### One Day Events for Girl Scout Brownies & Juniors:

#### Saturday, April 11, 2026 - Going Batty Patch for Brownies & Animal Habitats for Juniors

Explore Lincoln Caverns! Brownie Girl Scouts will learn about bats' ecological importance and common misconceptions. Discover local bat species and learn how to help them. Make a recycled bat craft and an educational poster. Junior Girl Scouts will earn the Animal Habitats Badge, learning about endangered species, cave habitats, and building a bat house (one per troop). Enjoy touring two beautiful crystal caverns.

https://lincolncaverns.com/event/brownie-going-batty-patch-or-girl-scout-junior-animal-habitats-badge/

### Saturday, May 9, 2026 - Letterboxer Badge for Brownies & Geocacher Badge for Juniors

Get ready for an adventurous day packed with exciting challenges and discoveries! Girl Scouts are invited to dive into the thrill of exploring orienteering skills with two amazing badge options. Choose the Letterboxer Badge for GS Brownies and uncover the art of crafting clues, learning fun vocabulary games, designing unique stamps, and hiding your very own letterbox treasure. Or opt for the Geocacher Badge for GS Juniors to master GPS technology, create a quirky pet rock trade item, track fascinating Travel Bugs, and hunt for hidden geocaches.

No matter which badge program you pick, the highlight of your journey will be an awe-inspiring tour through TWO magnificent crystal caverns. This unforgettable experience will spark curiosity, creativity, and teamwork, making it a day to cherish forever!

https://lincolncaverns.com/event/brownie-letterboxer-badge-or-girl-scout-junior-geocacher-badge/

## **Girl Scout Brownie Overnights:**

# <u>Saturday & Sunday, November 8-9, 2025 - Wonders of Water Journey Jumpstart with optional Eco-Friend</u>

Get ready to dive into the Wonders of Water... Underground! Brownie Girl Scouts are in for a splash-tastic adventure as they discover the magic of water and how we can protect it. You'll perform super cool, hands-on experiments, become poster creators, color your very own coloring book, and craft recycled water bottle creations. During this journey, you'll meet the requirements for Love Water and Save Water by exploring the fascinating world of cave conservation, cave-dwelling animals, and the secrets of cavern formation.

But that's not all! The most amazing part of your trip will be an awe-inspiring tour through TWO magnificent crystal caverns. You'll also enjoy fun workshops, "slumber party" style lodging, an evening snack, and a pizza lunch. Optional: Add even more excitement to your adventure by earning the Eco-Friend Badge. Learn how to build a campfire and master the principles of leave no trace. This journey is packed with fun, curiosity, and teamwork, making it an unforgettable experience. Visit our website at www.lincolncaverns.com to learn more and jumpstart your adventure!

https://lincolncaverns.com/event/brownie-wow-wonders-of-water-journey-jumpstart-2/

## <u>Saturday & Sunday, December 13 – 14, 2025 - Letterboxer Badge & Cave Explorer with optional</u> Going Batty Patch

Get ready for an adventure packed with excitement and exploration! Spend the day discovering the fun of letterboxing! Play an awesome game of hide and seek using clues and directions to find hidden treasures. Collect cool stamp images to record your discoveries! Use your creativity to make your own stamp. Working as a team, you'll hide a letterbox, write clues for its location, and find other hidden letterboxes.

Discover the secrets of cave animals, learn all about the awesome karst landscapes, and practice your caving crawls while mastering caving safety to earn the Junior Cave Explorer Patch.

The highlight of your trip? Touring TWO beautiful crystal caverns! This adventure includes fun workshops to earn badge/patch requirements, indoor "slumber party" style lodging, evening snack, and a yummy pizza lunch.

Optional: Add even more excitement by earning the Brownie Going Batty Patch. This is a super fun patch all about bats!

https://lincolncaverns.com/event/brownie-overnight-combo-1/

## <u>Saturday & Sunday, March 14-15, 2026 - Eco-Friend & Going Batty Patch with optional Fossil</u> Fun Patch

Get ready for an exciting evening learning all about everyone's favorite nighttime critters – bats! Bats are super important to our ecosystems, and we'll play games and do crafts to understand them better. Learn how we can be better neighbors to our furry friends.

