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### SCOUTING OUT A SUPER TIME AT NORTHWEST TREK ON APRIL 25

TACOMA, Wash. - Looking for badges to add to your sash or vest? Birding – we have that! Hiking, check. Bugs (*ewww - okay, actually we think bugs are cool*), we have you covered.

For the first time ever, Northwest Trek Wildlife Park is offering a Super Scouts Day on April 25 where Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts can spend the day exploring habitats and working on a variety of badge components.

In addition, all participants completing a badge requirement will earn a special Northwest Trek activity patch.

Scouts of all ages will enjoy this special day at a discounted admission of \$11. For each Scout ticket, you can purchase up to five additional non-scout tickets at the discounted rate.



“This is something that the Scouts have been wanting for a long time,” said Jessica Moore, Education and Conservation Curator at Northwest Trek. “We’re so thrilled we can finally offer this.”

Stations will be set up all around the park, and participants can come any time during the event, which will take place **April 25 from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.** Scouts will have a chance to earn one or more badges during the day, and each station will have an attendant to help with the work. All earned badges are the responsibility of the troop and will not be provided by Northwest Trek.

Moore stressed that the number of slots for scouts is limited and individuals or troops must pre-register at [www.nwtrek.org](http://www.nwtrek.org).

The available activities are as follows:

**Girl Scout Badges:** Brownie Hiker Badge, Brownie Bugs Badge, Junior Animal Habitat Badge, Junior Flowers Badge, Junior Geocacher Badge (step 4 only), and Cadette Trees Badge.

**Boy Scout Badges:** Cub Scout Achievement 5 – Sharing Your



World with Wildlife, Cub Scout Hiking Belt Loop, Cub Scout Forester Merit Badge, Boy Scout Bird Study Merit Badge (requirements 1-3, 7 & 8 only), and Boy Scout Plant Merit Badge.

## **SCOUT CAMPS**

In addition to Super Scout Day, it's not too late to sign up for another premiere event at Northwest Trek for Scouts – overnight camps for Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts.

Boys and Girl Scout troops will get a first-time opportunity this summer to experience Northwest Trek Wildlife Park through a series of overnight camps.

The Girl Scout Camps begin in July and wrap up in August. The Boy Scout camps are held in mid- to late July. Scouts will practice their camping skills, including tent setup and cooking over an open fire, plus “scout” out wildlife on special tours around Northwest Trek.

### **Girl Scout Camps**

- July 17-18: Mommy, Me & Moose for Daisies and Brownies (Kindergarten-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade)
- July 31-Aug. 1: Junior Moose Adventure for Juniors (4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades)
- Aug. 7-8: Hanging Loose with a Moose for Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors. (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades)

### **Boy Scout Camps (All Ages)**

- July 10-11
- July 24-25

There is a limit of 30 individuals per camp, so register today at [www.nwtrek.org](http://www.nwtrek.org).

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*Northwest Trek, accredited by the Association of Zoos & Aquariums, is a 725-acre zoological park dedicated to conservation, education and recreation by displaying, interpreting and researching native Northwest wildlife and their natural habitats. The wildlife park is a facility of Metro Parks Tacoma and is located 35 miles southeast of Tacoma off State Highway 161.*