

IT'S BACK!!! THE BLUESPRING CAVERNS OVERNIGHT ADVENTURE!



Are you ready to test your sense of adventure? Did you know that there's an amazing other world right under your feet? Want to explore a land millions of years in the making? Then hop on the bus and head down, down, down to Bluespring Caverns in Southern Indiana's Cave Country. Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois is seeking out Girl Scout Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors who are interested in spending a weekend 100 feet down in the beautiful and majestic limestone caves of Bedford, Indiana for an overnight experience you'll never forget. Spaces fill quickly, so don't wait! Here are some of the details:

Who: Girl Scout Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors

Adult Chaperones: **See below

What: Overnight Adventure

Where: Bluespring Caverns, Bedford, Indiana

When: April 21-22, 2012

Maximum participants: 46 girls/10 adults (see adult registration guidelines below)

Departing: By charter bus from the Elgin Service Center at 12N124 Coombs Rd, Elgin,

IL at 9:30 A.M. on Saturday, April 21, 2012.

Arrival: Bluespring Caverns @ approximately 5 P.M. EST

Activities: Enter the cave around 7 P.M. and head to Canyon Hall

- Take the Myst'ry River Voyage guided boat tour through the caverns
- Learn how to safely explore a cave from the expert staff at BSC
- Spelunk your way through areas of the cave NOT available on their regular tours
- See an underground slideshow that will let you experience the deepest parts of the cave unseen to most people's eyes
- Sleep right in Bluespring Cavern in the Canyon Hall bunks (restroom facilities available inside the cave)
- Eat breakfast in the cave

Arrival: Back at the Elgin Service Center around 3:00 P.M. on Sunday, April 22nd.

Cost: \$80 per person (Cookie/S'more Dough can be used for this event)

Includes: Charter bus to and from the event, the cost of the Overnight Adventure program, pizza before entering the cave, breakfast on Sunday morning and a caving patch. Girls will be responsible for providing their own lunch on Saturday and lunch on Sunday. They may bring a cooler to put on the bus. There is also the Cave Inn inside the cavern where girls can purchase snacks, drinks and hot dogs for an additional cost.

Registration: Begins Friday, January 13 and ends Wednesday, February 15.

Troop and/or individual registrations.

Non-refundable deposit due at time of registration: \$30 per person

Balance of event cost due by: Friday, April 13, 2012 (Cookie/S'more Dough can be used for this event)

This opportunity is only available to large groups. The weekend of April 21st is a Girl Scout only weekend at the cave. It will be a great adventure opportunity and a chance to meet other Girl Scouts from around our council.

**** In order to provide this adventure to as many girls as possible, the following girl/adult ratios must be followed:**

- Individual girl registrations are welcome
- Adult registration is only available when registering a troop/group of 6 or more girls
- Troop registration requires 6 or more girls.
- Troop registration requires adult registration meeting the following girl/adult ratios—1 adult for 6 to 8 girls; 2 adults for 9 to 16 girls; 3 adults for 17 to 24; and so on. Registrations not following these guidelines will NOT be processed.
- Additional adults wishing to go may be placed on a waiting list. Only those adults not placed from the waiting list will receive a refund (not the entire troop). There are no guarantees of attending if you're on the waiting list.
- All girls registering from one troop will be considered one registration even if registered separately.
- Adults attending **MUST** be willing to chaperone all girl participants not just their own troop members and sign a chaperone agreement.
- Adult supervision of individually registered girls and troops/groups of less than 6 will be provided.
- Due to lack of separate sleeping arrangements, male participants will not be allowed on this trip.

Troop/group registrations not following the above guidelines will not be processed.

Interested in being the trip leader for the Bluespring Caverns trip? Contact Brooke Radford at the phone number below. A portion of the trip costs will be covered for the trip leader.

For questions regarding the Bluespring Caverns Overnight Adventure, contact Brooke Radford, Program Specialist, at the Elgin Service Center by email at bradford@girlscoutsni.org or by phone at 847-741-5521 Ext. 7147.

