All our programs include OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES.

Keep in mind that it is often much cooler and windier at the coast than at your home.

Dress appropriately for the weather and plan to go outside rain or shine.

We require closed-toed shoes or hiking boots. Depending on the program, Scouts may need to wear footwear that can get wet or rubber rain boots.

Sunblock, a hat, and water bottle are recommended during the warmer months.

The Coastal Center will not cancel programs in light-to-moderate rain or snow. We believe there is ample opportunity for learning in this environment and provides Scouts a unique opportunity to explore nature in various weather conditions.

We do not conduct outdoor programs under the following conditions: thunder and lightning in the area, heavy rain, high winds, sleet, or temperatures below 35°F.

All participants will adhere to program leader instructions provided while onsite.

Scout leader(s) must remain with the group for the duration of the program.

We are a Pack It In & Pack It Out facility. If you choose to bring a snack, you may eat it on our porch. Please bring a bag to take wrappers, etc. back with you.

The Coastal Center at Milford Point provides programs that meets the needs of scouts and their leaders.

Our teacher naturalists will lead your scouts through a fun-filled, hands-on science based program. Discover the unique habitats, wildlife, and topography of the Coastal Center while earning badge requirements. Badges not included.

When: Programs may be scheduled for weekdays and weekends based on availability.

Program time: 90 minutes

Fee: $100 for the first 10 scouts, then $10/scout to a maximum of 20 scouts per group (this number includes siblings). Adults and chaperones free. Siblings over age 4 will be considered participants and charged at the scout rate ($10).

Program content, merit badge, and conservation project questions:
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My Tiger Jungle:
Look! Listen! There are plants and animals all around us. Learn to use a magnifying glass to explore your 1-foot hike. Go on a scavenger hunt looking for signs of animals, identifying birds, and listening for the sounds of nature.
We will help your scouts accomplish requirements: #1, 2, 3, 5. *Program does not include #4: building a birdhouse. We can provide ideas and plans for you to use at home.

Tigers In the Wild:
Bring your gear and hike the habitats! Play Habitat Bingo and search for trees, plants, and animals that call the Coastal Center habitats their home.
We will help your scouts accomplish requirements: #1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7. * Program does not include #5: outdoor pack meeting or campout campfire, skits/songs with scouts.

Paws on the Path:
Discuss the essentials of planning a safe hike. Play the “Pack the Gear” relay. Use your Scouting outdoor skills and learn to identify plants and animals as we hike the habitats of the Coastal Center.
We will help your scouts accomplish requirements: #1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7. Program does not include #8.

Fur, Feathers, and Ferns:
Hike and explore where wild creatures live and discover what we can do to help them. Learn to use binoculars and observe animals from a distance. Get an up close look at nature with a magnifying glass. Visit our Pollinator Garden and uncover the magic of composting.
We will help your scouts accomplish requirements: #1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6. * Program does not include #7 planting a vegetable/herb garden.

Earth Rocks!
What’s the difference between rocks and minerals? We’ll use a variety of tools and tests to identify the mystery rocks and minerals, go on a scavenger hunt for geological building materials and learn more about the geology of Milford Point.
We will help your scouts accomplish requirements: #1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7a, 8. Program will not include #4: creating a mineral test kit.

Into the Woods:
Yes, indeed there are plenty of trees and plants at the Coastal Center! Discover the important role trees and plants play in an ecosystem. Learn to identify trees and plants, explore how animals and humans use them, and why we should care for them.
We will help your scouts accomplish requirements: #1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7. Program does not include requirement #5: Develop a plan to care for and then plant at least one plant or tree, either indoors in a pot or outdoors. Tell how this plant or tree helped the environment in which it is planted and what the plant or tree will be used for.

Into the Wild:
Go “into the wild” to explore the aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems of the Coastal Center. Observe birds, insects, invertebrates, and more. We’ll uncover where they are going and what they are doing.
We will help your scouts accomplish requirements: #3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9a. Program includes a discussion only of the care and keeping of our education animals related to requirements #1: collect and care for an animal and requirement #2: set-up of an aquarium/terrarium. Program does not observe birds for one week with scouts (#3), however, we will search for birds on our hike.