

self-guided outdoor adventures

Explore at your own pace with these convenient, budget-friendly, outdoor activities during building hours. Children should be accompanied by an adult.

TRAIL PACKS *ages 3 - 8*
Try a variety of fun, themed, seasonal activities and tools to guide your explorations. Packs available for a \$2 rental fee.

WOODLAND BINGO *ages 7 & up*
Explore the Emily Oaks trails with a scavenger-hunt list. Then create your own Bingo card with the items found, and play the game with your group. One Bingo kit for 10 people is \$5.

GEOCACHING *ages 8 & up*
Use a hand-held GPS unit to find hidden geocaches throughout the Nature Center! Guidebooks are \$1 each; GPS units available for a \$5 rental fee (or bring your own).



SNOWSHOEING *ages 6 & up*
Get out and actively enjoy the wonders of winter! With a snow base of four inches or more, snowshoes are available to use on-site for a \$4-\$5 hourly rental fee (or bring your own).

seasonal special events

Learn and play at an Emily Oaks event! Celebrate each season with casual fun and fellowship. Per-person admission fee may apply. For all ages.

SPRING Earth Day Celebration
Sunday in April closest to the 22nd. Participate in engaging discovery activities, eat wholesome food, purchase native plants, and celebrate the earth as a vessel of life!

SUMMER Pancake Breakfast in the Woods
Sunday morning in early July, 8:30 a.m.-Noon. Take a walk on the trails, and then get your fill of delicious pancakes in the great outdoors.



FALL Things That Go Bump in the Night
Friday and Saturday, two weeks prior to Halloween. This is a fun and non-frightening way to meet the plants and animals of Emily Oaks! Conclude by a campfire with snacks and songs.

WINTER Winter Chilly Fest
The second weekend in February. Enjoy an evening of outdoor ice skating (weather permitting) and winter fun and games under the stars, as well as a cozy chili dinner

You're invited to create Winter Treats for local wildlife!

plan your visit

Reservations are required for all groups. Please make reservations as early as possible, but no later than one week in advance of the desired activity date. **To schedule an activity, call Emily Oaks Nature Center at (847) 674-1500, ext. 2500.** For more information, e-mail School-age Program Coordinator Jill Flaherty at JFlaherty@SkokieParks.org.

NATURE DISCOVERY ACTIVITIES

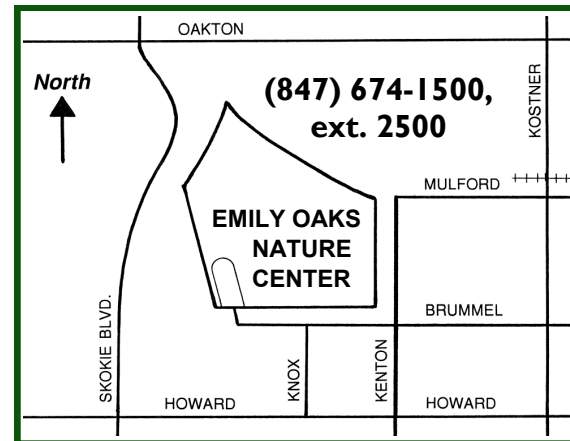
	<u>Resident</u>	<u>Non-resident</u>
Activity Fee	\$3.25/child	\$4.00/child
Minimum Fee	\$32.50/group	\$40.00/group

OUTDOOR SKILLS ACTIVITIES

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Activity Fee	\$4.00/child	\$5.00/child
Minimum Fee	\$32.00/group	\$40.00/group

Additional fee may apply for supplies.

Please note that when activities take place outdoors, alternative indoor activities may not be available in the event of rain or inclement weather. We will do our best to reschedule your visit should you need to cancel.



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with the Natural World*

Scout & Youth Group Activities



Enjoy outdoor skills & nature exploration to earn badges!

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nature discovery

These activities are limited to 25 participants.
Minimum fees apply to groups of 10 children or less.

EARTHWALK

ages 6-10

1 hour

Reawaken your senses on a special walk in the woodland! Use Rainbow Chips to see incredible colors outdoors, share Prickly and Ticky touches with a friend, and Scratch 'n Sniff the wonderful smells outdoors, among other seasonal activities.

WOODLAND BINGO

ages 7-10

1 hour

Explore outdoors while searching for specific natural items with a scavenger-hunt list. After filling blank Bingo cards with pictures of the items found, play the game with your group.



EARTH STUDIOS

ages 7-10

1 hour

Create your own artistic masterpieces in a special outdoor space, using natural materials and inspiration from the environment. Conclude with a gallery tour of all the artwork.

