Field Trip Ideas & Resources

Below are some places that offer educational programs or classes. Often, their websites will also offer resources. When setting up your trip, remember to get all the pertinent info, fee, where to park, can you bring in food, group size limit, age appropriateness, dates available, etc and give all the pertinent info...A homeschool group's needs and requirements are different than those of public (and private) schools in the following ways: (as written at: http://members.aol.com/cmslhomeschool/fieldtripguidelines.html)

1. Homeschoolers travel in family groups, meaning the "students" are often of varying grade levels and abilities. They each come with their own personal teacher, who can translate to their grade level if necessary. Please do not feel that you have to give a tour that is appropriate for every age group we represent! As long as the material is suitable for the parents, the knowledge can be passed on effectively!

2. Parking- we require more parking than a simple school bus! When you see the trail of minivans, you'll know we have arrived. We generally meet in the parking lot of the place we're touring- do a head count- remind the children of the rules- and then enter as a group. If there are parking restrictions or advice you can give us, or special rules we need to be aware of, please let me know so I can make arrangements.

3. Small children- we usually have a few! I have found that our group is generally well-behaved, infants are carried by their mothers (or in a stroller if there's access) and promptly removed or fed if they cry. We have a few 2-5 year olds who travel with our pack and one of the mothers generally removes them all to the outdoors or an appropriate area if their presence becomes distracting or inappropriate.

4. We usually have no time restraints. School field trips generally have an ending time- a time when they all pack up and leave- we could stay all day! If this is a problem, please let us know. We tend to linger when we have had a good trip, or when there are interesting things to look at.

5. We pre-study whatever topics we feel would maximize our educational experience, therefore we ask a lot of questions and are generally very interested in understanding the answers. If you have materials to recommend or that we can duplicate for our members- we would sincerely appreciate having that knowledge before we arrive. If you have a website, also, that often proves helpful!

6. Many of our children like to send thank-you cards to tour guides, so if you can possibly have a few business cards on hand- with a mailing address, it would be greatly appreciated.

7. Last but not least- flash photography...please let us know before we arrive if it is acceptable to take photographs during our visit.
Field Trip Ideas In or Around Las Vegas

Again, check for educational, school or group tour info. These trips are not endorsed by any entity; it is just a compilation to help homeschoolers in the Las Vegas area.

Adventure Dome
Circus Circus 794-3939

Albertson’s (local grocery store)

American Civil War Society http://www.acws.net
Check for possible reenactments

Anderson Dairy, 801 Searles Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89101 , 642-7507


Atomic Testing Museum http://www.atomictestingmuseum.org
(702) 794-5161. Ellen Leigh, Curator of Education, 794-5118

Bass Pro Shops Outdoor World, free fishing lessons and workshops, gift shop and aquatic shows
8200 Industrial Road
Las Vegas, NV  89139-7885
(702) 730-5200   contact: Jack Bloom

Bellagio Conservatory and Botanical Gardens

Bellagio Fountains
http://www.bellagio.com/pages/atrac_highfountain_noflash.asp

Biosphere Vanderburg Elementary  http://www.mybiosphere.com/

Bodies Exhibit  Tropicana (Great deal to do this and Titanic Exhibit)
http://www.bodiestheexhibition.com/
Irene Armenta Titanic & Bodies Educational Outreach Manager
Office: 702.739.2747
Mobile : 702.487.0290   Fax: 702.739.2604
Email: iarmenta@prxi. com
Bonnie Springs, Old Nevada (right next to Red Rock Canyon), petting Zoo, Old Nevada Mining Village recreation, gunfights/1880 melodramas etc, (702) 875-4191, [www.bonniesprings.com](http://www.bonniesprings.com)


Bounce U
Brookhollor Business Park
7340 Smoke Ranch
MTWTH 9-4:00
$6.50, 15 person minimum, $6.50/hour (can add a pizza package for another $2.50/each)
240-9940

Just opened a Henderson location. $5 for two hours. Open jump 10-5 everyday.

