic hiking trail map is located in the inside page of the Visitors Guide– it is the red line along the perimeter of the park map. Detailed hiking trail maps are available from Security. Please ask Security if clarification on directions are required. Hiking Trail/Tree Identification Guides are also available for your group's use. Please let Security know if you would like copies of this guide or pick up copies at the Information Desk in the Visitors Center.
- **Emergencies:** In case of an emergency, contact our 24-hour Security staff. Go to the Security Operation Center (where you checked in). Emergency phone calls can be made in the Security Operation Center.
- **Severe Weather:** Cantigny Security closely monitors the weather and will alert your group to any severe conditions approaching. In the event of severe weather, Security will escort everyone to a safe location.
- **Departing:** When you are prepared to leave, please go to the Security Operation Center and let them know you are ready to depart and they will check you out. Please leave the campsite in as good a shape, or better, than you found it. "Leave No Trace"

Questions, or to schedule overnight camping, please call 630 260 8162