

Cub Scout Field Trip Suggestions

Tigers

Achievement 1g: Visit a library, historical society, museum, old farm, or historical building

San Ramon Library

100 Montgomery Street, San Ramon, CA 94583, 925-973-2850

Description: You get a behind-the-scenes tour of the library and the scouts can sign up for a library card if they don't already have one.

Review: Well organized tour. They even let us use their private meeting room for our den meeting.

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San Jose Tech Museum http://www.thetech.org/plan_visit/groups/

201 South Market Street, San Jose, CA 95113, Group Sales Tel: 408-294-8324 (Option 3)

Description: Visit and explore the tech galleries, learning basic principles of fundamental science and the building blocks for technology. There are 20 on-going hands-on science experiments which teach the essential principles. Each exhibit has one video explaining the basic science behind fundamental laws of nature. Cost: \$12/adult, \$10/child for Museum Galleries & IMAX film. \$8/adult, \$7/child for Museum Galleries only. Price is for group of 10+, need to call to prebook the trip.

Review: Kids love this museum, lots to learn and explore science while having fun.

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Ardenwood Historic Farm <http://ebparks.org/Parks/Ardenwood>

34600 Ardenwood Blvd., Fremont, CA 94555, (510) 544-2797

Description: Highlights life on a late 1800s farm and features farm animals, historic farming, agricultural history, gardens and the Victorian lifestyle. The complex contains the Patterson house, a farmyard, gardens, period shops, a picnic area and a collection of farm animals. Hay-wagon and horse-drawn rail car rides as well as guided house tours also are available. Cost varies \$2-\$8/adult; \$1-\$5/child

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Bale Grist Mill State Historic Park http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=482

The park is three miles north of St. Helena (3369 N St.) on Highway 29, 707-942-4575

Description: The park is the site of a water-powered grist mill that was built in 1846. It was once the center of social activity as Napa Valley settlers gathered to have their corn and wheat ground into meal or flour. The mill and its 36-foot water wheel are protected as a state historic landmark and have been partially restored. A trail connects the historic park to Bothe-Napa Valley State Park. Additionally, the park includes the site of the first church in the Napa Valley as well as the Pioneer Cemetery. Free admission, donations accepted.

Review: Actual working mill that operates the same as it did 150 years ago. Some boys will be selected to operate equipment and grind flour.

Achievement 2g: Visit a Police Station

San Ramon Police Station <http://www.sanramon.ca.gov/police/tour.htm>

Description: 30-40 minute tours are offered by appointment only and conducted during the station's business hours, 8:00am-6:00pm. Request for tours must be made at least 14 days in advance. Learn about the responsibilities of the station, its personnel, and police equipment.

Contact: Jennifer Montemayor at jmontemayor@sanramon.ca.gov and provide the following information: name of organization, date and time requested, and number of children and their ages.

Review: Very well organized tour

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Achievement 3g: Watch a Sporting Event

Dougherty Valley High School Basketball Game

Description: Games are relatively cheap, less than \$5 in most cases. You may be able to get a group or discount if you tell them it's for Cub Scouts. Check the team's online website for the most convenient game date for you: http://www.maxpreps.com/high-schools/cIHsaQ1Pw0i5iIT_PD887g/dougherty-valley-wildcats/basketball/home.htm

Achievement 4g: Visit a Television Station

Tri-Valley Community TV Station <http://tri-valleytv.org>

4663 Bernal Ave. Suite B, Pleasanton, CA 94566, 925-462-3030

Description: Free tour given on Monday afternoons.

Contact: Dr. "B" George Baljevich - *Anchor/Host* - gbaljevich@tv30.org

Review: Station was small, tour was interesting for kids, more so than for adults

Elective 31: Learn About Animals

Lindsay Wildlife Museum <http://www.wildlife-museum.org/calendar/scout.php>

1931 First Ave, Walnut Creek, CA 94597, Scout Tour Coordinator Tel: 925-627-2924

Description: Each program is a special interpretive guide to lead your group through the 50 minute program. All scout tours include an activity and an encounter with a live animal. The "What is Wild?" program presents how to compare wild and domestic animals and learn why some animals make good pets and some belong in the wild. Cost: \$6 per person. Group size 10-20 (including adults). 4 weeks advance reservation is required. Scout tours are Wed-Fri at 3:45pm, Sat & Sun at 11am.