Bowling (monthly)- Sante Fe, 3 lanes Frenchie  658-4996
Orleans - Wayne  365-7400 fax 365-7405 – 1.75/game includes shoes

Bruno’s Indian Museum
1306 Nevada Highway
Boulder City, NV 89005
293-4865

Caesars Forum Shops..Atlantic Aquarium offers Educational Programs..(702) 893-3807.  Debbie Canestrilli, Tour Guide
Heather Reader, Tour Guide
Michelle Gresham, MAS, Director of Entertainment

Camp Lee Canyon Challenge Course
Route 56, 45 miles northwest of Las Vegas
872-5489/Fax455-8275 email: [sef@co.clark.nv.us](mailto:sef@co.clark.nv.us)
Mail to: 2601 E. Sunset, Las Vegas, 89120  Attn: Challenge Course
$20 a youth and a 20 youth minimum

Cashman CAT (caterpillar) Heavy Equipment  3101 East Craig Road
North Las Vegas, Nevada 89030
Phone 702.649.8777

City Hall  229-1049

Cival War Reenactment at Spring Mountain State Park 875-4141l - no reservation, but was $5.00 car to enter (they send out student questions prior)

Farm exhibits, BBQ, old-fashioned carnival rides and country music make this county fair a popular event. 1301 W. Whipple Ave off NV 160, Logandale, (888) 876-3247, 702/398-3247 Must submit a written request on letterhead in February for April general admittance
Clark County Museum,  
http://www.co.clark.nv.us/Parks/Clark_County_Museum.htm,  1830 South Boulder Highway  
(702) 455-7955  

College of Southern Nevada Performing Arts  
http://www.ccsn.edu/performingarts/INMF/  
Dr. D. Gause, d_gause-snelson@ccsn.edu - 651-4110  

Corn Maize  
2300 E. Glendale Boulevard  
Moapa, NV  89025  
702/864-2277  
$50 a group up to 60 participants  

Corn Maize/Hayride/Farm Fun  Staheli Farm, St. George UT  
http://www.stahelifarm.com/  
Sherrie Staheli Reeder  
Office: 435-673-4096  
sherrreet@aol.com  

Desert Princess Too Floating Classroom (lake mead)  grades 3-5  
http://www.nps.gov/lame/forteachers/desertprincess.htm  (702) 294-6714  

Desert Research Institute,  http://www.dri.edu/ , Southern Nevada Science Center,  755 E. Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, NV  (702)862-5400  

Earth Day Events: Summerlin Earthfaire  science- and environmentally oriented activities & demonstrations  
UNLV Earth Day  

Ethel M Chocolate Factory & Cactus Gardens  
Ethel M Chocolates  
2 Cactus Drive  
Henderson  
702-433-2500  

Excalibur - Tournament of Kings  
Fairy Tale Mock Trial  Judge Oesterle 3rd, 4th, or 5th graders conduct elections for the position of Judge, District Attorney, witnesses, and attorneys for a Fairy Tale trial. case is decided by a jury of 12 students from the class.  (702) 455 5510.
Farm Fest - Search the internet for Farm Fest Nevada

FBI Las Vegas
John Lawrence Bailey Building
1787 West Lake Mead Boulevard
Las Vegas, Nevada 89106-2135
lasvegas.fbi.gov
(702) 385-1281  contact: Tonya Forston

Firehouses…we’ve toured firehouses and had firetrucks /smokehouses come to events.

