

Lynchburg Parks & Rec

Free Environmental Education...

- Offered All Year round "Nature Zone" (Miller Center, 301 Grove Street, Lynchburg, Va. 24501) Noon til 4:00 every Friday and Saturday
- look and observe – participate in activities on display – go through all the super cool discovery drawers – check out the animals – knowledgeable trained staff member always available.
- June – August "Ivy Creek Park" (118 Clemmons Lake Place, Lynchburg, Va. 24501)
 - 10:30 – 4:30 on Saturdays
 - 1:00 – 4:30 on SundaysVisit/explore log cabin on site that features lots of "discovery bags" – guidelines for self guided outdoor adventure around the park. Naturalist available during these open times.
Questions: NatureOutdoors@lynchburgva.gov 434-455-5828

Girl Scout Badges/Programs

Brownie: Letterboxer, Bugs

Junior: Animal Habitats, EcoCamper, Flowers

Cadette: Trees, Night Owl, Primitive Camper, Animal Helpers, Archery

Senior: Adventure Camper, Sky, EcoExplorer

Ambassador: Survival Camper, EcoAdvocate

Cost: Approx \$50 - \$60 per hour (group size ranges from 15 – 25 max)
Depending on location (Nature Zone vs other locations)

Other Educational Programs offered:

1. **"Creek Critters"** for B/J/C – April through September – Join a naturalist at Peaks View Park to get hands on experience with creek critters living in Cheese Creek. The girls will collect and study macroinvertebrates, run water quality tests, learn about watersheds and more.
2. **"Birding 101"** for J/C/S/A and offered all year round. Girls will build a better understanding of birds and migration – search the sky and trees for birds while hiking the trails with a naturalist – learn about bird identification, bird habits, how to use binoculars and more.
3. **"Maple Sugaring"** for D/B/J/C/S/A offered January and February. Girls will learn how to identify trees to be tapped, demonstrate how to tap a tree, learn the history and process of maple sugaring...
4. **"Indoor Archery"** Cadettes, Length 2 hours/max 15. Students will learn about recurve and compound bows, proper handling, shooting techniques, range safety, as

well as plenty of practice time. All equipment provided. Location: Armstrong Gym – Bedford Avenue - Lynchburg

5. **“Canoe Adventures”** Grade Level Cadette, Senior and Ambassador. Time May – September/1 ½ to 2 hours. Max participants: 16. Explore watershed ecosystems up close and personal. Students will learn proper canoe strokes and maneuvers as well as what biotic and abiotic factors are in a water system. Check with GSVSC Programs to make sure this facility has been vetted.