



Field Trip Ideas

www.fieldtripfactory.com. The website also includes (at least for Petco/"Animals") worksheets that can help with field trip-related activities. Petco visit can help with Animals Try-it. The Petco tour is over an hour and interesting.

Toledo Zoo-Snooze – Spend the night in one of their buildings and sneak out in the night, and before the zoo opens to the public to see the zoo like you never have before! Big time fun – girls loved it – made a treat for the animals!

Binder Zoo Snooze– Local Michigan Over night GS Program. Cost: 35.00 per person, includes lodgings, evening snack, morning breakfast and admission to the Zoo. Great Program! You can get more information about their programs online at: <http://www.binderparkzoo.org/education/bid.php>

COSI – Toledo Ohio – has excellent programs and they lead badge work – watch their website or give them a call.

University of Michigan Museum of Art – Ann Arbor – free - Leader did this with a third grade troop. They hooked onto a family day at the museum (you would have to call for dates) and were able to participate in a number of activities, including a one-hour (FREE) oil pastel class.

Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum - 220 E. Ann St., Ann Arbor, 734-995-5439 - \$17/girl for triple try-it workshop. This was a great way for the girls to earn three science-related try-its. You also get museum admission for the rest of the day. This field trip is included in the Redbook (as a lottery), but it is recommended working directly through AAHOM. They offer monthly scout workshops (not council-sponsored, so not a lottery) and also "workshops by request". You can also go for one-hour workshop to earn a single try-it (\$7.50/girl).

Real Life Farm – Canton, 734-495-0822 - Fall family nights include hayride, unlimited baby animal holding and feeding, horseback riding, and bonfire. Can order pizza and make s'mores too. Excellent outing!

Camp Crawford Nature Hike - Drive to Camp Crawford after school and meet Maureen Schell from Eco-Discoveries (419-825-5518). She leads the girls on a fantastic hike as they look at wildlife and learn about different plants and animals.

Double JJ Resort – Rothbury, MI 800-368-2535 – www.doublejj.com
Winter rates start at \$67/person will receive one night's lodging, two days of unlimited snow tubing (with tow rope to pull you up the hill), horse riding in the corral, dog sled race and unlimited play time with the sled dogs, dinner and breakfast the next day. Expensive – but great fun – and like anything – can be made into a great learning experience with a little thought and planning.

Marquis Theatre – 135 E Main St, Northville, 248-349-8110 - It is close, tickets are reasonable and the shows are usually not too long and kid appropriate.

Novi Ice Arena – 42400 Arena Dr, Novi, 248-347-1010 – Girls love to skate! Don't forget to check safety-wise for specific requirements for this activity and all others. Bringing snacks is a good idea – the girls always get hungry and thirsty!

Cranbrook Institute of Science & Natural History: Great programs for Brownies on up!
<http://science.cranbrook.edu/find-program-event/scouts/girl-scouts>

More Field Trip Ideas

Kensington Metro park – Can go for “Wildlife” badge workshop. They are very organized. The girls learned a lot and have fun. Can also take part in a maple sugaring event in March, seeing how syrup is made and even tasting sap. You can also tour the barn and see the baby animals at the Farm Center, or go on a nature hike – guided ones aren’t too expensive. They also offer other badge workshops – see their calendar.

Ritter Planetarium – Toledo, OH - “Sky Search” badge workshop. Educational and very interesting. Get to look through a telescope.

D & D Bike Shop – 121 N. Center Street, Northville, 248-347-1511—D & D owner Dan Foster can give the girls an idea of how to make sure your bike is safe to ride in the Spring.

Mayberry Riding Stable – 20303 Beck Rd., Northville, 248-347-1088 - The girls can ride horses on the trail (there is a minimum height requirement of 54”), then they can come back to learn about the feeding, care and grooming of horses. Pricey at \$28, but very good.

Novi Sports Club – 42500 Arena Dr., Novi, 248-735-8850 - The girls did the overnighter and really enjoyed themselves – a little pricey.

Riverside Arena - 36635 Plymouth Rd, Livonia, 734-421-3540 - The girls really enjoy themselves skating. Many have never skated before and this gives them a great opportunity to do so.

Limited Too – In 12-Oaks Mall Novi – (248) 465-1806 – ask for a store manager to reserve your spot (not during holidays – like Nov thru Jan) - A free program for Girl Scouts during which they watch a movie about business and marketing. The girls learn why items are put at certain heights in the store, etc. At the end they get to pick an outfit out and do a fashion show for each other.

Great Wolf Lodge Water park – Sandusky Ohio and Traverse City – This requires a good amount of adult supervision – and is not cheap - but Troop 50 begs to go back! They do have scout weekends – but just look for good deals that come out periodically. Again – check safety-wise and make sure to teach something while there!

Watching Wildlife Try-it – Hudson Mills Metro park – They do it all for you – it is really well done.

St Joseph Mercy Health Exploration Station – Canton – wonderful presentation followed by time in an interactive room that shows things like – what lungs and cancer looks like on a smoker, and what your hands look like when you don’t wash them well – yuck!

State Capitol tour and MI Historical Museum- both in Lansing & can be done on the same day – very good and educational!

The Parade Company – Tour the facility where the floats are created and stored for the annual Thanksgiving Day parade in downtown Detroit – cool!

Greenfield Village and Henry Ford Museum – We are all aware of this local treasure where girls can learn a ton about history. Of course – they also have the great IMAX theater!

Ford Rouge Factory Tour – This is a very cool way to learn about automobile manufacturing – you get to walk right above the line where people are actually working on a walkway.

Howell Nature Center is Howell - Great place to visit and to use as a service project. You can find them on the web at <http://www.howellnaturecenter.org/>