Floyd Lamb State Park

Forever Earth (Floating Environmental Lab) at lake mead: grades 4 and up
http://www.discovermojave.org/forever_earth/teachers.htm  702-895-5098

Gallery of Fine Arts, Bellagio ,

George L. Sturman Museum of Fine Art
107 E. Charleston Boulevard
Las Vegas, NV  89104
384-2615  Houses contemporary artwork in addition to an extensive collection of African art, animation cells and comic strip art, American art, Master Drawings and Paintings

Gilcrease Bird Sanctuary 8103 Racel St, Las Vegas, NV  89131  Phone: (702) 645-6808

Gilcrease Orchard, http://www.gilcreaseorchard.org  7000 Gilcrease Ave, Las Vegas, NV 89131-3403 , (702) 645-1126 , 732-8676 for appointments, pick your own fruits/vegetables  The pumpkin picking is only open from 7:00am until 12:00pm, Tuesday  thru Sunday


Guggenheim Hermitage Museum at the Venetian
3355 Las Vegas Boulevard South
Las Vegas, NV  89109
414-2440

Halloween Spooktacular at Spring Mountain Ranch - 4-6 Pumpkin Carving and 6-8 Campfire Stores

Home Depots
Hoover Dam, school group rate, [http://www.usbr.gov/lc/hooverdam/](http://www.usbr.gov/lc/hooverdam/) 597-5970

House of Blues (mandalay bay) History of Jazz

Howard Cannon Aviation Museum
(702) 455-7968

In & Out Burger 800-786-1000

Infinity Broadcasting: 6655 W Sahara Ave # D110
Las Vegas, NV 89146
(702) 257-1075
(702) 364-9898

J R Pony Parties
(702) 647-3676 or 631-4142
1744 Leonard Ln

Jillians - Fremont
759-0450 Jeff Garden, events coordinator

Keys to the Courthouse: 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders two components. First, Judge Nancy Oesterle visits the class or youth group. In the second part students visit her court room, during which time they will see inmates handcuffed together, and may also experience what it is like to hear the door of a jail cell slam behind them! Judge Oesterle also has the students visit with her in her chambers. (702) 455 5510

Krispy Kreme Donuts

Lake Mead: Ranger Guided Field Trips (702) 293-8716
[http://www.nps.gov/lame/forteachers/lakemeadfieldtrips.htm](http://www.nps.gov/lame/forteachers/lakemeadfieldtrips.htm)
Guest-Speaker Programs
[http://www.nps.gov/lame/forteachers/guestspeakers.htm](http://www.nps.gov/lame/forteachers/guestspeakers.htm)

Lake Mead Fish Hatchery 486-6738
245 S. Lake Shore
Boulder City Ivy Santee, Aquatic Education Coordinator 486-5127 x 3503

Las Vegas Metro Police Dept Tours (we've done it at the Cheyenne Substation), public information line: 229-3394
Las Vegas Motor Speedway, 942-7325, Theresa
And Shelby Automotive
7000 Las Vegas Boulevard North
Las Vegas, NV  89115
$5.40 per child/adults free as chaperones/2 hours  tour on trams dress for weather
Shelby Automotive  643-3000  6755 Speedway Boulevard (see Las Vegas Motor Speedway)

Las Vegas Wash/Wetlands, www.lvwash.org, 822-3300
Guided field trips for 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students on Thursdays from October through April
http://www.co.clark.nv.us/Parks/Wetlands/Wetland's_Homepage.htm

Le Cordon Bleu, tour

Lied Discovery Museum (702) 382-3445, www.ldcm.org, hands on exploration, get a group discount rate or get a family pass with $10 off for being a homeschooler.

LIFES Safari: http://www.lifessafari.com/, "Animals for Kids" is L.I.F.E.S. Safari's Educational Programs premier animal adventure brought to your classroom.

