

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

Artful Potter, <http://www.artfulpotter.com/> 966-6302

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

http://www.bellagio.com/pages/attrac_highgardens.asp

Bellagio Fountains

http://www.bellagio.com/pages/attrac_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

Boulder City/Hoover Dam Museum, <http://www.bcmha.org/>, (702) 294-1988

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 Canestrelli, 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

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 875-41411 - no reservation, but was \$5.00 car to enter (they send out student questions prior)

Clark County Fair <http://www.ccfair.com/> **April 10 - 13, 2008**

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

EarthDay 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 ,

http://www.bellagio.com/pages/attrac_gallery.asp, 693-7111.

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

Glassblowing, Hot Glass Works, <http://www.hotglassworkslv.com/HGW/> , 739-9955

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/> , 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>

Guest-Speaker Programs

<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

M&M World 3785 S Las Vegas Blvd, 702-736-7611.

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 Musuem 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.spacecamp.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 Bobbiewerly@yahoo.com

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

Titanic Exhibit Tropicana <http://www.rmstitanic.net/> (Great deal to do this and Bodies Exhibit)

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Office: 702.739.2747

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Fax: 702.739.2604

Email: iarmenta@prxi.com

Trick 'R Treating at Heritage Musuem 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_Olson1@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

Clubs of all sorts: Bonsai, Flamenco, GoKart, Gold Searchers, JrGolf, Jazz Society, Chess Club, American Gem Society, Skating Club, Desert Sculptors, Camera Club, Watercolor Society, Gem & Mineral Society, ARCHAEO-NEVADA SOCIETY, Astronomical Society, Toastmasters, Amateur Radio, Las Vegas Archers, Las Vegas Avicultural Society (The Bird Club), Bass Club, Fencing Club, Re-enactors Society, Model Rocket Club, Scrabble Club, Ski Club, Red Rock Audubon Society, Red Rock Racers Youth Running Club, racing Pigeon Club, Southern Nevada Herpetological Society, Southern Nevada Stamp Club, Tortoise Group,

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

YMCAs

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>

FreecycleLasVegas...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