MICRO-PARKS

ages 8-10

1 hour

Using a special park building kit, set up your own park (2'x2') with flags marking the amazing, tiny natural wonders found there. Take tours of other parks and invite visitors into your Micro-Park!

TWILIGHT TRAILBLAZERS

ages 8-11

1 1/4 hours

Experience Emily Oaks at night! Travel the trails with a naturalist to discover sights and sounds of the evening, and end by a campfire to celebrate your endeavors as an official Twilight Trailblazer.

outdoor skills

These activities are limited to 12 participants,
except as noted. Minimum fees apply to
groups of eight children or less.

LET'S GO HIKING!

ages 6-9

2 hours

Prepare for a fun hiking adventure on the Emily Oaks trails! Learn how to choose the right gear to bring, plan a route on a trail map, practice safety strategies, and prepare a healthy snack. As we hike, we'll play an alphabet scavenger hunt and other games. Maximum 25 participants.
Special fee: Res \$4.50/child NR \$5.50/child

BUILD A BIRD HOUSE / FEEDER

ages 7-12

1 3/4 hours

Use a hammer and nails to build your own wooden project for local birds! In spring and summer, learn about bird nesting habits and needs, then build a small bird house. In fall and winter, discover how different birds find food in cold weather, and then build a small bird feeder with birdseed. *This activity takes place indoors.*
Special fee: Res \$10.00/child NR \$12.50/child

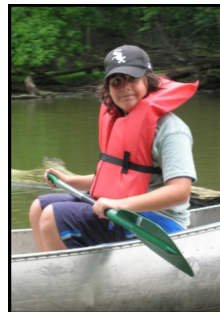
CAN YOU CANOE?

ages 8-12

2 hours

May to mid-October

Learn basic canoe safety and practice paddling skills with a trained instructor. Then load the canoes with a partner and paddle around the Emily Oaks pond! All equipment is provided.
Special fee: Res \$7.00/child
NR \$8.75/child



FIRE BUILDING

ages 8-12

1 1/2 hours

Practice important outdoor fire safety, then learn how to build and tend an A-frame fire. Celebrate by roasting marshmallows over your fire before safely extinguishing the flames.

CLASSIC COMPASS

ages 8-12

1 1/2 hours

Navigate like historic explorers! Learn how to read a compass to find your direction, and then follow an orienteering trail while exploring the outdoors.

GEOCACHING

ages 8-12

2 hours

Discover the science behind global positioning systems, and then use hand-held GPS units on an outdoor treasure hunt! Follow coordinates to caches in secret locations around Emily Oaks.



TIED UP IN KNOTS

ages 8-12

2 hours

Learn basic knots that are useful in outdoor adventures and everyday situations. Practice the overhand knot, square knot, slip knot, double half hitch, and more. Conclude with a knot-tying challenge. *This activity takes place indoors.*

POCKET KNIVES

ages 10-12

1 1/4 hours

Learn basic knife safety, and practice techniques for using a knife to cut, carve, shave and whittle. *This activity takes place indoors.*

OVERNIGHT CAMPOUT

ages 8-12

6 p.m.-10:30 a.m.

Spring & Fall

Weekends

Enjoy an outdoor tent camping experience at a site close to home! An Emily Oaks staff leads all activities, including tent setup, hiking, campfire and cooking; all camping equipment and food provided. *Campout dates are limited; registration opens at the beginning of each season.*

Special fee: Res \$28.00/child NR \$36.00/child

campfires

GROUND RENTALS

2 hours

Make your next group gathering or ceremony extraordinary! Three separate fire rings with adjoining shelters can be rented by non-profit groups for two hours. Campfire snacks are permitted. Firewood is provided.

Rental hours: Monday-Saturday 9 a.m.-10 p.m.
Sunday 11 a.m.-10 p.m.

Rental rates:	Resident	Non-resident
Under 50 people	\$35.00	\$45.00
Over 50 people	\$60.00	\$75.00

Reservations are accepted no earlier than three months in advance of the desired rental date, and must be made in person. Proof of non-profit status is requested.



INTERPRETIVE PROGRAMS

1 hour

Join storytelling, singing, learning, snacking and camaraderie around a fire, led by Emily Oaks staff. Programs are open to the public, and themes and dates change each season. Contact Emily Oaks for a program schedule. For all ages.

service projects

Emily Oaks is the perfect local natural area for a group project or an independent Eagle Scout project! Opportunities include maintaining picnic tables and benches, planting wildflowers and shrubs, improving trails, and helping with land restoration. Please call Emily Oaks to schedule a service project.