Lost City Museum, Overton NV, http://dmla.clan.lib.nv.us/docs/museums/lost/lostcity.htm, (702) 397-2193

LOWES

Luxor...King Tuts Museum, IMAX   http://www.luxor.com/

Madame Tussauds Wax Museum, http://www.mtvegas.com/, 862 7814

Magic and Movie Hall of Fame:
http://www.museumsusa.org/museums/info/1165079  702-737-1343

Mandalay Bay Shark Reef, http://www.mandalaybay.com/entertainment/shark/, 632-4555, educational program, Tricia Pottit 632-4564 ,in August for the Fall and in December for the Spring

Marjorie Barrick Museum of Natural history, UNLV, http://hrcweb.nevada.edu/Museum/ ,  702.895.3381
McCaw School of Mines, http://www.ccsd.net/schools/mccaw/mccawmine/, Henderson

Meadow Gold Dairy
(702) 399-6455

Mini Grand Prix: http://www.lvmgp.com/ 702-259-7000

Mirage, Dolphin Habitat & Secret Garden, educational program, www.miragehabitat.com, 791-7111
Missy Giannantonio, Curator of Education, 792-7980, Mgiannantonio@mirage.com


Mt Charleston, hiking, camping and snowboarding/skiing during winter.

Natural History Museum http://www.lvnhm.org/ (702) 384-3466

National Weather Service, Las Vegas http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/vef/ 7851 S Dean Martin Dr, Las Vegas, NV. 89139 (702) 263-9744

Native America Festival (clark county museum) - Kitty - March 31st. - 455-7955 http://www.co.clark.nv.us./Parks/Clark_County_Museum.htm
Give an estimate -- all need a ticket
Sack lunch and vendors cooking

Nellis Air Force Base 652-1100 (652-4148)

Nevada Department of Wild Life http://www.ndow.org/
Fishing Clinics
Ivy Santee 486-5127 x 3503
Margie Klein 486-5127 x 3502 (on site programs)

Nevada Power

Nevada State Railroad Museum
600 Yucca Street
Boulder City, NV 89005
486-5933 – Have Santa Train in November/December

News Channel 3 is always gracious in allowing tours....http://www.kvbc.com, (702) 642-3333 (Judy Rich)
North Las Vegas Airport  261-3807 lunch

North Las Vegas Police  Substation..Allen

Nutcracker  Nevada Ballet Education Coordinator. Contact Aug/Sept

Old Las Vegas Mormon Fort

Outback Steakhouse

Petco (through fieldtrip factory)

Peter Piper Pizza, school field trip..behind the scenes tour & make your own pizzas!  877-8873
560 South Decatur

Pig Farm  642-0350
Mr. Combs
Tour Guide:  Lori 649-7473
555 E. El Campo Grande  North Las Vegas, NV  89031

Plant World  878-9485
The Planetarium at CSN,  http://www.ccsn.nevada.edu/planetarium/  651-4505

Powerhouse Indoor Climbing Gym  8201 W. Charleston Ave.
Las Vegas, NV 89917
(702) 254-5604

Pump it Up
3200 W. Sunset
Suite 100  372-3811

Rain Forest Cafe

Red Rock Audubon Society
http://communitylink.reviewjournal.com/lvry/redrocksubudon

Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area  (702) 515-5350,
www.redrockcanyon.blm.gov, hiking, camping, various group educational
programs...also, individually do the Jr Ranger Program. Laverene Dickey, 515-5363

**Renaissance Fair**
Sunset Park - in October
Candy Rutledge 455-8200, her secretary Ruth Heinz at 455-8175
Can get tickets or can enter through the gate at 10:00am with other school

**Rocks and Ropes of Las Vegas**
3065 E. Patrick Lane, Suite #4,
Las Vegas, NV
(702) 434-3388

**Ron Lee Clown Factory,**
330 Carousel Parkway
Henderson
702-434-3920

**Skymania 702/436-6887**
4915 Stepahine Street, Suite 400
T-TH 3-10  F-Sun-12-10

**Sleigh Rides**
Mount Charleston  Robert 596-6715

**Smoke House** (The trailer that fills with smoke..fire education!) Clark County
Fire has one: 455-7316 and so does City of Las vegas Fire & Rescue: 383-2888

