

Cub Scout Conservatory Camp-in Guide

Exhibits to Check Out

Chihuly: Celebrating Nature

Nature and art come together at Chihuly: Celebrating Nature presented by Nationwide and the Davis Foundation at Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens. The Conservatory is awash in the vibrant colors of stunning glass artwork by Dale Chihuly.



Blooms and Butterflies

Whisk away to an enchanted land of tropical butterflies flying throughout the Pacific Island Water Garden biome during the 26th annual Blooms & Butterflies exhibition. Hundreds of butterflies will fill the biome and a specialist will release a selection of individual butterflies twice daily at 1 and 3 PM.



Who can attend?

The program is designed for specific grades and scout levels: see Camp-In offerings for details. The Conservatory suggests 1 scout leader/adult representatives for every 5 participating scouts.

Sibling/Tag-a-long Policy

The Conservatory has partnered with Scouts BSA and Simon Kenton Council to offer these program opportunities to Cub Scouts. Space is limited, we kindly ask for no siblings or tag-a-longs for this overnight experience.

What to Expect

Camp-ins are sometimes held on Special Engagement evenings, meaning the Conservatory may be open to the public with paid admission. Participants will check in at [The Wells Barn](#) and receive a wristband designating them as a Camp-in participant. At check-in, your group will be directed to your “den” (your sleeping area). Following the welcome, groups can explore the Conservatory grounds, learn and play in the Children’s Garden and scope out all of the current exhibitions. We encourage large groups (over 10) to break up into smaller groups to explore. We suggest 1 adult representatives

for every 5 kids. During your exploration enjoy hands-on experiences and an evening campfire with s'mores and friends. Head back to the barn to enjoy downtime with your pack mates before bed. The Conservatory kindly asks for you to help us reduce our carbon footprint by recycling all materials possible-see signage or ask a staff member! Please bring a reusable water bottle and/or travel mug to refill as necessary. Thank you for helping us limit our impact on our natural world!

Event Outline*

Friday Evening

5:30-6:15pm	Check-in at The Well's Barn
6:15pm	Welcome and Introduction
6:30-9pm	Exploration of the Conservatory's current exhibitions with led stations to visit
9-10pm	Campfire *Groups may leave as they wish to The Wells Barn to get ready for bed
10-10:45pm	Setup den/Group down time at The Well's Barn
11pm	Lights Out

Saturday Morning

6:30am	Wakeup and pack up belongings
7-8am	Breakfast at The Wells Barn
7:30-9am	Early access to the Conservatory
9am	Depart The Wells Barn

*Subject to change

Sleeping Arrangements

Your "den" (sleeping area) is located inside The Wells Barn and will be pointed out to you during check-in. Dens are designated by your Cub Scout Pack Number. We do not separate by gender and leave sleeping arrangements of your pack up to leader/adult discretion. After check-in we ask you to leave belongings tucked against the wall and only unpack during the designated time. Sleeping areas are on the upper floor (wood) and lower floor (thin carpet) of The Wells Barn. We encourage you to bring a camp mat, yoga mat or inflatable bed. Please keep mats to the personal size, unless you are sharing it with another individual. Space is limited, we appreciate your understanding! Outlets are available for inflatable beds, medical equipment and for charging. Please feel free to bring snacks, books and games to enjoy with your pack/den during down time. We encourage campers to also bring a refillable water bottle to stay hydrated! Temperature varies depending on den location. We encourage sleeping layers for your personal temperature preference.

What to Bring?

All participants, kids and adults, are encouraged to dress in layers and for the weather. Please bring a change of clothing, appropriate footwear, spending money (optional), toiletries, sleeping bag, pillow, flashlight, reusable water bottle, games or books for downtime activities. We encourage all child participants to leave electronic and valuables at home. Don't forget your PJs: a top and a bottom! Temperature varies depending on den location. Again, we encourage sleeping layers for your personal temperature preference.

Adults/Leaders

We ask leaders to have/provide the following information

1. Emergency contact information for all of their participating den/pack members
2. Medications of any child under your care
3. A refillable travel mug for coffee and tea (optional)

4. A sense of adventure-we invite guest to learn and have fun right alongside their scout group!

Food*

Please eat dinner before you attend. An evening snack and continental breakfast is provided. The breakfast bar includes a grain (cereal or bagel), fruit and juice. Coffee and tea will be available for adults only in the evening and during breakfast. Have any picky eaters in your group? Feel free to bring additional snacks for your child or group.

*Provided food items are subject to change. Parents/guardians, please inform Franklin Park Conservatory of any special dietary requirements on the registration form.

Conservatory Expectations

We are glad to have your child/group at the Conservatory Camp-in! A few things to ensure a smooth visit and a quality experience for all. Pack leaders and adult representatives are responsible for all the kids in the pack. Adults, please relay and maintain the message of respect to the Conservatory space, plantings, scouts and other guests to all kids in your group. The Conservatory is a great place to explore, learn and experience new things; we ask that adults stay with their group at all times and enjoy the experience right alongside their Scouts! If you are in a large pack, we suggest you split into smaller groups with 1 adult supervisor per each 5 child participants during self-led exploration.

Parking

Parking is free and available at The Wells Barn. During drop-off please park and check-in at registration and with the adult representative responsible for your child. During pickup, please check-in with the adult representative responsible for your child.

Safety and First Aid

Please know, whether staying the night with your child or dropping off to another adult representative at the camp-in, the Conservatory prides itself on offering a fun and safe experience for all of our guests. The Conservatory's security and first aid team monitors the Conservatory 24/7. The Well's Barn is not a public space and is a locked facility maintained by security officers and cameras. Parents/guardians, please keep the number of your child's leader/representative handy, in case you need to reach your child. Camp-in parents/leaders, please have the contact numbers for all of the children in your group. We suggest one adult representative for every 5 kids.

Day of Cancellations

Please call Franklin Park Conservatory's security office at 614-715-8166 for day of cancellations. Conservatory camp-in staff has constant radio communication with the security team and will be notified.

Badges

A souvenir badge will be provided for all camp-in participants on Saturday morning. Leaders, please review your adventure needs, some requirements can be accomplished during the camp-in.

Questions?

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