On Sunday, dive into nature with a day full of outdoor adventures! You'll start with an awesome cave tour, followed by a nature hike to the campground. Learn how to build a campfire safely and play a nature game. We'll also chat about wildlife rehabilitation.

The highlight of your trip will be touring TWO beautiful crystal caverns. We'll have workshops to earn badge/patch requirements, "slumber party" style lodging, evening snack, and a pizza lunch.

Optional: Make your adventure even cooler by earning the Brownie Fossil Fun Patch. This patch is all about fossils and earth history! Visit our website www.lincolncaverns.com to learn more and start your adventure!

https://lincolncaverns.com/event/girl-scout-brownies-overnight-combo-2/

# <u>Saturday & Sunday, May 2-3, 2026 – Wonders of Water Journey Jumpstart with optional Rocks Rock Patch</u>

Get ready to splash into the Wonders of Water... Underground! Girl Scout Brownies are in for an amazing adventure as they uncover the magic of water and learn how to protect it. You'll dive into super cool experiments, become awesome poster creators, color your very own coloring book, and craft funky recycled water bottle creations. On this journey, you'll earn Love Water and Save Water portions of the Wonders of Water Journey by exploring the exciting world of cave conservation, discovering cave-dwelling animals, and unveiling the mysteries of cavern formation.

But that's just the beginning! The most thrilling part of your trip will be a jaw-dropping tour through TWO stunning crystal caverns. You'll also enjoy fun workshops, "slumber party" style lodging,

evening snack, and a pizza lunch. Optional: Add even more excitement by earning the Rocks Rock Patch. Learn about mapping and how we use rocks in our everyday lives. This journey is packed with fun, curiosity, and teamwork, making it an unforgettable experience.

https://lincolncaverns.com/event/brownie-wow-wonders-of-water-journey-jumpstart-3/

## Saturday & Sunday, June 6 – 7, 2026 - Eco-Friend & Letterboxer Badges with optional Rocks Rock Patch

Spend the day outdoors learning about nature and letterboxing! Tour the cave, hike to the campground, learn fire safety, play a nature game around the campfire, and discuss wildlife rehabilitation. Play a hide & seek game with clues, collect stamp images, and create your own stamp. Work as a team to hide and find letterboxes. The trip includes tours of two crystal caverns, workshops for badge/patch requirements, indoor lodging, an evening snack, and lunch. Optional: Add the Brownie Rocks Rock Patch to learn about geology. Visit our website for more information: <a href="https://www.lincolncaverns.com">www.lincolncaverns.com</a>.

https://lincolncaverns.com/event/brownie-eco-friend-and-letterboxer/

## **Girl Scout Junior Overnights:**

### Saturday & Sunday, October 11 – 12, 2025 – Ghosts & Goblins with Animal Habitats Badge

Get ready to scream with delight as our spooky friends take you on a haunted adventure through Lincoln Caverns! You'll have a blast playing games, making crafts, and exploring the eerie haunted trail at night. Brave THREE haunted attractions and discover the natural beauty of a cave with a tour through Whisper Rocks.

But the fun doesn't stop there! On Sunday, dive into the Animal Habitats Badge program where you'll learn all about why animals live where they do and how we can help protect their homes. You'll discuss cave animals and habitats, create a cool poster about endangered species, and even build a bat house to put up in your community! (one per troop)

And don't worry about a thing - we've got your sleeping accommodation covered with a slumber party-style setup in the visitors' center. Plus, you'll enjoy yummy Halloween treats, Saturday supper, an evening snack, and Sunday lunch. It's going to be an unforgettable spooky weekend!

https://lincolncaverns.com/event/ghosts-goblins-party-for-juniors/

# Saturday & Sunday, November 15 – 16, 2025 - Animal Habitats & Geocacher Badges with optional Geology Rocks Badge

Get ready for an underground adventure like no other! Earn not one, but two badges during this exciting weekend event. In the Geocacher badge program, you'll learn how to use a GPS unit to find hidden treasures. You'll become a geo-slang pro, track a Travel Bug, make fun trade items, and go on a thrilling scout-themed geocaching hunt.