Elective 43: Petcare and Elective 31: Learn About Animals

Bishop Ranch Veterinary Center <http://webvets.com>

2000 Bishop Drive, San Ramon, CA 94582, 925-866-8387

Contact: Selby, Communications Coordinator 925-866-8387

Description: Free behind the scenes tour of the veterinary hospital. See the kennels where they board pets, the backyard where they let the pets get exercise, and the operating room and X-rays of animals.

Review: Great tour with Dr. Leanne Taylor; however veterinarians who give the tours will be based on who happens to be working on the day you visit.

Elective 45: Fresh Baking

California Pizza Kitchen

1328 Stoneridge Mall Road, Pleasanton, CA 94588, 925-251-9771

Description: Tour of the kitchen and the kids cook their own pizza. Free if doing it with Cub Scouts, at least at Pleasanton. There is another CPK at Walnut Creek that does the same thing.

Review: A CPK employee who played a game with kids where they could win cheap prizes.

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Wolves

Achievement 8: Cooking and Eating

Round Table Pizza

450 Market Place, San Ramon, CA 94583, 925-867-1606

Description: Kitchen tour and the kids can make their own pizzas. Cost is \$5.46 per child for the tour, one-topping personal pizza and drink. Adults can also purchase the one-topping pizza and drink for \$6.55 or they can choose anything from the regular menu.

Review: Not the best managed tour. They are a bit unorganized and slow to get going. But the kids loved it and we were able to use their restaurant area for a brief meeting.

Achievement 5e: Make Something Useful

Home Depot

2750 Crow Canyon Road, San Ramon, CA 94583

Description: Home Depot has a monthly free build kit on the first Saturday of each month. It's first come, first serve to the public, so be sure to arrive promptly at 9am to get your kit! Visit their website for the latest info:

http://www.homedepot.com/webapp/wcs/stores/servlet/ContentView?pn=Kids_Workshops&langId=1&storeId=10051

Review: Really simple way to knock off an Elective or 2. The kits have pre-drilled holes so it's very easy for the kids to put together. It's first come, first serve and they won't reserve a spot for groups, so just be sure to arrive promptly at 9am.

Elective 14: Pets

East Bay SPCA

4651 Gleason Drive, Dublin, CA 94568

Description: The scout program is an hour and a half educational tour ending with a meet and greet of a few of the shelter guests. Topics covered during the tour include history and mission of the organization, basic needs of a pet, pet overpopulation, the cost of adoption and caring for a pet, veterinary care, spay and neuter, common diseases or illnesses, grooming and more. The tour is free, but a \$5 donation per scout/child is requested.

Contact: Sign up online: <http://www.eastbayspca.org/Page.aspx?pid=385>

Review: This tour is wonderful! The staff are nice, the facilities are gorgeous, and the kids loved their snuggle time with the animals. We also built in a community service project for this trip. Each scout made a small tie fleece blanket to donate to the shelter. Each animal that is brought in receives one of these types of blankets.

Achievement 9: Be Safe and Elective 16: Family Alert – *The visit is not required, but we did it for fun and as reinforcement of the concepts learned*

San Ramon Fire Station

Description: 30-minute tour of the station. Tours are available Monday through Friday at 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 1:00 PM or 4:00 PM. Maximum of 25 people; one adult required for every five children.

Contact: Schedule the tour online:

http://www.firedepartment.org/community_outreach/fire_station_tours.asp

Review: Really great tour. They show you all the facilities and the kids get to see different types of fire engines and rescue gear up close. You get to pick the station you want to visit.

