

CUB SCOUT FIELD TRIP IDEAS

DEN VISITS:

1. Home Depot (Bartlett or Schaumburg) offers free workshops for cub scouts where they can build something to take home (like a birdhouse).
2. Tour Village Hall & Historical Society (Mrs. Rohleder is terrific - contact her at the Village Hall)
3. Elgin Public Museum...call 847/741-6555 for tour info...the museum itself is kind of cool, but the geologist badge presentation some have attended was a bit boring. There's also a small petting zoo and playground right there at Lords Park, next to the museum.
4. Willowbrook Wildlife Center in Glen Ellyn... indoor & outdoor wildlife & hiking trails - call 630/942-6200
5. Camp-Tu-Endie-Wei in St. Charles has a nice, educational nature trail, especially fun for younger scouts at Halloween. They also offer cub scout programs/badgework, 847-742-2169.
6. Waubonsie Valley High School planetarium in Aurora, 630/375-3247
7. Trip downtown on train, with tour of Union Station (ask for Customer Service when you call).
8. Tour of NBC Studios in Chicago (e-mail request to Diana.Borri@nbc.com Great tour!
9. Sci-Tech Science Museum in Aurora, call 630/859-3434. Very cool place for the kids.
10. DuComm/911 facility in Glendale Heights, 630/260-7500. Free Tour.
11. Tekakwitha Woods in St. Charles, has a great indoor facility, outdoor nature hikes, and scout programs, including badgework. 847/741-8350.
12. Splash Central here in Bartlett, offers a great Aquanaut Badge program. Our Park District offers many scout badge programs.
13. Lizzadro Museum (gemstones) in Elmhurst (geologist badge) - call 833-1616 to schedule tour & scavenger hunt.
14. St. Alexius Hospital in Hoffman Estates, has a great Readyman/CPR program.

Just plain fun stuff some dens have done:

1. Archery at Gatt Gun in Elgin...\$3/kid per hour but must be Webelos age. This has been a very popular outing with the boys.
2. Sycamore Speedway...the boys think this is awesome. Of absolutely no educational value, but loads of fun!

3. Free full-size Frisbee golf course at Sunrise Disc Golf Course, Struckman & Appletree here in Bartlett. No reservations needed, just show up and play. You may want to familiarize yourself with it before bringing the kids over.
4. Kane County Eagles (minor league football team) play in Carpentersville. Call 847/551-1052 for schedule info. Kids have a lot of fun watching an adult football game up close.
5. Ice-skating at Polar Dome ice arena in West Dundee - 847/426-6753.
6. Rock climbing, fishing, bowling, sledding, laser-tag, tubing at Villa Olivia... the "fun" list goes on and on...
7. Cantigny ... military history and nature trails, 630/668-5161
8. Blackwell Forest Preserve in Warrenville is supposed to have a cool compass trail, 630/790-4900
9. DuPage Airport and Museum of Aviation in West Chicago, 630/584-18883
10. Central Postal processing facility, Carol Stream.
11. Morton Arboretum for nature hikes and badgework, 630/968-0074.
12. Peggy Norbert Nature Museum in Chicago by Lincoln Park. Free. 773/549-0606.
13. Pratt-Wayne Woods in Wayne has great nature trails for hikes and fishing too. There's also the bike trail, of course.
14. Springbrook Nature Center in Itasca, has several scout programs, 630/773-5572.
15. Fox River Stone Co., in South Elgin is supposed to offer tours (for geologist badge).
16. DuPage County Complex tour in Wheaton, 630/682-7000, for citizen badge or to meet with county detectives.
17. Cabin Nature Center in Wood Dale, offers Cub Scout programs, 630/860-1111.
18. Bartlett Coin Shop. The owner is supposed to be amenable to scout tours and a discussion of hobbies.
19. Ahlgrim Funeral Home in Palatine - is run by a man who was a Boy Scout in his youth. He has built a play room in the basement of his funeral home that includes a 9-hole mini golf course, video games, ping-pong, bumper pool & shuffleboard. And it's free! The only trick is it's only available for use when there are no wakes taking place at the funeral home, so you can't confirm the date until a couple of days ahead of time. Taking your den there around Halloween and not telling them where you are going or what you were going to do. Imagine pulling up to a Funeral Home! Call Roger at 847/358-7411 to get information and schedule this in. A good suggestion would be in the afternoon after school, rather than in the evening.

Many thanks to Mary K. Kochanski for these great ideas.... if you have any more ideas you'd like to share with the rest of us, please [e-mail me](#) so I can add them in.