But that's not all! In the Animal Habitats badge program, you'll discover why animals live where they do and how we can protect their homes. You'll chat about cool cave animals and habitats, create an awesome poster about endangered species, and even build a bat house to help our furry flying friends. (one per troop)

This event includes an amazing presentation about cave conservation, cave animals, and how caverns are formed. The highlight of your trip? Touring TWO stunning crystal caverns! Plus, you'll enjoy fun workshops to complete your badge/patch requirements, "slumber party" style lodging, an evening snack, and a pizza lunch.

Want to add even more excitement? Go for the Geology Rocks Patch! Dive into the world of rocks, fossils, and soil with super cool activities. And guess what? Each girl will make a fossil cast to take home as a souvenir.

Don't miss out on this unforgettable adventure!

https://lincolncaverns.com/event/girl-scout-juniors-overnight-combo-1/

# <u>Saturday & Sunday, March 28 – 29, 2026 - Going Batty & Jr. Cave Explorer Patches with optional Geocacher Badge</u>

Get ready to go batty and explore the wonders of caves with our Going Batty and Jr. Cave Explorer Patch Combo! Dive into the fascinating world of cave animals, learn essential caving safety tips, and get the lowdown on karst topography with the Junior Cave Explorer Patch. Add some bat-tastic fun as you uncover why bats are incredible neighbors and how we can support them in the Going Batty Patch program. Each troop will even build a bat house to take back to their community!

This event also features an awesome presentation about cave conservation, cave critters, and how these amazing caverns were formed. The highlight of your adventure? Touring, not one, but TWO stunning crystal caverns! Along the way, you'll enjoy interactive workshops to complete your badge and patch requirements, slumber party-style accommodations, an evening snack, and a pizza lunch.

Want to add even more excitement? Go for the Geocacher Badge! Learn to navigate like a pro using a GPS unit, pick up some cool geo-slang, track a Travel Bug, make awesome trade items, and embark on a thrilling scout-themed geocaching hunt.

Don't miss out on this unforgettable underground adventure!

https://lincolncaverns.com/event/girl-scout-junior-overnight-combo-4/

## <u>Saturday & Sunday, April 18 – 19, 2026 – Geocacher & Animal Habitats Badges with optional Jr.</u> Cave Explorer Patch

Get ready for an epic underground adventure! This weekend combo event is packed with fun as you earn not one, but two awesome badges. The Geocacher badge program is a blast, teaching you how to use a GPS unit to find coordinates. You'll learn cool geo-slang, track a Travel Bug, make fun trade items, and go on an exciting scout-themed geocaching hunt.

But that's not all! In the Animal Habitats badge program, you'll dive into why animals live where they do and how we can protect their homes. Chat about amazing cave critters and habitats, create a fantastic poster about endangered species, and build a bat house to help our nocturnal friends. (one per troop)

Plus, you'll enjoy a fantastic presentation on cave conservation, cave animals, and cavern formation. The highlight of your trip? Touring, not one, but TWO stunning crystal caverns! Along the way, participate in fun workshops to complete your badge and patch requirements. Enjoy slumber party-style accommodations, an evening snack, and a delicious pizza lunch.

Want even more excitement? Add the Junior Cave Explorer Patch! You'll get to learn all about caving basics, safety, and cave animals. Don't miss out on this unforgettable adventure!

https://lincolncaverns.com/event/girl-scout-juniors-overnight-combo-2/

## <u>Saturday & Sunday, May 16 – 17, 2026 – Geocacher Badge & Going Batty Patch with optional</u> Geology Rocks Patch

Get ready for a super fun underground adventure that you won't forget! Earn your Geocacher badge by learning to use a GPS to find hidden treasures. You'll pick up cool geo-slang, track a Travel Bug, make awesome trade items, and go on an exciting scout-themed geocaching hunt!

With the Going Batty Patch, discover why bats are such amazing neighbors and what we can do to help them. Each troop will even build a bat house to take back to their community!

