Brownie Try-It Programs

At the Roth Living Farm Museum
Animals
People have all different kinds of animals for all different reasons. You might have a dog or cat for companionship or a horse to ride for fun. Farmers keep animals for practical reasons, and in the 1800s all of the farm animals had a job to do – even the dogs and cats. We’ll introduce you to our draft horses, cow, goats, sheep, rabbits, and chickens and learn about what their job was on the farm in the 1800s and how they are cared for. We’ll use our corn sheller and grinder to make food for the animals, an essential part of their care and a job kids would have done. Depending on the time of day and year, you can even try milking a cow or goat or collecting and sorting eggs. We’ll finish our tour with a wagon ride around the farm. Leaders may want to review Requirement #2—Understanding & Meeting Animals Safely—before the fieldtrip. Offered April – October. $6/girl.

Listening to the Past
People lived very differently 100 years ago than we do today. They did not have all of the modern conveniences that we do to help us get our work done and they did not have television and computers to amuse themselves with. Your troop will learn about how people lived on their visit to our 1832 farmhouse where they will see an ice box, old wood stove, cooking fireplace, root cellar, and various other pieces of equipment used for household and farm chores. They will get hands-on experience either making butter (winter) or doing laundry using old-fashioned washtubs and scrub boards and beating rugs (spring, summer, fall). You can also choose candle-dipping or soap-making as a “craft” activity, which would of course have been another necessary chore for the household. Offered year round. $6/girl.
Make It/Eat It
Food does not just appear in the grocery store. Much of it needs to be grown or produced and processed before it can make its way to your dinner table. The Roth Museum offers several “Make It/Eat It” programs that will help you earn your Try-It badge.

Make It/Eat It – Dairy
Meet the dairy animals, the goats and cows, and learn about their care and how they were used on a farm in the 1800s. Depending on time of year and day, your troop can even try their hand at milking one of the animals! After a quick trip to the hand-wash station, you’re then ready to make a dairy-based product. Choose from butter, ice cream, or cheese. You will be given the recipes to add to your recipe book. Offered April-October. $6/girl.

Make It/Eat It – Garden
Explore our traditional German four-square garden and learn about its construction and what we’re growing. Some things grow as heads, some as roots, some on stalks, and some on vines – can you tell the difference? In season the girls can harvest or plant carrots, tomatoes, onions, peas, radishes, salad greens and sample what they’ve picked. We’ll try out an old-fashioned hand-seeder and see some vintage cultivating equipment and make a friendly scarecrow to help protect our crops. Offered April-October. $6/girl.

Make It/Eat It – Baking
Did you know some of the ingredients for baked goods also come from the farm? Meet the chickens and learn about their eggs and how to sort and size them. We’ll try shelling and grinding corn on our vintage equipment and then make corn bread or muffins. While they’re baking in our modern, temperature controlled oven, we’ll learn about the woodstove and how women of the 1880s would have cooked on it. You will be given the recipes to add to your recipe book. Offered April-October. $6/girl.

All scouts receive the Roth Living Farm Museum patch as part of their program!
Plants
Plants have many different uses and early farmers and settlers knew this and made use of them in ways we might not think of today – some were grown for food, some used for wood, some for medicine, and some for paper. We’ll look at several types of trees, herbs, and other plants on the Roth Museum property and discuss how they were used 100 or more years ago. We’ll also take a look at our German four-square garden and learn about its construction and what we’re growing. Hands on activities include planting several kinds of seeds to take home and observe, and an herb garland to help identify the herbs. Offered April – October. $6/girl.

Planning Your Trip

1. Call ahead to reserve your date and program.
2. Confirm number of girls a week or two in advance.
3. Have the girls wear comfortable clothing and closed toe shoes. We may get dirty.
4. Arrive on time and ready to learn and have fun!
5. Payment may be made the day of the trip by cash, check or money order.
6. Please let us know as much in advance as possible if you need to cancel or reschedule your trip or if you are bringing more than a few extra girls than scheduled so we can plan accordingly.
7. We’re located on Rte. 202 at Hancock Road just south of Rte. 63/Welsh Road. Do NOT rely on Map Quest to find us.

* Please note, Try-It badges are not provided by the Roth Museum.
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Schedule an outing for your troop, and we’ll help you with your badge requirements!

The Roth Living Farm Museum offers a unique opportunity to do hands-on activities based on historical farming practices and activities and to see our animals and learn about their role on a 19th century farm.

We can help you with requirements for the following Try-Its:

- **Animals**—Brownies will meet the resident horses, sheep, goats, chickens, cows, and rabbits and learn about their role on the farm.

- **Listening to the Past**—The modern family is, in many ways, different from the 19th century family. Scouts will learn about and try out some of the chores women and children would have done and see how family life and lifestyle was different than it is now.

- **Make It/Eat It**—Brownies will learn about where our food comes from in one of three programs: Dairy, Garden, or Baking

- **Plants**—Scouts will learn about the many types of plants early farmers and settlers had access to and how they used them for wood, medicine, food, and other purposes.
The Roth Living Farm Museum

The Roth Living Farm Museum of Delaware Valley College was founded in 1993 thanks to the generous donation of the farm property by Mrs. Edythe Roth.

The Museum is dedicated to providing an educational experience that focuses on the historical farming practices during the period between 1890-1910.

Our historic facility resides on a twenty-acre farm that includes woodlands, wetlands, grain fields and livestock grazing. An 1832 farmhouse and barn have been restored and a German four-square kitchen garden has been created to provide visitors with a unique look into family farm life in the 18th century.

The Museum provides an opportunity for children and adults to participate in activities based on historical farming through programs and special events.

Directions

We are located on 202 at Hancock Road, just south of Rte. 63/Welsh Rd. and the Montgomeryville Mall.

From Doylestown – Follow Route 202 South to Five Points Plaza. Make a left onto 202S/309. Past the Montgomeryville Mall, make a right to remain on 202S. Cross Route 63/Welsh Road. Make a right at the next light onto Hancock Road. Driveway is on the right immediately after turning onto Hancock.

From Turnpike – Exit at Fort Washington (Exit #339). Merge onto Route 309 North. Exit on the right at Route 63 West and turn left at the traffic light onto Welsh Road/63W. Make a left onto DeKalb Pike/202S at the WaWa. At the next light, make a right onto Hancock Road. Driveway is on the right immediately after turning onto Hancock.

From Blue Route or Northeast Extension – Pick up the PA Turnpike/Route 276 East at Mid-County and follow the directions from the turnpike above.

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