**Southern Nevada Musem of Fine Art**
1000 E. Sahara
Las Vegas, NV  89104  240-2777

**Southern Nevada Water Authority**
Nicole Leavitt
243 Lakeshore Road
Boulder City, NV  567-2082

**Space Camp:** Traveling Classroom
http://www.spacemcamp.com/forms/groupguide.pdf

**Spring Mountain Ranch State park**  http://parks.nv.gov/smr.htm  (702) 875-4141 Living History Programs, Visitor Center, Trails, Historic Sites, nature Study
Springs Preserves  http://www.springspreserve.org/html/  Gardens/Trails, NV State Museum, Desert Living Center and more!  (702) 822-7700.  ((702) 822-7744 for school field trips)

Subway..yes, the sandwich shop! Behind the scenes tour and taste!

Super Summer Theater  http://www.supersummertheatre.com/  outdoor musicals at Spring Mountain Ranch

Techatticup mine, 1880's Mine Tour, www.coloradorivertour.com, 702/291-0026  Bobbiewerlyl@yahoo.com

Thunderbirds, http://www.nellisairshow.com/

Titanic Exhibit  Tropicana http://www.rmstitanic.net/  (Great deal to do this and Bodies Exhibit)  Irene Armenta Titanic & Bodies Educational Outreach Manager  Office: 702.739.2747  Mobile : 702.487.0290  Fax: 702.739.2604  Email: iarmenta@prxi. com

Trick 'R Treating at Heritage Museum in Boulder City -- great time -- $2.00 per person

UNLV: Judy Bayley Theater, (nutcracker)  Ham Concert hall

Valley of Fire State Park (702) 397-2088, hiking & camping.  http://parks.nv.gov/vf.htm

Walker African-American Museum  
705 W. Van Buren  
Las Vegas, NU  89106   647-2222

Water Pollution Control Facility, http://www.lasvegasnevada.gov/1280.htm , (702) 229-6200, tours & presentations

Wild oats

Willow Beach Fish Hatchery  (AZ..just past Hoover Dam)  Boat dock, little sandy beach areas to play on, fishing… http://www.fws.gov/southwest/fisheries/willowbeach.html  Phone: 928/767-3456  Mark_Olsonl@fws.gov
Whole Foods Market, organic grocery store, offers field trips. Wholefoodsmarket.com, (702) 254-8655 (Albertons & Wild Oats also offer this field trip)

Yucca Mountain Science Center  4101B Meadows Lane
Las Vegas, NV 89107
(702) 295-1312

Zone 1
3040 West Simmons
631-9005
Tues-Fri 10-11:45 and 4:30-6:00
Bouncy house, obstacle courses
$6.00/child (minimum 10 = $5.00/child)
adults free; children under 1 are free  for field trip must go to Zone1.com and get permission slips

Zoo  647-4655  1755 N. Rancho Drive  http://www.lasvegaszoo.org
http://www.lasvegaszoo.org/Education/EducationIndex.htm

Local Speakers

Bees: The BeeMaster of LV , Rodney Mehring  http://www.beemasterlv.com/
(702)-457-6700  beecontrol@beemasterlv.com

Various club members or presidents of clubs, ie: Bonsai Society etc

CCSD list of various speakers
http://ccsd.net/cpd/ede/pdfs/20062007ResourceGuide.pdf

Local Resources, Cheap, Free, Schooly-Type Things

UNLV    Rebel Recycling
4505 S. Maryland Parkway
Box 451013
Las Vegas, NV 89154-1013
Map: http://maps.unlv.edu/rrc.html
Phone: (702) 895-3760
Fax: (702) 895-4174
Email: tara.pike@unlv.edu

Scholastic Warehouse Sales...bi-annually in May and Dec, 50% off all titles
http://teacher.scholastic.com/fairs/warehouse/

Scholastic Book Orders, Gods World Book Orders
Find someone who you can order with or start taking orders for your support group.

