

A Little About Ijams

Ijams Nature Center is a nature and wildlife sanctuary and environmental education center with over 175 acres of protected woodlands and meadows, five miles of nature trails, and a boardwalk on the Tennessee river. Ijams' Visitor Center houses an Exhibit Hall and shop and hosts public programs, live animal presentations, and naturalist-led tours. Ijams programs address topics such as air quality, bats, bugs, solid waste, nature, environment, owls, and more.

Ijams Nature Center's mission is to develop and maintain the park as a wildlife sanctuary. Ijams seeks to increase knowledge, understanding, and appreciation of the natural world by providing quality environmental educational programs and nature-related experiences for all people.



From Downtown Knoxville via Henley Street

Take the Henley street bridge south to Baptist Hospital. Turn left onto Blount Avenue. Bear right onto Sevier Avenue. Follow Sevier Avenue. After passing through two traffic lights turn left onto Island Home Avenue. Follow Island Home Avenue, which turns right by the entrance to Island Home Park. Follow green directional signs to Ijams.

From Interstate 40W

Take James White Pkwy Exit (388A)

Continue on two left lanes down James White Parkway

Cross over the TN River and take the Sevier Ave./Hillwood Dr.

exit. Turn Left onto Sevier Ave. (turns into Hillwood Dr.)

Turn Right onto Island Home Ave. (at bottom of hill)

Ijams is approximately 1 mile on the Left

From Interstate 40E

Take Hall of Fame Dr. exit (389) and turn Left (South) onto Hall

of Fame Dr. Turn Left on Hill Ave. (8th stop light). Turn Right

onto 71S (James White Pkwy.) Merge Left onto James White

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Scouting at Ijams Nature Center



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**Contact Sarah Brobst for more
information.**
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Scouting History at Ijams

Scouting has a long history at Ijams Nature Center. Scouting was something that the Ijams family embraced and enjoyed. After the tragic death of Mary Ijams in 1932, the Ijams family designated a portion of their land to be used as a Girl Scout summer day camp, Camp Mary Ijams.

Through the years, scouting has flourished at Ijams Nature Center with dozens of boy and girl scouts visiting every year. Incorporating the motto "be prepared," Ijams offers diverse programming ranging in ability, age, and educational subject. We hope that you will try scouting at Ijams Nature Center!



Possible badges that we can do here at Ijams Nature Center:

Girl Scouts

- Earth Connections
- Eco– Action
- Finding your Way
- Hiker
- Outdoor Creativity
- Plants and Animals
- Wildlife
- Your Outdoor Surroundings
- Drawing and Painting
- Rocks Rock
- Science Discovery
- Sky Search
- Water Wonders

Brownies

- Animals
- Earth and Sky
- Eco- Explorer
- Movers
- Outdoor Adventurer
- Plants
- Science in Action
- Science wonders
- Watching Wildlife
- Water Everywhere

Boy Scout Merit Badges

- Fish and Wildlife Management
- Bird Study
- Environmental Study
- Geology
- Mammal Study
- Nature
- Plant Science
- Reptile and Amphibian Study

Webelos

- Forester
- Naturalist
- Geologist

Bear Cubs

- Sharing your world w/ wildlife

Wolf Cubs

- Birds and Poisonous Plants
- Recycling

Tiger Cubs

American Heritage Girls

Daisy Girl Scouts

We can work with any group to complete their scouting needs and requirements.

We can do any of the above workshops plus others if we are sent the requirements needed. Most workshops are scheduled ahead of time to incorporate many groups but it is also possible to bring your troop/pack/den out to complete a badge individually. If you have any questions about this or would like to register your groups, call Sarah at 577-4717 ex. 24 or email her at sbrobst@ijams.org.