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Achievement 6c: Field Trip to a Recycling Center Waste Management Davis Street Transfer Station

2615 Davis Street, San Leandro

Description: Behind the scenes tour of the recycling center

Contact: Rebecca Jewel 510-563-4214

Achievement 5d: Field Trip to a Zoo Oakland Zoo

Description: Gather up your Den and head on down to the Oakland Zoo for a day full of fun and adventure! You'll earn your badge, provided by the Zoo at the end of the program, by playing games, touring the Zoo, learning about animals, and taking part in a fun craft. They have several rank-specific programs.

Contact: Schedule online at <http://www.oaklandzoo.org/site/education-programs/scouts>

Elective 1c: Visit a Planetarium

Chabot Space and Science Museum <http://www.chabotspace.org>

10000 Skyline Boulevard, Oakland, CA 94618, 510-336-7300

Description: They have several organized programs for scouts to earn their badges or belt loops, but these are pricey starting at \$40/child; \$20/adult. You can also schedule a field trip with a minimum of 15 children or visit the museum on your own for about \$12/child; \$15/adult.

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Belt Loops

Bowling Belt Loop

Dublin Bowl <http://www.earlanthonysdublinbowl.com>

6750 Regional St, Dublin, CA 94568

Description: Afterschool special, Monday thru Friday, 2pm-5pm: \$6/child for soda, hot dog, 1 game and shoe rental. No reservations required, but call ahead to check lane availability. They also run other specials if you can't make it in the afternoon.

Review: The food was not very good. They heat the hotdog in a microwave...but the kids still enjoyed it. Bowling was fun and we were able to hold a brief meeting there.

Badminton Belt Loop

Bintang Badminton Academy

6780 Sierra Court, Suite I, Dublin, 925-829-320

Description: 2-hour class: 1.5 hours of instruction and practice; 30 minutes free-play. \$20/child; \$15/child if more than 20 kids.

Review: Haven't done this yet. Just an idea.

Table Tennis Belt Loop

Pleasanton Table Tennis Club

Livermore

Description: Private 1-hour or 2-hour lessons for your den. \$13/child for 1 hour; \$25/child for 2 hours; Maximum 12 children

Contact: Shashin Shodhan, 510-366-5234

Review: Haven't done this yet. Just an idea.

Sailboat Belt Loop

OCSC Sailing School

1 Spinnaker Way, Berkeley

Saturdays 12-2pm or 2:30-4:30pm (year round); \$30/each; 6 maximum, 800-223-2984

Review: Haven't done this yet. Just an idea.

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Just for Fun

Crab Cove

1252 McKay Ave, Alameda, CA 94501, 510-544-3187

Description: East Bay Parks has several free group field trip programs for Crab Cove:

http://www.ebparks.org/files/Crab_Cove_School_Fieldtrip_Spring_2010_v1.pdf

Contact: Group Field Trips (510) 544-3187

Oakland Airport museum <http://www.oaklandaviationmuseum.org>

8252 Earhart Road, Oakland, CA 94621, 510-638-7100

Description: Docent-led tour with some hands-on activities. \$5/child; \$9/adult. Group tours for 12 or more \$3/child; \$7/adult

Contact: For group tours, contact Scott Buckingham

Review: Great tour enjoyed by all

Jelly Belly Factory http://www.jellybelly.com/visit_jelly_belly/california_factory_tours.aspx

1 Jelly Bean Lane, Fairfield, CA 94533, 1-800-953-5592

Description: During the 40-minute walking tour, Jelly Belly tour guides will show you a real working factory where we cook up over 150 different sweet treats. Learn the secrets to how we create the legendary Jelly Belly jelly bean, and discover why it takes more than a week to make a single bean. Daily tours 9am-4pm. Weekend tours are also available, but the factory will not be running.

Review: Both child and parents found it interesting and entertaining. There are video monitors to watch along the way that give historical information as well as show and tell the process (i.e. science and art of candy making).