Book it Pizza Hut Program

Phone Book- maps, your government officials, zip codes, coupons

Tandy Leather Store-lots of fun leather projects
5785 W. Tropicana Avenue, Suite 4
221-4172

Box Store/Organizing Store

The Dollar Tree, 99c stores

Big Lots

Post Office- Stamps are a great addition to your history studies. Check out stamp shows.

Learning is Fun-School Supply Store

Books Stores: Teachers cards/discounts
Barnes and Noble
Borders
Waldens
Book Warehouse (at Factory Outlet Mall)

Used Book stores

Current Events…Cut out pictures and articles about events happening around the world and keep in a binder

Cartoons: Reluctant Readers often enjoy cartoons
Food ads: use to teach consumer awareness and math skills. Make cards with pictures of food items glued on then have student find the item as you shop and write down the price. Circle a few items in the flyer and have student add up with tax.

Library: One of your best resources. You can return books at any library. You can find: Computer Games, DVDs, Educational and recreational DVDs, books on tape, LeapPad books. You can request and hold books online (get a PIN number in person), pick up a programs flyer at each library...storytime, reading with rover etc, many branches also have used books for sale.

Thrift Stores: Goodwill, Savers, Catholic Charities, Salvation Army etc etc who knows what you can find! Books, clothes, games, art material, costume items, binders

Travel Agents: many will give you travel brochures about a country you are studying.

Visit local ethnic grocery stores-when studying a country

PBS-buy some blank videos and tape Their website has a calendar.

Blockbuster Video...has many free to borrow educational videos

Street Names..use local streets to continually bring to mind famous people and places. Martin Luther King Blvd, Frank Sinatra Dr., etc

Eye Dr: ask for the small bottles that contacts come in..great bug specimen jars

Family Dr...Ask if willing to give you posters from drug companies etc.

Film Place (Sams Club, Walmart)-empty film canisters

Review Journal... End bolts of paper


Youth Clubs: little league, boys scouts, girl scouts, boys & girls club of America, Clark County Sand Pipes Swim Team, Nellis BMX club, Civil Air Patrol, Las Vegas Junior Republicans, Nevada Rainbow Girls, Soccer, Girls Softball, Silver State Racing Pigeon Club, Trial by Peers, Naval League Cadet Corps (NLCC) 11 to 13, The Naval Sea Cadet Corps (14-17),
Nevada Rainbow Theater...drama for children up to 18

Volunteer Work

UNLV Rebel Recyclers Program

YMCA

City of Las Vegas Leisure Services
http://www.lasvegasnevada.gov/leisure_services/default.htm

Clark County Parks and Rec: http://www.co.clark.nv.us/parks/homepage.htm

FreecyleLasVegas...Yahoo Group

SuperCuts Salon School... free hair cuts

Super Summer Theater ( http://www.supersummertheatre.com/ ) Plays at Spring Mountain Ranch

Drive In Movie Theater, Family Nights, Tuesday Nights, Kids Free & Adults cheaper

Low cost health insurance...Nevada Check Up

Family-to Family Connections..has free classes and playtimes

Mommy and Me...social group for preschoolers and their moms

Newspapers IN education, free or low cost
Libby Goldstein, 383-4655 or lgoldstein@reviewjournal.com

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Student Recognition Programs

Mimis café
Mc donalds
Cox goal getters
Pizza Hut Book It

Some Field Trips nearby:

Legoland, CA offers homeschool days with discounted prices. Sign up at www.Legoland.com or call (760) 918-KIDS
Grand Canyon South Rim...5 hr drive, awesome! Do the Jr Ranger program there too.

Grand Canyon West Rim: Skywalk..2.5 hours…rough road

Petrified Forest,  
http://www.nationalparks.com/petrified_forest_national_park.htm

San Diego Zoo…free for kids in October

Death Valley

China Ranch: Date Farm  http://www.chinaranch.com/

Yucca Mountain

Sea World

DisneyLand