

Landis Valley Scout Badge Workshops

Dyenanamic Colors

Learn about 18th and 19th century Pennsylvania Dutch use of dyes for clothing. Scouts will prepare a dye bath from plant material and then try their hands at dyeing a piece of cotton cloth or wool. Scouts will take home information on identifying and utilizing the many natural dye materials traditionally used by Pennsylvania Germans.

Length of workshop: 45 minutes

Number of scouts: 10-25

Recommended for ages: 8-14

Landis Valley Farm Life

Explore two different farms representing two different eras. Meet several varieties of farm animals, study their care and purposes, and gather lots of farming information from Landis Valley's resident farmer. Scouts will be given a packet of heirloom seeds to grow at home.

Length of workshop: 45 minutes

Number of scouts: 10-25

Recommended for ages: 8-16

From Wool to Weaving

Scouts will hear the story of wool processing 1800s style, from the sheep to cloth. They will then have an opportunity to try carding fresh wool, spinning wool into yarn, and weaving on a loom. Scouts can visit and learn about several types of sheep, and will be given some wool and instructions to build their own drop spindle.

Length of workshop: 45 minutes

Number of scouts: 10-25

Recommended for ages: 8-14

Early American Decorative Arts

Tour the Landis Brothers' home and study several decorative art techniques of the 1800's first hand. Later, scouts will decoratively paint their own wood trinket box using several decorative arts techniques.

Length of workshop: 90 minutes

Number of scouts: 10-25

Recommended for ages: 10-16

Pennsylvania German Cooking

Scouts will cook traditional recipes in our open hearth, churn their own butter, and learn about PA German foods. Scouts will have ample opportunity to explore several kitchens from various eras, and will take home a collection of traditional PA German recipes.

Length of workshop: 90-120 minutes

Number of scouts: 10-15

Recommended for ages: 10-16

Tossed Treasures: Digging up the Past

This workshop allows scouts to explore the work of archaeologists at a created "dig." Scouts will study archaeology terms, find and classify objects, and then draw conclusions about their finds. They will learn not only about the past but discover how even today's lives can be studied through thrown away items. Scouts can take part in a self-directed on-grounds scavenger hunt for historical objects.

Length of workshop: 45 minutes

Number of scouts: 10-25

Recommended for ages: 10-16

Pennsylvania German Folk Art

Scouts are given the opportunity to learn about and explore one of several folk art traditions. Leaders may choose Fraktur, Scherenschnitte (paper cutting), or Reverse Glass Painting. Scouts will be able to take part in a scavenger hunt for folk art examples, and will take home directions to complete other folk art pieces.

Length of workshop: 90 minutes

Number of scouts: 10-25

Recommended for ages: 10-16

Additional Custom-tailored workshops may also be arranged.