We'll have a fantastic presentation about cave conservation, cave animals, and how these incredible caves were formed. The highlight of your trip will be exploring TWO stunning crystal caverns!

Join fun workshops to complete your badge and patch requirements, enjoy a slumber party-style sleepover, an evening snack, and a pizza lunch.

Want even more excitement? Add the Geology Rocks Patch and learn all about rocks, fossils, and soil. You don't want to miss out on all this fun!

https://lincolncaverns.com/event/girl-scout-juniors-overnight-combo-3/

### **Girl Scout Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors:**

#### Saturday - Sunday, October 18 - 19, 2025 - Ghosts & Goblins with Directions Matter Patch

Get ready for a spine-chilling adventure as our spooky friends take you on a haunted tour through Lincoln Caverns. Play thrilling games, make cool crafts, and brave the haunted trail at night! You'll even get a fascinating presentation about cave formation, cave life, and cave conservation. Plus, you'll explore the majestic Whisper Rocks to experience the natural beauty of a cave.

On Sunday, sharpen your navigation skills with an awesome orienteering course, learn to use a GPS, and embark on an epic geocaching hunt to complete the Directions Matter Patch. Craft materials for each girl are included, making this experience even more creative and fun.

Sleepover accommodations are slumber party style in the visitor's center, adding to the excitement! And don't worry, we've got you covered with Halloween treats, Saturday supper, evening snacks, and Sunday lunch. Don't miss out on this unforgettable Halloween weekend adventure!

https://lincolncaverns.com/event/ghosts-goblins-party-for-girl-scout-teens/

### <u>Friday – Sunday, November 21 – 23, 2025 – Explore More & Going Batty Patches</u>

Get ready for an epic adventure at Lincoln Caverns! Dive into the exciting underground world learning about exploration! Learn all about cave expeditions, daring explorers, and essential caving safety. Combine the Explore More Patch with the Going Batty Patch to discover how cool cave exploration leads to awesome scientific discoveries and connects with cave biology. You'll have a blast learning about different

bat species and even get to build a bat house with your troop to take back to your community! (one per troop)

This event features an awesome presentation on cave conservation, cave animals, and how these magnificent caverns formed. The highlight of your trip? Touring TWO stunning crystal caverns! Plus, you'll enjoy fun workshops to earn your patches, "slumber party" style lodging, evening snacks, and delicious lunch-time meals. Don't miss out on this unforgettable adventure!

https://lincolncaverns.com/event/november-weekend-for-girl-scout-teens-2/

### Friday – Sunday, February 20 – 22, 2026 – Geology Rocks & Explore More Patches

Discover the underground environment with this Patch combo at Lincoln Caverns. The Geology Rocks Patch educates participants about various fields in geosciences, where each person begins their own rock collection by learning to identify rocks through their properties. Soil and groundwater conservation, as well as earth history and fossils are topics covered in this program. In the Explore More program, participants will learn about cave exploration, cave explorers, and caving basics. Caving expeditions often involve scientific research, which participants will experience by engaging in a series of experiments in the cave. This event includes a presentation on cave conservation, cave animals, and cavern formation. The visit features tours of two crystal caverns. Workshops to fulfill patch requirements, indoor "slumber party" style lodging, evening snack, and lunch-time meals are included.

https://lincolncaverns.com/event/february-weekend-for-girl-scout-teens/

## Friday - Sunday, April 24 - 26, 2026 - Going Batty & Directions Matter Patches

Explore the world of bats at Lincoln Caverns! Girls will learn about bat species, conservation, and build a bat house for the Going Batty Patch. Each troop will take home a bat house to install in their community. (one per troop)

The "Directions Matter" patch covers mapping, geocaching, and letterboxing. Girls will make a letterboxing craft and join a special geocache hunt.

This event includes a cave conservation presentation, information on cave animals and formations, and tours of two crystal caverns.

Workshops meet patch requirements, and the event includes indoor lodging, an evening snack, and lunch-time meals.

https://lincolncaverns.com/event/april-weekend-for-girl-scout-teens/